

Star Newsletter - ASTEC Elementary School



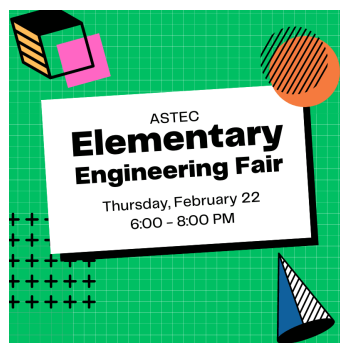
ASTEC Charter Schools

STAR NEWS

February 20, 2024



Engineering Fair



Thursday, February 22nd
6:00-8:00 PM
2600 General Pershing Blvd., OKC
Free Event

ASTEC Elementary School students have been working hard in preparation for the 2024 ASTEC Elementary Engineering Fair. There will be various hands-on activities and student engineering projects in each class throughout the school.

Some of the project types include 3D animal habitats, solar system displays, marble mazes, and computerized BOTZ mazes to name a few.

Parents, siblings, and students are encouraged to attend and see these creative engineering projects first-hand.

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Save the Date - Art & Chocolate Festival



Thursday, March 28th
6:00-8:00 PM
ASTEC High School Mall Atrium and Auditorium
2401 NW 23rd Street, Entrance B
Oklahoma City, OK 73179

Save the date for a delightful celebration of chocolate and art at the ASTEC Art and Chocolate Festival on Thursday, March 28th, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the high school mall atrium and auditorium.

Explore a variety of chocolate treats for sale, bid on themed baskets at our silent auction, and explore and purchase original art from ASTEC scholars.

Ticket information will be posted as soon as it is available.

Don't miss out on this sweet event!

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ASTEC Lottery Enrollment Happening Now!

A promotional graphic for the 2024-2025 ASTEC Charter Schools Enrollment Lottery. The graphic features a black background with white and yellow text. On the left, there is a circular inset image of children looking at a large glass jar filled with blue and white marbles. The text on the graphic includes: "2024-2025 ASTEC CHARTER SCHOOLS Enrollment Lottery Happening Now!", "Hurry, spots filling up fast!", "Enroll Now! Click the graphic or scan the QR." with a QR code, and a list of school benefits.

2024-2025
ASTEC CHARTER SCHOOLS
**Enrollment Lottery
Happening Now!**

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fast!

Enroll Now!
Click the graphic or scan the QR.

- Free Public School Open to All
- Close-knit Family Atmosphere
- Free All-Day PreK Classes
- New Soccer Field
- New Futsal & Volleyball Court
- Intramural Sports
- Free Breakfast & Lunch for All Students
- Basketball, Soccer, Rowing, Golf, Volleyball, Futsal, and eSports
- New Elementary School
- New Middle / High School Planned for Near Future
- Food Pantry and Uniform Closet

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Sign Up for Intramural Soccer!



Program Information

Practices: Mondays and Fridays

Games: Saturdays

League Start Date: Saturday, March 23rd, 2024

Grade Level Teams: 3rd-4th Grade & 5th-6th Grade

Parents Meeting

Thursday, March 14th, 2024

ASTEC High School auditorium

2401 NW 23rd, Entrance B

OKC, OK 73179

5:30-6:30 PM

ASTEC's Intramural Soccer teams are forming now for 3rd-6th grade students. Students will be grouped by grades 3-4 and grades 5-6.

All interested parents should attend the Parents and Coaches Meeting on Thursday, March 14th at the ASTEC High School auditorium from 5:30-6:30 PM. This meeting will provide essential information about the soccer program, the schedule, and what we hope to achieve during the season.

How to Register

To register your child for ASTEC Intramural Soccer, [please complete the linked registration form](#) and return it to your school site office by Monday, February 26th, 2024. Late registrations may be subject to availability.

We look forward to a fantastic soccer season, filled with skill development, teamwork, and fun for all participants.

Thank you for your support! We can't wait to see your child on the soccer field! If you have any questions please email [Mr. Elijah Frederick, ASTEC Athletic Director](#).

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Intramural Soccer Coaches Wanted



We are actively seeking volunteer coaches to help guide and mentor our young athletes. If you have a passion for soccer and would like to contribute your time and expertise, please consider volunteering. It's a rewarding experience, and we welcome all levels of coaching experience.

