From the Principal

January

Dear AMS Families,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020. I hope that you had a restful break with family and friends. It was great to see the students return to the building for another semester of adventure.

We received some great news just before winter break. The Ohio Department of Education has granted the 2019 “Overall A Award to Ankeney Middle School. The “Overall A” Award recognizes the summative grade of "A" Ankeney received on its most recent report card. We are very proud to earn this recognition from the Ohio Department of Education. We have a talented staff who works hard everyday to provide our students with a safe and stimulating learning environment. We are also blessed to have such supportive families. Thank you parents for your role. It truly makes a difference. Enjoy the January newsletter and the many great things happening at Ankeney.

Sincerely,
Dale Wren
Principal

Did You Know??? - Education Connection

As a school, our staff uses many tools to keep parents informed such as e-mail, websites, ProgressBook, etc. Another resource the office and district staff uses is the Education Connection (which replaced Sangha this school year). Whenever we need to inform parents about upcoming school events, changes in schedule such as delays or cancellations, or even to notify parents of an absence that has not been called into the office, we utilize the text and/or e-mail feature of the Education Connection. It is important that you keep your information current with the office to ensure you are receiving our messages as we send out monthly newsletters this way as well as periodic updates. Contact our Office Staff with questions or to update records.
Overall A Award from ODE

The Ohio Department of Education has granted the 2019 Overall A Award to the following schools in our district: Ankeney Middle School, Trebein Elementary School, and Main Elementary School. The award validates an overall summative grade of A these schools received on their 2019 Ohio School Report Card. This honor highlights the high academic standards

Beavercreek City Schools are known for and maintain. Through classroom leadership, student achievement, and a curriculum that prepares young minds for challenges of tomorrow, our district is fulfilling its promise to inspire, lead, and empower. Ankeney previously received the Momentum Award for 2016 & 2017 and we are extremely honored to be given this award for the second year in a row thanks to the hard work of our staff, students, and parents!

Shine Award

November's Shine Award recipient is Dakota Bent. Dakota demonstrates caring, respect, and trustworthiness. From her nomination submission, it states, "Dakota is a peer helper in my special needs classroom. From the first day she walked into the room she has been very respectful of the students and what they go through. She asks questions to better understand the students and how to help them. She comes in and gives high fives and smiles at all the students. One of the students in the class loves her so much he runs to her and gives her a hug. She cares about these students and she shows it by talking with them and helping them. Lastly, she is very trustworthy. I am able to give her a puzzle or some math to work with a student and she is able to help the student complete the lesson. Dakota is overall an amazing young lady who is caring, respectful and trustworthy." Congratulations, Dakota, and thanks for being a student of great Character!
Ankeney PTO Information

PTO meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Ankeney IMC (Library). Meetings for the remainder of the school year will be held on the following dates:

JANUARY 28
FEBRUARY 25
MARCH – NO PTO MEETING THIS MONTH
APRIL 28
MAY – TBD

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January Dates to Remember

January 6               First Day After Winter Break
January 6-10            Celebrate Reading Week
January 10              Group Pictures
January 15              Olweus Class Meetings
January 20              No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 28              PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Outside Recess

With cold weather here, please make sure your child is prepared to go outside at lunch recess. Our general guideline is that students will go outside when the temperature is at least 20 degrees or warmer with wind chill taken into account. Students are reminded to get items from their locker before going to 4th period as they cannot return after eating. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately with coats, hats, gloves, etc.

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Important Contacts

Ankeney Absence Line: (937) 429-7567, option 1 or e-mail ankeneyattendance@gocreek.org
Transportation: (937) 429-7531, option 1
Student Nutrition: (937) 458-2446
Board of Education: (937) 426-1522
Lunch Menu: beavercreek.nutrislice.com/
School Fees: spsezpay.com/Beavercreek/login.aspx
Athletics: gocreek.org, scroll down to “Athletics”

Want to know what’s going on at Ankeney Middle School? Check out our website @ Ankeney.gocreek.org

You can see what the students hear each morning by going to the “Daily Announcements” under the “Parents” tab on the homepage or by going to the calendar. We try to update information by noon daily.
Order Your Yearbook

January 17 is the last day to order a yearbook for this school year. See page 7 of this newsletter for an order form. Extra yearbooks are usually available for purchase at the end of the school year, however, that is not guaranteed and the price is higher than purchasing in advance. Save the memories!

Student Activities

The annual Ankeney Science Fair is fast approaching! Science Fair will be held in the Ankeney new gym during the school day on Friday, February 21. Students can work alone or in groups of up to three and are encouraged to begin work on their projects as soon as possible. Interested students should see their science teacher for an information packet and entry form. Entry forms are due to their science teacher no later than Friday, February 14. We look forward to seeing some great projects!

