Dear AMS Families,

We have had a very exciting month at Ankeney Middle School. November closed out with students across all grade levels participating in several acts of community service such as 6th grade’s Operation Christmas Child, 7th grade raising money for needy families to buy Christmas presents for Beavercreek students, and 8th grade’s Omega Music Coat Drive. Ankeney Middle School was also acknowledged by the Ohio Department of Education’s Momentum Award for the second year in a row. This award recognizes that our students showed greater than expected growth and earned straight A’s on all Value-Added measures. I would like to say thank you to our wonderful staff here at Ankeney for all their hard work and thank you to the families of Ankeney for all of their support. Enjoy the newsletter!

Sincerely,

Dale Wren
Principal

Did You Know??? - Student Safety

At Ankeney, we take student safety very seriously. From the moment our buses drop students off in the morning to the moment they walk out the door to return to your homes, our staff works hard to ensure students feel safe and secure in the school environment. We always ask visitors to sign in at the and take a visitor badge so that our staff know who belongs in the building. When picking up your students, we do require everyone to show their photo ID if a parent note was not received earlier in the day. Students should always be dropped off in the Front Parent Loop. Thanks for helping us keep AMS safe!
Congratulations to Ankeney Middle School, along with Jacob Coy Middle School, Fairbrook Elementary, and Trebein Elementary for receiving the 2017 Momentum Award. The Momentum Award is presented by the State Board of Education and recognizes schools for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year.

School Fees
Just a reminder that school fee statements are available to view through ProgressBook. Fees can be paid online through EZ Pay www.spsezpay.com/Beavercreek. School fees allow us to provide many of the consumable items students use such as workbooks, science supplies, agendas, etc.

Yearbook
The deadline to order a yearbook is January 19. Order forms are located outside Mrs. Nevarez’s classroom, or you can order online using the link provided on the Ankeney website under the “Information” 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

Shine Award
Our Shine Award recipient for the month of October is Tyler Fecher. Tyler has shown great responsibility this quarter. A specific example would be the first chapter he completed in math class this year with Mr. Tate and Mrs. Tomlin. He struggled! He was frustrated many times throughout the chapter but he never gave up. Tyler exemplified the idea of taking on the responsibility of doing what needed to be done to be successful in class. He continues to show other students how taking responsibility for your struggles and successes, and doing everything you can to be successful can take a person far not only in middle school, but in life.

Tyler is always showing that he cares about his grades in school through his actions. He shows his teachers that he values his grades and success in the classroom. He is always polite and courteous to his teachers when working with them in the classroom. He also shows how caring he can be to other classmates and students at Ankeney. He works to help other students in tutoring when they are unsure of an assignment or what to do. He never makes them feel inferior in any way, and instead shows how showing a little extra care to a fellow human can make their day. Tyler shows he cares about the school as well. He has been seen going the extra mile in the hallway to pick up items that aren’t even his. Congratulations, Tyler!
6th Grade Hands-On Learning

Sixth graders have been reading *Hana's Suitcase*, a true story of a family during the Holocaust. In the book, the mother creates bread dough ornaments for her daughter. Students had the opportunity to make their own bread dough ornaments.

December Dates to Remember

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Important Contacts

Ankeney Absence Line: 429-7567
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

Voice Messages

If you receive a missed call from Ankeney, please take a few moments to check your voicemail. Most times, there is no emergency and someone has left you a message. The office does not know where to direct your call if you call the school back immediately without first checking for a message. To prevent any miscommunication, if you believe your child may contact you from school, please be sure your child understands the importance of leaving a clear and understandable message. Thank you for your help!

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.
A big thank you to World Digital Imaging for donating their time and talent to our Design Thinking students. Danielle Reinicke, World Digital Imaging’s Senior Graphic Designer, taught students the basics of graphic design and how to use Adobe Illustrator to help their designs come to life. Partnering with local businesses to highlight design career fields always makes for a great day in the Design Lab!

Just in Time for the Holidays!

Are you looking for that perfect gift for the reader in your family? Ankeney will hold a book fair at Barnes & Noble in Beavercreek on Friday, December 15. A percentage of the sales will benefit the English Department and IMC when the voucher (included in this newsletter) is presented at checkout. Gift wrapping will also be available.

If you can’t attend the book fair at Barnes & Noble, you can also order online December 15-19 at www.bn.com/bookfairs and support us by entering Book fair ID 12093464 at checkout. Please share with your family and friends. Thank you for your support!

PTO December News

- December 5 will be our PTO Fundraiser at Milanos. Come out anytime open to close.
- December 8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. will be our winter dance, "Winter Wonderland." Tickets will be $8.00 in advance, $10.00 at the door.
- December 15th from open to close will be the Book Fair at Barnes and Noble. Come out to holiday shop and support Ankeney.
- December 18th will be the Staff Cookie Walk (Parents bake cookies for the staff to enjoy over the holidays).
February
27 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC

March
9 (Friday) - End of Grading Period - Student Treats at lunchtime
20 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC (Form Nominating Committee)
**3rd Tuesday

April
20 (Friday) - Spring Dance, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
24 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC (Nominations for Board)

May
4 (Friday) - Staff Appreciation Luncheon 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
15 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC (Election Meeting)
**3rd Tuesday
22 (Tuesday) - 8th Grade Farewell 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
**Staff Highlights**