For more information about volunteering as a coach, please contact [Mr. Frederick at AD@astec-k12.com](mailto:Mr.Frederick@AD@astec-k12.com). Your involvement will make a significant impact on the success and enjoyment of the program for all participants.

Estamos buscando activamente entrenadores voluntarios para ayudar a guiar y orientar a nuestros jóvenes atletas. Si le apasiona el fútbol y desea contribuir con su tiempo y experiencia, considere la posibilidad de ofrecerse como voluntario. Es una experiencia gratificante, y damos la bienvenida a todos los niveles de experiencia como entrenador.

Para obtener más información sobre el voluntariado como entrenador, póngase en contacto con el Sr. Frederick en AD@astec-k12.com. Su participación tendrá un impacto significativo en el éxito y el disfrute del programa para todos los participantes.

ASTEC Elementary Clubs



Did you know that ASTEC Elementary School has many clubs to enjoy?

- Art Club
- Gaming Club
- Coding/Robotics Club
- Engage Learning Club
- Fitness and Wellness Club

If you would like to learn more about club schedules and availability please see Ms. Soto in the elementary front office.

¿Sabías que la Escuela Primaria ASTEC tiene muchos clubes para disfrutar?

- Club de arte
- Club de juegos
- Club de Codificación/Robótica
- Club de Aprendizaje
- Club de Salud y Bienestar

Si desea obtener más información sobre los horarios de los clubes y la disponibilidad por favor vea a la Sra. Soto en la oficina de primaria.

ASTEC Elementary Students Attend El Sistema



A group of ASTEC Elementary scholars pose for a picture before they leave to attend an after-school music program called El Sistema. This free program meets 5 days a week and is available to any student residing within the Oklahoma City Public School district. Transportation, instruments, and snacks are provided free to the participants.

When asked about the program, ASTEC Elementary School Headmaster, Ms. Lisa Day said, "The scholars love the program and are growing into fine musicians! I am very proud of them."

Un grupo de alumnos de ASTEC Elementary posan para una foto antes de salir para asistir a un programa de música extraescolar llamado El Sistema. Este programa gratuito se reúne 5 días a la semana y está disponible para cualquier estudiante que resida en el distrito de escuelas públicas de Oklahoma City. El transporte, los instrumentos y la merienda son gratuitos para los participantes.

Cuando se le preguntó sobre el programa, la directora de la escuela primaria ASTEC, Lisa Day, dijo: "A los alumnos les encanta el programa y se están convirtiendo en buenos músicos. Estoy muy orgullosa de ellos".

Great Reading Challenge



A new program to encourage elementary scholars to read more during dismissal downtime has begun.

During dismissal, the elementary deans, Ms. Lena Griflado and Ms. Katherine Ford will be on the lookout for readers! A scholar found reading will receive a ticket for a chance to win prizes! One lower elementary (PreK - 2nd) scholar and one upper elementary (3rd - 5th) scholar will be randomly selected by a weekly Tuesday drawing held throughout the remainder of the school year.

Parents please encourage your scholars to read and actively listen for their names during dismissal. They might win a prize but if they do not they will still be a winner for reading more!

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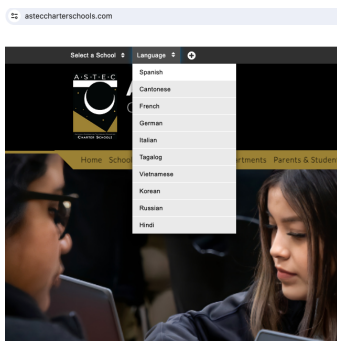
Congratulations Mackenzie Gibson!



Mackenzie Gibson, an ASTEC scholar in Ms. Anna Cunningham's kindergarten class, was chosen by the Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma Troop 156 to say the pledge of allegiance for Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt. What an honor!

Mackenzie Gibson, alumna de ASTEC en la clase de jardín de infancia de la Sra. Anna Cunningham, fue elegida por la Tropa 156 de Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma para decir la promesa de lealtad al alcalde de Oklahoma City, David Holt. ¡Qué honor!

One Button Translates ASTEC's Website



Did you know that the [ASTEC website](#) can be instantly translated into any language with the click of just one button?

When you visit the [ASTEC homepage](#) in the upper left area of the site click on the Language drop down menu and select your preferred language. It's that simple!

