

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VISITS TO ATHENS' SCHOOLS

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All new perspective students and families for 2012-2013 school year will have wonderful opportunities to visit in several of our schools during the next week. If your child is moving to a different site in the fall, these events will be wonderful times to “take a tour” and see the new site. Here are four opportunities:

- **Thursday, May 17th – North City invites you to their Curriculum Fair Open House from 3:30 – 5:30. Browse the halls to see student art projects, check out special projects in each classroom, and stay to hear students sing in the gymnasium at 5:15.**
- **Thursday, May 17th – Ingleside School will be holding its Pre-Kindergarten Graduation ceremony. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. This would be a great time for future students to visit Ingleside!**
- **Thursday, May 17th – Athens City Middle School will hold its final PTO meeting for this school year. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. All future students and families are invited to attend and tour the building.**
- **Monday, May 21st – City Park School will be holding its annual Field Day and Cookout on Monday. Parents who’d like to eat with the students should call and make a reservation (745-3862).**

Athens City Middle School will be holding its annual Athletic Awards Assembly on Thursday, May 17th, at 9 a.m. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Sixth graders from ACMS will be going on their class trip this Friday, May 18th. They’ll leave at 8 a.m. and return around 9 p.m. from Chattanooga.

Ingleside will be holding its Field Day and Cookout this Friday, May 18th. This is always a highlight for all students. On Wednesday, May 23rd, Ingleside will hold its Awards Assembly at 2:15.

Westside will be hosting an Author’s Visit on Monday, May 21st. Following a week at school camp, students will be back on campus. On Thursday, May 24th, the final End of the Year Awards Assembly will be held.

North City will hold its Awards Assembly on Thursday, May 24th at 8:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, May 23rd, Cougar Cabaret will be presented at ACMS in the morning. After lunch, there will be a Mega Party from 1-2:30 for students.

Then on Thursday, May 24th, Awards Assembly will be held at 9 a.m., followed by Field Day.

ALL SCHOOLS WILL DISMISS ON THE ABBREVIATED DAY SCHEDULE: ACMS @ 11:45; Elementaries @ 12:20. Grade Cards will be given that day.

As this school year comes to an end, I am glad to tell you that Coordinated School Health has been added to Governor Haslam's recurring budget. This means it is a program that will be around for the future! This is great news for our schools, our community, and especially our students! We can continue to add new materials, programs, and equipment to benefit our local schools. We can continue to fund an additional half-time nurse to help our school nurse meet the health needs of our children.

The New Year will see changes in our school cafeterias and our menus. The USDA will be giving a slight raise (\$.06) to supplement student meal costs. New guidelines regarding fruits, vegetables, less sodium, no trans-fats, and whole grain products will be available. All student meals will cost \$2.25 next year in all Athens City Schools. Ms. Raper will once again be providing the Summer Feeding Program to students in our area, available 5 days a week at no cost.

Our community is encouraging healthy lifestyles and using their grants to serve our students. You'll be hearing more about programs in partnership with the YMCA and other community groups.

Enjoy the summer and all its pleasures! Be sure to stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, get plenty of rest --- and by all means, stay healthy!

I'll be back in touch in July!

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