From the Principal

November

Dear AMS Families,

Welcome to November and its beautiful fall colors and cooler temperatures. We will continue to go outside after lunch so make sure your student knows to be prepared with some cold weather clothing.

Looking back just a bit, I would like to thank everyone who helped celebrate Ankeney’s 50th Anniversary. Last Saturday was our Community Open House and it was well attended. A special thank you to our custodian Rocky Twarek and our Buildings and Grounds support staff. They have Ankeney looking great every day, but especially so this past weekend.

Sincerely,
Dale Wren, Principal

Did You Know??? - College Credit Plus

It is that time of year again that we start having our annual College Credit Plus (CCP) Meetings for students to participate in CCP during the 2020-2021 school year. It is mandatory that you attend one meeting in order to participate in CCP the following school year. Students will be able to pick up their registration packet only after they have attended a meeting. They will be available the evening of each event.

November 19, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.
December 10, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.
January 15, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.

**All held in BHS Auditorium.**
Our first Shine Award recipient this school year for the month of September is Collin Dell. The staff member that nominated Collin stated, “In the short time I’ve known Collin Dell, I’ve been very impressed by his character. Collin is consistently respectful to his teachers and classmates. He goes out of his way to be helpful to those around him. Collin gets along well with everyone because he is a friendly, polite, and respectful young man. I believe there is no one better to receive the Shine Award for respect.” Congratulations Collin on being a student of good character!

Give the gift of reading! Scholastic Book Fairs will return to Ankeney the week of December 3-6. Our fair will provide a variety of books specifically selected to appeal to middle school interests. Students will visit the fair through their ELA classes.

Cash and credit card will be accepted as payment for items purchased at the fair. A new payment option this year is the Book Fair eWallet. Similar to loading money on your student’s lunch card, eWallet is:

- A great alternative to sending students to school with cash
- Easily funded using a credit card, and parents can set a spending limit
- Free to set up and unused funds are released back to the cardholder
- A convenient way for extended family members to fund student accounts

You will also be able to shop the fair online. The online fair

- Allows you to shop by reading level, grade, and price
- Sort books by author, grade level, title — just like if you were shopping on Amazon.com!
- Provides a chance for you and your child to create and send wish lists to friends and family so they can shop at our school’s Online Fair
- Is open for an extended time, giving you more days to shop

Look for more information about the December Book Fair on Page 6 in this month’s newsletter!

Report Cards and Student Fee Statements

As a reminder, paper report cards are no longer sent home with students. Parents can now access reports cards through Progress-Book. You may also view/pay your child’s Student Fee Statement online. Fees are due by Friday, November 15.

Yearbook

The deadline to order a yearbook is January 17. Order forms are located outside Mrs. Nevarez’s classroom, or you can order online using the link provided on the Ankeney website under the “Parents” tab.

Photos Wanted

If you’ve taken photos at any Ankeney sporting or extracurricular events this fall, and you’re willing to have them in the yearbook, please forward them to Mrs. Nevarez at: Kathryn.Nevarez@beavercreek.k12.oh.us

CHARGER NEWSLETTER
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:

NOVEMBER 19
DECEMBER – NO PTO MEETING THIS MONTH
JANUARY 28
FEBRUARY 25
MARCH – NO PTO MEETING THIS MONTH
APRIL 28
MAY – TBD

November Dates to Remember

November 2 50th Anniversary Open House, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
November 12 7th/8th Grade Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. @ BHS
November 13 Olweus Class Meetings
November 13 NJHS Ceremony @ 6:00 p.m.
November 19 PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in IMC
November 25-29 No School - Fall Break (Return on December 2)

Muse Machine

It is not too late to sign up for Muse Machine. For a $35 membership fee, you can see three performances during the school day this year that educate and entertain students. You can also still buy discounted tickets to Broadway musicals, ballets, operas, and orchestra performances. Please contact Ms. Missy Brown at missy.brown@gocreek.org or stop by room 156 for a membership application.

Important Contacts

Ankeney Absence Line: (937) 429-7567, option 1 or e-mail ankeneyattendance@gocreek.org
Transportation: (937) 429-7531, option 1
Food Service: (937) 429-7531, option 3
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.
Basketball

The High School Women’s Basketball team will be hosting Middle School Girls Basketball Jersey Day on Saturday, December 21. Our High School teams will be playing Trotwood.

Freshmen - 10:00 a.m.
JV - 11:30 a.m.
Varsity - 1:00 p.m.
Middle School Orange and Black play at 3:00 p.m. at the High School that day. Any Middle School Orange or Black team member that wear their jersey to the High School games will be admitted FREE on Saturday, December 21.

Be Proactive in Preventing Illness!

Cold and flu season is here, so it is more important than ever that everyone follow some basic rules for preventing illness. It’s a good idea to talk to all family members about these guidelines:

· Stay away from people known to be ill.
· Get a flu shot. The flu vaccine does not cause the flu or any other viruses.
· Wash hands often. Proper technique in handwashing is important. Make sure that you work up a

lather with the soap and scrub all areas of the hand for about 15 seconds. Kids can slowly sing the Happy Birthday song while scrubbing to know how long to wash.
· Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing. Either use a tissue or cover with the crook of your arm. Don’t cover mouth/nose with your bare hands.
· Alcohol-based hand wipes and hand sanitizers have been shown to be effective in helping to prevent illness when unable to wash hands with soap and water.