HOPE Squad

What is the HOPE Squad?

It is a peer listening program where HOPE SQUAD members will be available to support other students who are going through a difficult time. The purpose of this program is to build positive peer relationships among students. If you are having a difficult time either in school or out of school and don’t know where to get help, consider talking to a HOPE Squad member. They are willing to listen and brainstorm ways to get you some additional help.

How to request a time to talk to a HOPE Squad member?

Stop by one of the HOPE Squad Advisors’ rooms and fill out a request form. One of the HOPE Squad Advisors will arrange a time where you can talk to a fellow HOPE Squad student who is willing to listen. HOPE Squad students are there for YOU! You don’t need to worry about them sharing your conversation with other students. They promised to be there for you and not tell other students any information you have shared. They will also help you get additional support from a trusted adult if needed.

HOPE Squad Coordinators:

Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. Fouts, Mrs. Wolgast, Mrs. Barlett, Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Voris

To see who is part of the HOPE Squad, see page 5.
Check out Ankeney’s Facebook page for pictures of recent activities!
Each month, we will be highlighting different classrooms throughout the school year. There are always many exciting activities taking place around Ankeney and we want to show you some of the “awesome” things our teachers are doing! During the holiday season, two grade levels conducted service projects to help our community.

Seventh grade chose to support Michael’s House for its service project this year. The mission of Michael’s House is to provide a coordinated team response to children in Greene County who suffer from maltreatment (abuse and neglect). It works to provide prevention, education, and advocacy in a safe and healing environment. Students donated items for the children, such as school supplies, snacks, games, books, Legos, Barbies, crafts, movies, gift cards, and toiletry items. In addition, paper products were donated to support the facility. Michael’s House was extremely grateful for all donated items.

Through their service project with Operation Christmas Child, this year’s 6th grade students had the opportunity to do something practical, yet so simple, to make a difference. This project directly built on Ankeney Middle School’s philosophy of Work Hard, Be Kind, Problem Solve. Our students sent over 70 fully packed boxes, 3 large boxes of additional items and over $1,000!! We were blown away by our students’ generosity and genuine excitement to give extravagantly to other children around the world.
National Geographic Bee

On Wednesday, December 12, Ankeney held the annual National Geographic Bee. In the geography bee, students answer a variety of geography-related questions, including state and world capitals, geographic landmarks and cultures.

Congratulations to the following 30 students that competed in the National Geographic Bee. These 30 students qualified by having the top 10 scores from each of their grade level primarily competitions.

Xander Akerman
Katie Anderson
Elijah Bernhold
Josiah Campbell
Jimmy Carpenter
Claire Chamberlain
Charlie Coles
Lilly Ellis
Bri Flores
Nathan Hart
Ryan Hunt
Ben Levi
Diogo Matos
Keira McGrogan
Nolan Myers

Blake Pochet
Elyane Prahl
Ericka Reeve
Brianna Robbins
Kenna Ruggles
Enzo Sansabrinio
Lucas Seman
Megan Shaw
Wesley Stephen
Taylor Syphus
Bridget Unger
Carter Walton
Kasen Watz
Audrey Welch
Brady Zollars

Congratulations especially to our runner-up, Josiah Campbell, and to our winner, Taylor Syphus.
Ankeney Middle School

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year! Now is the time to order your Ankeney Yearbook. There are two ways to order a yearbook. You can fill this form out and return it with payment to the folder outside Mrs. Nevarez’s room, room 222, or you can order your yearbook online. **Deadline to order your yearbook is January 17, 2020!**

Follow this link for online orders: [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

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**Your Book**

The cost of your yearbook is **$35.00**. Your book will be full color with a hard cover.

**If you wish to order ONLINE, you have different packages to choose from:**

- ✓ The **PERSONALIZE IT PACKAGE**, which includes your yearbook and one line of personalization.
- ✓ The **SIGNATURE PACKAGE**, which includes your yearbook, one line of personalization, a color autograph section and eight multicolor signing markers. You can also add icons to the front of your book. The icons are visible below.

*These icons are available for online orders only!

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**Your order**

Student’s Name ________________________________

Student’s Grade & Flex Teacher ________________________________

Parent Phone Number ________________________________

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- □ Cash  
  - Amount Enclosed $_________
- □ Check (PLEASE do not staple checks to the order form)

**Check # ___________** [make checks payable to Ankeney Middle School PTO]

Yearbooks will be delivered to students during the last week of school. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the yearbook advisor, Kathryn.Nevarez@beavercreek.k12.oh.us.

**Thank you for your order!**