May

Dear AMS Families,

Welcome to the month of May! First, I want to compliment your students on their flexibility and resiliency during April’s State testing. We worked through three different bell schedules, long class periods, short class periods, test anxiety, test indifference, eating first lunch, eating last lunch, false fire alarm during lunch (that was actually great practice), and I could go on and on.

The month of May is busy too, but it is different kind of busy. We have many student and staff recognitions as the year comes to a close and numerous individual and group accomplishments this year. You should be proud. I am grateful to work with such great kids, from great families.

Sincerely,

Dale Wren

Did You Know??? - Ankeney PTO

No other organization is as supportive of our students and staff as our very own Ankeney PTO! The AMS PTO Board Members work tirelessly to plan and help implement many events and programs throughout the school year with the ultimate goal of raising money to put back into the school to benefit the school community as a whole. Through spirit nights, dances, and various other family events, the PTO was able to fund teacher requests and purchase needed materials for Ankeney students. PTO also provides volunteers for several activities during the school year and organizes staff lunches and breakfasts. Look for more ways to get involved!
Six students from Ankeney competed in a regional tournament for PenOhio, a writing league comprised of schools who want to see writing talent developed and rewarded. Eighth graders Lily Chen, Marissa Mailes, Corinna Ress, and Katherine Ress, and seventh graders Elia Hendrixson and Rosie Lockwood competed in the interscholastic creative writing competition held at Greenview Middle School on April 21. Special congratulations to eighth grader Lily Chen who qualified for the State Championship PenOhio writing competition!

Our Shine Award recipient for the month of March is Ashlynne Frisk. Ashlynne is the epitome of a caring person. She always puts others before herself and has a genuine concern for her peers and teachers. Ashlynne is quick to ask how others are doing and if something is wrong or bothering them she wants to help find a solution. Each day, she helps a fellow classmate get around the building, gathers her belongings and makes sure she makes it out to the bus on time.

Ashlynne is trustworthy and can be counted on by her teachers and peers. She is honest, dependable and loyal. She would never deceive, cheat or steal and can be trusted with important tasks. Ashlynne is reliable and takes responsibility for her own success in school. Ashlynne’s word is as good as gold.

Ashlynne is a true display of The Charger Way. It has been such an honor to watch her grow and mature over the years at Ankeney. She will truly be missed next year.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher, one of our counselors, or one of our administrators. We can be reached by e-mail or phone. You are more than welcome to meet with any of us, but we ask that you make an appointment so we can be sure to be available for you. During school hours, we are working with students, but are happy to meet with advance notice. Thank you for understanding.

We have reached our goal of raising over $2,000 this school year to donate to Owen’s Place! We will be hosting an “All Can Play” extended recess on Friday, May 4 where students will have the opportunity to play outside similar to the event we held in the fall.

Power of the Pen

Shine Award
Design Thinking teams are partnering with Beavercreek Master Gardeners and Owen’s Place to create sensory gardens for all ages and abilities. Students invited the organizations to the lab to test their first iterations and worked together to develop a plan for implementation. Can’t wait to deliver our final iterations to Owen’s Place!

May Dates to Remember

- **May 3**: Ankeney Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m. @ BHS
- **May 9**: Ankeney Band Concerts, 6:30 p.m. @ BHS
- **May 11**: Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- **May 11-12**: Band and Choir @ OMEA Contest
- **May 16**: Night of Excellence @ BHS
- **May 17**: Ankeney Talent Show, 7 p.m. @ AMS
- **May 21**: AMS Night @ Dayton Dragons (See Page 11 for info.)
- **May 22**: Last Day of School - 1-Hour Early Dismissal
- **May 22**: 8th Grade Farewell

Lunch Payment Reminder

The end of the school year is fast approaching! The Student Nutrition Department asks that you check your student(s) meal account(s) on EZpay (which can be accessed at www.spsezpay.com/BCmeals) and pay any lunch debts due. Reminder: Lunch debts are due the day after a lunch loan is made. If you have any questions, please call (937) 458-2446.

