

USD #377 Atchison County Community Schools News Release



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THE PONY EXPRESS IS COMING!



History is coming alive next month! Lancaster Elementary School has been invited by the Pony Express Organization to partner with Atchison Catholic Elementary School in exchanging letters to commemorate the Pony Express. Every year the organization picks two schools to participate. Since our student numbers at Lancaster are smaller than ACES, we are going to include more of our students by inviting the third and fourth grade students at Cummings and the fourth grade at Effingham to write letters too. Third grade students at Effingham will take part by writing to the third graders at Lancaster.

The students will write a letter on "official" Pony Express stationary. On April 7, a horse and rider will arrive at the school to pick up our mail and deliver it to ACES. Another horse will leave ACES with letters for Lancaster. The riders will meet somewhere along the way to postmark and exchange the mail.

Students from Cummings and Effingham will be bused to Lancaster that morning for the event. This will be a great opportunity for our students to meet in a common project. Classes are preparing for the event by reading stories about the Pony Express.