One Button traduce el sitio web de ASTEC

¿Sabías que el [sitio web de ASTEC](#) se puede traducir instantáneamente a cualquier idioma con sólo pulsar un botón?

Cuando visites la [página principal de ASTEC](#), en la parte superior izquierda del sitio, haz clic en el menú desplegable Idioma y selecciona el idioma que prefieras. Así de sencillo.

Lost & Found



Parents, please stop by the elementary office to check the lost and found. There are a lot of coats, water bottles, hats, and gloves. Whatever remains on the Friday before Spring Break will be donated.

Padres, por favor pasen por la oficina de primaria para revisar los objetos perdidos. Hay muchos abrigos, botellas de agua, gorros y guantes. Lo que quede el viernes antes de las vacaciones de primavera será donado.

What is Children's Mental Health?



Being mentally healthy during childhood means reaching developmental and emotional milestones and learning healthy social skills and how to cope when there are problems. Mentally healthy children have a positive quality of life and can function well at home, in school, and in their communities.

Mental disorders among children are described as serious changes in the way children typically learn, behave, or handle their emotions, which cause distress and problems getting through the day. Many children occasionally experience fears and worries or display disruptive behaviors. If symptoms are serious and persistent and interfere with school, home, or play activities, the child may be diagnosed with a mental disorder...[READ MORE](#)

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ASTEC's Year-at-a-Glance

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"Dream & Believe, Learn & Achieve"

ASTEC CHARTER SCHOOLS

2023-2024 School Calendar

Dr. Freda Deskin - CEO/Founder
 Mr. Shannon Grimes - Superintendent
 Mr. Michael Prior - Deputy Superintendent
 Ms. Lisa Day - Elementary Headmaster
 Dr. Stacey Hughes - Middle/High Headmaster

Middle/High School Day: 8:30 am - 3:35 pm
 Elementary School Day: 8:00 am - 3:05 pm (Tue-Fri) & 8:00 am - 1:05 pm (Mon)

Holidays / Breaks / Prof. Dev. Days

<p>First Semester (81 School Days)</p> <p>31-Jul New Teachers Report</p> <p>1-Aug Elem. Orientation</p> <p>7-Aug Returning Teachers Report</p> <p>8-Aug MS Orientation</p> <p>15-Aug HS Orientation</p> <p>17-Aug First Day of Class (All Sites)</p> <p>4-Sep Labor Day</p> <p>21-Sep **Elementary Open House</p> <p>28-Sep **Middle/High Open House</p> <p>12-13-Oct Fall Break</p> <p>20-Oct End of 1st Quarter</p> <p>27-Oct **Middle School Fall CAR-nival</p> <p>31-Oct **Elementary Fall CAR-nival</p> <p>31-Oct 1st Quarter Report Cards</p> <p>3-Nov Parent/Teacher Conf.</p> <p>No Classes for Elem. & Middle School</p> <p>HS in session</p> <p>22-24-Nov Thanksgiving Break</p> <p>30-Nov 2nd Quarter Progress Reports</p> <p>14-15-Dec 1st Semester Tests</p> <p>15-Dec End of 2nd Quarter and 1st Sem</p> <p>18-Dec-1-Jan Winter Break</p>	<p>Second Semester (91 School Days)</p> <p>2-Jan Record Day (Employees Report)</p> <p>3-Jan Classes Resume</p> <p>5-Jan 1st Semester Report Cards</p> <p>15-Jan MLK Jr. Day (No School)</p> <p>9-Feb 3rd Quarter Progress Reports</p> <p>8-Mar End of 3rd Quarter</p> <p>10-Mar Report Cards</p> <p>18-22-Mar Spring Break</p> <p>29-Mar Easter Break</p> <p>27-Apr **Junior/Senior Prom</p> <p>16-May 5th Grade Promotion</p> <p>16-May **Senior Robing</p> <p>16-17-May Second Semester Tests</p> <p>17-May **8th Grade Promotion</p> <p>17-May Scheduled Last Day of School</p> <p>19-May **Graduation</p> <p>20-21-May Record Days (Employees Report)</p> <p>27-May Memorial Day (Offices Closed)</p> <p>1-5-July Independence Day (Offices Closed)</p>
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* This calendar is subject to change pending unforeseen circumstances such as state or federal guidelines.
 ** These events may require an alternative to the traditional event.
 *** These days will extend the school year if days are missed due to school closings. The make up days could go beyond these days.