Important Contacts

- Ankeney Absence Line: 429-7567, option 1
- Transportation: 429-7531, option 1
- Food Service: 429-7531, option 3
- Board of Education: 426-1522
- Lunch Menu: www.beavercreek.k12.oh.us/menus
- School Fees: www.beavercreek.k12.oh.us/Page/10943
- Athletics: www.beavercreekathletics.com

Want to know what’s going on at Ankeney Middle School? Check out our website @ www.beavercreek.k12.oh.us/ams

You can see what the students hear each morning by going to the “Daily Announcements” under the Quicklinks on the homepage or by going to the calendar. We try to update information by noon daily.
National History Bee

The National History Bee’s final stage is the National Finals, which sees students from all across the United States compete for the title of National History Bee Grand Champion! This year’s finals will be held in Atlanta, Georgia in June. Nine students from Ankeney Middle School have qualified to participate in the National Finals competition of the National History Bee. The National History Bee is an academic competition during which students are quizzed on a range of historical topics. The competition is broken into three stages. First, students participate in a school wide intramural bee. The top thirty students then compete in an online qualifying exam. The top students of the qualifying exam then compete in one of the 39 regional finals. The regional finals’ top finishers then advance to nationals to compete for the championship title.

Congratulations to …

 Julianne Corcoran  Aryan Desarapu
 Nathan Hart       Elizabeth Kurian
 Reagan Lloyd      Dimitri Perez
 Lucas Seman       Leona Slover
 Taylor Syphus

November 6, 2018 Levy

Our Board of Education has approved legislation to put a 6.33-mill operating levy on the November 6, 2018 ballot. If passed by our community, this levy would collect revenue for a period of 5 years starting in 2020.

Why This Levy is Needed

This levy addresses an ongoing revenue issue we face; the amount of money we take in does not keep pace with expenses and costs to educate students. Beavercreek has one of the lowest costs per pupil to educate students when compared to other similar districts. There is little or no “fat” left in our schools, therefore, simply making cuts is not a viable option.

What The Levy Pays For

This levy will pay for operational expenses such as classroom supplies, utilities, bus fuel, and staff salaries. Money generated from this levy will not go toward building projects, site improvements, or permanent facility upgrades.

What This Levy Will Cost Homeowners

On average, a homeowner can expect to pay an additional $222 for every 100k of assessed property value.

What Happens After 5 Years

The levy will expire and our community will have to decide if a renewal is appropriate.
Parents, if your child has medication or keeps medical supplies in the school clinic, please make arrangements to pick it up by the last day of school – Tuesday, May 22, 2018. Medications and supplies must be sent home with an adult. If you cannot come to school yourself, please designate a trusted adult to pick it up for you. We cannot send medications home with your child. We cannot store medication or medical supplies during the summer. Medications expire and health care needs change as children grow.

Physician orders for medication and health care procedures must be renewed every school year as required by state law. All BCS health forms are available on the school web site. Click on “Information”, scroll down to “For Parents”, then “District Forms” and scroll down to “Medical”. Enjoy your summer!

-Ruth Owens, AMS School Nurse, (937) 458-2509
Staff Highlights

Christopher Maybury
Grade Level or Position: German Teacher
Years in District: Although this is my 20th year teaching, this is only my 3rd year with BCS. I was hired 3 years ago at the high school, where I taught German 1 (including Ankeney and Coy’s 8th graders), German 2, and French 2. This year, I was transferred to Ankeney & Coy where I teach German 1 and Exploratory German.
Family: My mother lives in Columbus, and my sister lives in Chardon with her husband and my nephew and two nieces. I have one dog, a cocker spaniel named Sarah.
Hobbies: I enjoy reading – I am currently working my way through all of Agatha Christie’s Poirot novels – writing, art, and Game of Thrones. I am a big drum corps fan during the summer and am proud to be a sponsor of both Carolina Crown (from South Carolina) and The Academy (from Arizona). Check them out on YouTube sometime; they are amazing!
Favorite Thing about Education: My favorite thing about teaching was being able to work with the same students from grades 9 through 12, and seeing them grow and learn, at my previous assignment where I was the only French and German teacher.
Unknown Fact: Since I am the last male in my family line, and since there is no chance that I will ever get married or have children, there will be no more Mayburys after I am gone.

Cynthia Maxwell
Grade Level or Position: Spanish/Exploratory Spanish Teacher
Years in District: I have been in the District for many years as a substitute teacher. This is my second year as a contracted teacher for the District.
Family: I have three grown children. All three attended Beavercreek Schools for a few years before we moved overseas with the military.
Hobbies: Traveling, photography, watching movies and spending time with my loved ones.
Favorite Thing about Education: I love the energy students bring into my life. I revel in sharing learning with students who want to learn. Teaching keeps me on my toes and keeps me young at heart. It allows me to use my brain and I continue to learn each day as an individual and as a teacher. Interacting with my students and watching them get excited about learning fills me with pride. Teaching Spanish is enjoyable for me because being Mexican myself, I am happy to share a small part of my Hispanic culture.
Unknown Fact: I have been to over 21 countries. I lived in Germany and Italy.