Awesome Classrooms

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!

Mr. Enneking held his Puritan Court recently.

ELA 6 students created life size versions of main characters from the novels Long Walk to Water and Lost Boy, Lost Girl. Characters are on display in the hallways upstairs. Students collaborated on the characters to portray characters thoughts and feelings on their respective journeys.

School Resource Officer, Todd Suchy, had a great day teaching and learning with AMS students in Mr. Cook’s World History class. Students showed their own designed Spartan shields and compared them and their uses against the shield technology of police and military units of today.
Please take note of important attendance policies for students attending Beavercreek City Schools:

- Parent/guardian notification of reason for student absence and medical notes must be provided within 3 days of the absence. After 3 days, all absences will be marked unexcused.
- Parent/guardian may submit 10 parent notes (or phone calls) documenting an excused absence reason. After the 10 notes/calls are exhausted, medical notes will be required for an absence to be excused.
- If a vacation is planned within the school year resulting in student absence, parent/guardian must submit a Vacation Request Form. This form must be submitted 5 school days prior to the first day of vacation. Principals may approve 5 days as excused absences (will count as 5 of 10 allowable parent notes). See Mrs. Bradley for a Vacation Request Form.

For more information on the District’s attendance policies or how we follow requirements of HB 410, please see the Student Handbook located on the Ankeney Website.
Dear Parents and Families,

Do you know the impact that reading 20 minutes a day can have on your student? Research shows that students who read just 20 minutes per day typically score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. Come to the Book Fair to stock up on the books your student will love reading and ignite your home reading habits.

Please mark your calendars to visit our Book Fair and discover your student’s next favorite book!

Save the date!

Book Fair dates: December 3rd – December 6th

Shopping hours: 7:45-1:45 in the IMC

Special activities: All For Books Giving Tree
(All proceeds will be used to purchase books for Children’s Medical Center.)

Introducing Book Fair eWallet! Let your child shop the Fair cash-free with our NEW digital payment option. Learn more on our Book Fair homepage and get started creating an account: Ankeney’s Book Fair Homepage

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our Online Fair at Ankeney’s Book Fair Homepage. Our Online Fair is available from November 27th to December 10th.

We look forward to seeing you at our Book Fair! Happy reading!
PTO GOOD VIBES
– Positivity Rocks –

Throughout the year the Ankeney PTO will be offering activities during recess that allow students to spread kindness. During September and October students decorated over 300 rocks that are being hidden around the community to spread #AMSgoodvibes. Visit Beaver Creek Rocks on Facebook to spot some of the students’ work in motion.

If you have an idea for an act of kindness activity, please email it to ankeneypto@hotmail.com. We would love to hear from you! One of our future projects will include making cards for children who unexpectedly find themselves staying at Dayton Children’s Hospital.

The PTO is still taking donations. If every family donates $5 we hit our goal of $3500. We have currently raised ~ $1500. Donations can be sent in with students or dropped off in the office. Please label “AMS PTO donation”.

Still curious about what Ankeney Acts of Kindness is?
The PTO asked for donations so we may offer special activities to students and staff. Ankeney Acts of Kindness is designed to “pay forward,” that generosity and perform small acts of kindness that bring happiness to both the giver and receiver. Our goal is to raise $3500 so we can continue to add to our students’ school day experience.
**Ankeney Middle School 50th Anniversary T-Shirts**

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These are limited-edition t-shirts and will never be offered again! Help Celebrate Ankeney’s 50 years of educating students! Profits help to cover the cost of our 50th anniversary events this school year. They are made of 85% cotton and 15% polyester. Checks can be made out to Ankeney PTO. Questions? Please contact Brian Shimko at 429-7567 or e-mail brian.shimko@gocreek.org.
Box Tops & Coke Rewards

The Box Tops program has gone digital! Things to know:

Continue clipping Box Tops with expiration dates and turn them into the office by Thursday, Oct. 24th so they can be submitted by our Nov. 1st deadline. Over time, this type of Box Tops will be phased out on packaging, but can still be turned in as long as they last, earning 10 cents each for Ankeney.

If you see a Box Tops that looks like this on any item you purchase...

1) Download the Box Tops for Education app from the App store or Google Play, then create a user ID and password.
2) Select Herman K. Ankeney Middle School to receive Box Top money.
3) Tap the scan button to take a photo of your grocery receipt within 14 days of purchase and hit submit (use the + sign for long receipts, then hit submit).
4) The app will recognize any Box Top purchases and apply 10 cents per Box Top item to Ankeney.

Coke Rewards

Please collect Coke codes too! Coke codes can be found under the lid of any Coke product bottles and when you remove the perforated cardboard flap from 12 and 24 can packs. They can also be found on the shrink wrap of Dasani water bottles and larger can packs. Coke codes earn anywhere from 5 cents to 60 cents for our school!

Questions? Contact Tracy Rowland at tracyrowland321@yahoo.com/text to 937-776-2050