From the Principal

October

Dear AMS Families,

Welcome to the month of October. The quarter has been moving quickly and will end on October 19, so please check ProgressBook as the quarter closes out. Please note on page 3 of the newsletter the dates, times, and locations of the upcoming levy presentations hosted by our Superintendent, Paul Otten, and several other administrators. It is a great opportunity to obtain information regarding school finance in Ohio and our upcoming levy. The next meeting of the four remaining is at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, at Trebein Elementary.

I have begun my rounds of classroom visits and observations. Each day, I am impressed with the engaging activities I see. Not only are your students learning new concepts and information, they are learning to problem solve and work together with their classmates as a team. Enjoy the October newsletter, and thank you for the support you provide to your child and Ankeney Middle School.

Sincerely,

Dale Wren
Principal

Did You Know?? - Flex Period

Flex is a non-graded course offered at Ankeney Middle School. Flex involves every student in the school and nearly every faculty member. Flex serves administrative and daily school management functions such as student record maintenance activities. It also serves as a vehicle for group guidance activities aimed at supporting a school culture of tolerance and respect for all. Read more about Flex Period on page 4 of the newsletter.
Students have had several opportunities to shop in the Charger Store on Fridays to redeem stamps they have earned by showing the ‘Charger Way’ throughout the school day. We want to recognize the many businesses that have donated items as prizes so far this school year. If you have any ideas for places we should contact or if you have items you would like to donate to our Charger Store, please contact Mr. Shimko at brian.shimko@gocreek.org.

Pictures went home with students last week. Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, October 30. If your child was absent on our first picture day, we will send home another envelope for you to send in with your child on October 30. If you are not happy with your child’s photos just return the entire package on Retake Day.

Here is the policy for Easterling Studios:
A retake at "no charge" on make-up day because:
1. Eyes are closed
2. Flaw in processing
3. Other error which we caused

A retake for $5.00 because:
1. Different clothing choice desired
2. Change in hair style
3. Different expression desired
4. Glare on Glasses

Student Fee Statements will be sent home with students after the end of the 1st grading period. Fees will be due by November 16. Fees can be paid online or through Mrs. Bradley in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bradley at 458-2501. More information next month.

Thank you to the following:
Milano’s Pizza
Rapid Fired Pizza
Hot Head Burritos
Beaver-Vu Bowl
Tropical Smoothie Café
Sky Zone
Young’s Jersey Dairy
LaRosa’s Pizza
Ankeney PTO
Scene 75
Individual Donors

The deadline to order a yearbook is January 18. 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

Parent Notes
If you are sending a note in for your child to be dismissed early or if they were absent from school, please make sure to include your child’s first and last name. All early dismissal requests should be turned into your child’s first period teacher. Thank you for your help!
Band and Choir Fundraiser
Delivery Date: October 18

The band and choir fundraiser delivery day is October 18. Students will need to make arrangements to pick up their items after school on that day.

6th Grade Health Class

Mrs. Mackey’s 6th Grade Health Classes recently participated in a fun escape room titled, “Managing Emotions.”

October Dates to Remember

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Upcoming Levy Meetings

Please consider attending one of these upcoming meetings to learn more about how schools are funded and the District’s levy on the November ballot.

- Tuesday, October 9 @ Trebein Elementary
- Tuesday, October 16 @ Parkwood Elementary
- Thursday, October 25 @ Valley Elementary
- Tuesday, October 30 @ Beavercreek HS

Important Contacts

Ankeney Absence Line: (937) 429-7567, option 1
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.
Ankeney PTO News

Box Tops/Coke Rewards Fundraiser and Popcorn Party Contest

Please clip Box Tops and send them to the collection container in the office in a bag with the student's name, Flex Period teacher and grade (ex. Jane Doe, Mrs. Jones, Grade 7). New this year...please also collect Coke product codes. These 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. Box Tops and Coke codes can be combined in the same bag. Please turn in these items by Thursday, October 25 to help us make the Box Tops mailing deadline. The Flex Period Class that submits the most Box Tops/Coke Rewards items from each grade will win a popcorn party during their Flex Period on October 31. Collecting these items is a simple and free way to help provide funding for PTO activities! Questions can be directed to Tracy Rowland at tracyrowland321@yahoo.com.

Flex Period (Continued from Page 1)

Through the Flex period, we seek to prevent students from falling through the cracks by ensuring that at least one person knows the student holistically. This course could include the following activities: study time, targeted assignments, projects, character education, college and career readiness, study skills, community service, math and reading skills, science and social studies exploration, and much more.

Most grade-level assemblies and class meetings will be held during Flex, including district-level programs such as PBIS, Character Education, and Olweus (Anti-Bullying). The Flex period provides time to focus on school climate, celebrate students achievement, and deliver school-wide messages without impacting core academic instruction.

Students will be assigned to one teacher for the entire school year, however, they may end up working with other teachers throughout the year depending on their needs. Flex period is daily for 40 minutes at the end of each school day, following 7th period. If you have any questions about our new Flex period, please feel free to contact one of our counselors or office staff.

7th Grade Immunization Reminder

All 7th grade students in the state of Ohio are required to receive the Tdap (Tetanus, Diptheria, Pertussis) and MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccines to attend school. If your child has not received these vaccines or you have not submitted proof of these vaccines to the clinic, please do so immediately.

Please note, any immunization records emailed to the school nurse over the summer should be resubmitted to the clinic. Please call the Ankeney clinic at 937-458-2509 with questions or concerns.

-Mrs. Cooper & Mrs. Newport
December

NO PTO MEETING
18 (Tuesday) - Cookie Walk for Staff 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
20 (Thursday) End of Grading Period - Student Treats at lunchtime

January

22 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC

February

26 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC

March

8 (Friday) - End of Grading Period - Student Treats at lunchtime

April

23 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC (Nominations for Board)

May

10 (Friday) - Staff Appreciation Luncheon 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
14 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC (Election Meeting)
23 (Thursday) - 8th Grade Farewell 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

15 (Friday) - Spring Dance, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
19 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC (Form Nominating Committee) **3rd Tuesday
Starting this 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! In Mrs. Grothaus’ 8th grade science classes, students are building self-propelled cars to learn about speed and forces. They are working on problem-solving and creative thinking skills to get the job done.
ANKENEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 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 18, 2019!**

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 ________________________________

Student’s Flex Teacher __________________________

Parent Phone Number __________________________

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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.

**Deadline to Order: January 18, 2019**