Did you know that ASTEC has two main calendars that we use throughout the year?

Year-at-a-Glance Calendar - The Year-at-a-Glance Calendar gives you an overview of the entire school year, the holidays, school breaks, testing dates, major events, and the beginning date and end date of the school year. You can find the yearly calendar by clicking [HERE >>](#)

Events Calendar - The events calendar gives you more detailed information about specific clubs, events, basketball game schedules, and competitions. You can find the events calendar by clicking [HERE >>](#)

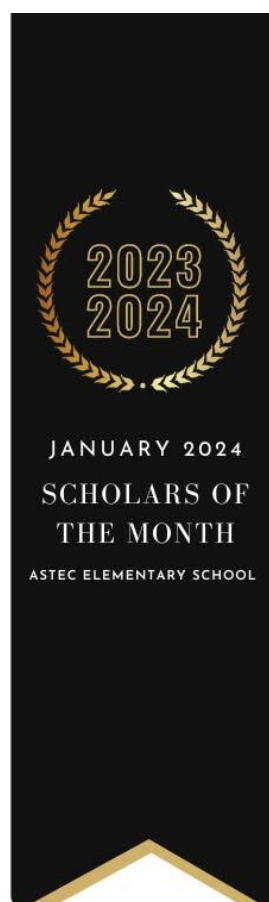
¿Sabías que ASTEC tiene dos calendarios principales que utilizamos a lo largo del año?

Calendario anual - El calendario anual le da una visión general de todo el año escolar, los días festivos, los recesos escolares, las fechas de exámenes, los eventos más importantes y la fecha de inicio y fin del año escolar. Puede encontrar el calendario anual haciendo clic [AQUÍ >>](#)

Calendario de eventos - El calendario de eventos le ofrece información más detallada sobre clubes específicos, eventos, horarios de partidos de baloncesto y competiciones. Puedes encontrar el calendario de eventos haciendo clic [AQUÍ >>](#)

Scholars of the Month

<p>PREKINDERGARTEN</p> <p>Carlo DeLoera Belteton Eduvina Vicente</p>	<p>KINDERGARTEN</p> <p>Aileen Candanosa Erik Loredó</p>
<p>FIRST GRADE</p> <p>Adalynn Dines Ivan Rosales</p>	<p>SECOND GRADE</p> <p>Milagros Burciaga Sebastian Ibarra</p>
<p>THIRD GRADE</p> <p>Armando Banuelos Gomez Helena Barrios</p>	<p>FOURTH GRADE</p> <p>Hypatia Pitt Nathan Durham</p>
<p>FOURTH/FIFTH GRADE TEAM A</p> <p>Carmina Carrizales Alexander Fraga</p>	<p>FIFTH GRADE - TEAM B</p> <p>Juliana Guevera Hendry Chavez</p>
<p>FIFTH GRADE - TEAM C</p> <p>Liliana Chansombath Munoz Rodrigo Ibarra Chavez</p>	<p>ART</p> <p>Lilyth Dewbre-Burrow</p>
<p>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</p> <p>Sebastian Woodberry</p>	<p>MUSIC</p> <p>Jocabed Maldonado</p>



Get Ready for Spring Break!



All ASTEC schools and offices will be closed for Spring Break March 18 - 22. Regular business hours will resume Monday, March 25.

Wishing everyone a very safe and happy break!

Todas las escuelas y oficinas de ASTEC estarán cerradas por vacaciones de primavera del 18 al 22 de marzo. El horario regular se reanudará el lunes 25 de marzo.

Les deseamos a todos unas felices y seguras vacaciones.

Important Dates

February 22

Engineering Fair

March 18 - 22

Spring Break

March 28

Chocolate Festival

March 29

Easter Break

May 14

5th Grade Promotion

May 17

Scheduled Last Day of School

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Ms. Pacione's 4th Grade Roller Coaster Projects



ASTEC 4th-grade scholars in Ms. Karissa Pacione's science class started building roller coasters for the upcoming science fair. Building this marble maze will teach the students about the change and transfer of potential and kinetic energy.

Los alumnos de 4º de ASTEC de la clase de ciencias de la Sra. Karissa Pacione empezaron a construir montañas rusas para la próxima feria de ciencias. La construcción de este laberinto de canicas enseñará a los alumnos el cambio y la transferencia de energía potencial y cinética.