Nathan Risley
Grade Level or Position: French 6-7-8
Years in District: 3
Family: Wife (Jane)
Favorite Food: Baguette
Hobbies: Studying Languages
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I love it when students pronounce French words correctly, with good “r” and “u” sounds.
Unknown Fact about you: I play guitar.

Cross Country Sign-Ups

Anyone interested in joining Cross Country must attend an informational meeting on May 7 at 6:00 in the Coy Cafetorium. Parents must be sign up athletes on finalforms.com no later than August 10. Students will need to turn in completed physical forms on July 31 at Coy in the Cafetorium. Most required paperwork will be completed on finalforms.com. Please make sure to keep a copy of the physical forms that will be turned in July 31. Keep a copy of your physical forms at home as well!
FOOD TRUCKS - ACTIVITY BOOTHS - SPORTS GAMES
UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAY AREA - LIVE MUSIC

FIRST ANNUAL

OWEN'S PLACE
FAMILY FUN DAY!
SPONSORED BY BEAVERCREEK CITY SCHOOLS

WHO? EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN IN THE FUN!
WHAT? A FREE FAMILY FUN DAY, FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES, GAMES, CRAFTS, LIVE MUSIC AND FOOD. DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO SUPPORT OWEN'S PLACE!
WHERE? ROTARY PARK: 2260 DAYTON XENIA ROAD, BEAVERCREEK
WHEN? SUNDAY, MAY 6TH FROM 12:00 TO 6:00PM
WHY? TO HAVE FUN AND SUPPORT OWEN'S PLACE

MEET GEM FROM THE DAYTON DRAGONS FROM 1:00 TO 2:00 PM
PLAY GAMES AND ACTIVITIES WITH BEAVERCREEK ORGANIZATIONS
CHECK OUT A BEAVERCREEK TOWNSHIP FIRE TRUCK!

PARKING SHUTTLE AVAILABLE FROM BEAVERCREEK HIGH SCHOOL
HANDICAP PARKING ON SITE
RAIN LOCATION: FERGUSON HALL
SUMMER READING BOOK ORDER OPPORTUNITY!

The summer reading book choices for 2018 have been finalized and are listed below. All students are expected to read the assigned title before school begins in August, 2018. Please see the back of this sheet for title choices and a brief synopsis of each title.

Students may find books in several places: Kindle/Nook/e-reader versions, used book stores, the library, and local bookstores.

As a convenience, Ankeney Middle School is offering this book sale. Students may order the book they need, and all books will be delivered to the student before school is out for the year.

If you would like to take advantage of this sale, please complete the form below. All orders and payments are due to your child’s ELA teacher no later than Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

ELA teacher: ______________________________________________________

H=Honors level  S=Scholarship level  E=ELA level

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(Exact change or check payable to “Beavercreek City Schools”)
SUMMER READING CHOICES
All synopses from www.amazon.com except as noted.

For Incoming Seventh Graders—Choose ONE of the following books for your summer reading:

**Counting by Sevens** by Holly Goldberg Sloan (choice for all levels)
“Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn’t kept her from leading a quietly happy life... until now. Suddenly Willow’s world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world. The triumph of this book is that it is not a tragedy. This extraordinarily odd, but extraordinarily endearing, girl manages to push through her grief. Her journey to find a fascinatingly diverse and fully believable surrogate family is a joy and a revelation to read.” (www.barnesandnoble.com)

**I Will Always Write Back** by Caitlin Alifrenka (choice for all levels)
“It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin’s class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. Martin was lucky to even receive a pen-pal letter. There were only ten letters, and fifty kids in his class. But he was the top student, so he got the first one. That letter was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives.”

**Peak** by Roland Smith (choice for all levels)
“After fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he’s left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father’s renewed interest in him has strings attached. Big strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit—and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. But it’s also one that could cost him his life.”

**Rules** by Cynthia Lord (only a choice for ELA level)
“Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She’s spent years trying to teach David the rules from “a peach is not a funny-looking apple” to “keep your pants on in public”—in order to head off David’s embarrassing behaviors. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend, and Kristi, the next-door friend she’s always wished for, it’s her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?”

For Incoming Eighth Graders in Scholarship or ELA 8—Choose ONE of the following books for your summer reading:

**Touching Spirit Bear** by Ben Mikaelsen (choice for all levels)
“After severely injuring Peter Driscal in an empty parking lot, mischief-maker Cole Matthews is in major trouble. But instead of jail time, Cole is given another option: attend Circle Justice, an alternative program that sends juvenile offenders to a remote Alaskan Island to focus on changing their ways. Desperate to avoid prison, Cole fakes humility and agrees to go. While there, Cole is mauled by a mysterious white bear and left for dead. Thoughts of his abusive parents, helpless Peter, and his own anger cause him to examine his actions and seek redemption—from the spirit bear that attacked him, from his victims, and from himself.”

**Forbidding Manzanar** by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston (choice for all levels)
“During World War II a community called Manzanar was hastily created in the high mountain desert country of California, east of the Sierras. Its purpose was to house thousands of Japanese American internees. One of the first families to arrive was the Wakatsukis, who were ordered to leave their fishing business in Long Beach and take with them only the belongings they could carry. For Jeanne Wakatsuki, a seven-year-old child, Manzanar became a way of life in which she struggled and adapted, observed and grew. For her father it was essentially the end of his life.”

**I Am Number Four** by Pittacus Lore (choice for all levels)
“John Smith seems like an ordinary teenager, living a normal life with his guardian Henri in Paradise, Ohio. But for John, keeping a low profile is essential, because he is not an ordinary teenager. He’s an alien from the planet Lorien, and he’s on the run. A group of evil aliens from the planet Mogadore, who destroyed his world, are hunting anyone who escaped. Nine Lorien children were sent to Earth to live in hiding until they grew up and developed their Legacies, powers that would help them fight back—and help them save us. Three of them are now dead. John is Number Four, and he knows he’s next....”

**Uglies** by Scott Westerfeld (choice for all levels)
“Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can’t wait. In just a few weeks she’ll have the operation that will turn her from a repellent ugly into a stunningly attractive pretty. And as a pretty, she’ll be catapaulted into a high-tech paradise where her only job is to have fun. But Tally’s new friend Shay isn’t sure she wants to become a pretty. When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world—and it isn’t very pretty. The authorities offer Tally a choice: find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. Tally’s choice will change her world forever.”

For Incoming Eighth Graders in Honors—To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee (required)
“A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable tale of coming-of-age in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage inequities through the eyes of a young girl, as her father—a crusading local lawyer—risks everything to defend a black man unjustly accused of a terrible crime.”
Muse machine

Presents

On Broadway
SUMMER THEATER CAMP
JUNE 18-22, 2018

Who: Any student currently in grades 2-8
Where: Beavercreek High School Auditorium
2660 Dayton-Xenia Rd.
Beavercreek, OH
When: Daily
June 18th-22nd
9 a.m.– Noon
What: Learn the basics of acting and stage production
Cost: $100 includes daily snack and t-shirt

Sample Day:

9:00-9:15 morning news and stretches
9:20-10:20
Group one: Cats & Phantom– Magic of Make-up and Masks
Group two: Movement and scene rehearsal
10:20-10:30 Break & Snack
10:40-11:40
Group one: Movement and scene rehearsal
Group two: Cats & Phantom– Magic of Make-up & Masks
11:40– Noon Wrap-up activity

Students will jump into the magic of Broadway plays and musicals. Learn about different popular shows while learning songs, scenes, dances, and different stage conventions like make-up, costumes, and props with the goal of putting it all together for a showcase at the end of the week.

Go to

sites.google.com/beavercreek.k12.oh.us/muse/home
for more information and to register.
Email
dawn.stamper@gocreek.org or
Kristina.minton@gocreek.org
with questions.
Ankeney Middle School
Night at Fifth Third Field
Dayton Dragons vs. Lake County Captains
Monday, May 21, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Come out and have a great time with classmates, friends, and family taking in a Dragons game in our group seating section.

What’s included?
- Game ticket for a stadium seat
- Great family entertainment
- A Dragons hat
- Ankeney 8th Grade Choir to perform “God Bless America”

Over $25 in value … but the cost is just $10
$5 of every ticket purchased is returned to the Ankeney PTO

FINAL DEADLINE TO ORDER: Monday, May 7th
- Mail: Dayton Dragons, Fifth Third Field, PO Box 2107, Dayton, OH 45401
- Fax: to (937) 228-2284
- Email to: dragons@daytondragons.com

For more information, please contact:
Eric Deutsch
(937) 228-2287 x 107
eric.deutsch@daytondragons.com

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________
Daytime Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________
Email: _____________________________________________

# OF TICKETS: _______ x $10 = TOTAL: $ ________
Cash: _____ Check: _____ AMEX: _____ Discover: _____ MasterCard: _____ VISA: _____
Card #: __________________________________________ Expires: __________

Please make checks payable to Dayton Dragons Professional Baseball