Name: Mark Schumacker  
Grade Level or Position: 6th and 7th Math Teacher  
Years in District: This is my 20th year in the district.  
Family: My wife and I met my first year at Ankeney and for some crazy reason, she has been by my side ever since! We have two children: Lindsey (8th grade) and Braden (4th grade). Both of our kids go to Bellbrook. A family wouldn’t be complete without a dog, so we decided to raise two of them! We have two black labs. Kelly is the elder pup (6 years old) and Allie is the baby (4½ years old).  
Favorite Food: As a child I always became excited when I would smell the aroma of BBQ chicken being cooked on our grill, on a hot summer evening. To this day, my favorite food is BBQ – ALL BBQ. I love Carolina style, KC style, Southwestern BBQ, and everything in between. Serve me a large plate of pork, chicken, beef, beans, cornbread, & slaw, and you will see a happy man!!  
Hobbies: During the summer I really enjoy running. I have plenty of time and plenty of sunshine to keep me motivated and moving. However, recently I have been drawn back to tennis (I played it back in high school). Now you can find me spend hours at Quail Run chasing that yellow ball around the court and salivating over a potential ball to smash at my opponent!!  
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I know it is cliché, but my favorite thing about working in education is the successes my students have. My purpose, as an educator, is to reach the student and to teach the student. I love seeing my students find success inside the classroom (academically) AND outside of the classroom (everything else). If I can have any influence on the type of person one of my students becomes, I feel as if I have served my purpose. When students contact me years later to tell me about their journey in life and share their success stories, I am filled with this amazing feeling of joy. This aspect of teaching is what makes our profession unique and VERY lucky!!  
Unknown Fact about you: I used to be an avid SCUBA diver. I have shared personal space with a hammerhead shark, a whale shark, reef sharks, and nurse sharks. I have swam with the dolphins, posed with a moray eel, and held a bright aqua octopus in my hands on a night dive. My hope is my kids will one day get to share this amazing experience with me. I look forward to getting back to the ocean!

Name: Emmy Malin  
Grade Level or Position: 6th and 8th Grade Math  
Years in District: This is my 4th year, including Student Teaching at Ankeney.  
Family: My mom, dad, and older brother all live in Northeast Ohio. Here in the Dayton area, I have a dog named Abby.  
Favorite Food: I can’t pick just one! I really like food! Apples, chips and salsa, kettle corn, ice cream, grilled cheese, sugar snap peas, oatmeal, coffee (if that’s a food)… the list goes on!  
Hobbies: My favorite hobby is baking and trying out new recipes. I also love going to different types of exercise classes, reading, and watching reality TV (you name it, I probably watch it).  
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: Middle school kids are the best! They are always entertaining, and each kid is so unique. I love getting to know the kids, and seeing how they can shine both in and out of the classroom.

Name: Krista Lovewell  
Grade Level or Position: 8th grade Scholarship and Honors Algebra  
Years in District: This is my 12th year  
Family: Husband- Brian, Gavin- 4 years, Beckett and Maddox-twin 2 year olds, and a baby (just 1) on the way!  
Favorite Food: S’more’s Pizookie from BJs Restaurant  
Hobbies: playing keyboard in church band, researching anything I need to know about, exercising, playing with my kids, mastering Excel spreadsheets  
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The Beaver Creek Show Choirs present...

The 2nd Annual "Snow" Choir Spectacular

Beavercreek Middle School Show Choir (7th & 8th grades)  Beavercreek 6th Grade Show Choir

Join us for an amazing evening of song and dance as the Beavercreek City Schools Show Choirs entertain us with their 2017-2018 competition shows, and Christmas favorites old and new!

When: December 16th, 2017 shows at 4:00 and 7:00 ** Doors Open 30-minutes before performance **
Where: Main Elementary Auditorium
2942 Dayton Xenia Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45434
Cost: $10 per ticket

There will be a 50/50 raffle!
Ticket Pre-Sales end December 11th.
Email: lori_humble@att.net for ticket purchase questions.

Name: __________________________________________

Phone: __________________________

Group: BMSC  Friends  6th Grade  (circle one)

Sold By: _______________________________________

Ticket Information:
4pm show _____ (# of tickets)
7pm show _____ (# of tickets)
Indicate any special needs to include wheelchair access, no stairs, etc.

**Checks made payable to Ankeney Middle School PTO**
Ankeney Middle School’s
Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Just in time for the holidays!

When: Friday, December 15, 2017

Where: Barnes & Noble in Beavercreek

Gift Wrapping will also be available.

A percentage of the sales will benefit the AMS English Department and IMC when the voucher is presented at checkout.

Can’t attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 12/15/17 to 12/19/17 by entering Bookfair ID 12093464 at checkout.

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Ankeney PTO Presents....

Winter Wonderland Dance

DECEMBER 8th

6:30 TO 8PM

TICKETS $8
Winter Neckerchief $1

Ankeney New Gym
Join us on **Saturday, December 23rd** at **Build-A-Bear, Fairfield Commons**, anytime between **8:00am** and **11:00am** to make a bear for a child that will spend the holidays at **Dayton Children’s Hospital**. We will take them to Children’s to be given to a child that is admitted through the Emergency Room over the holidays. Last year we took almost 300! **This is our 10th anniversary!**

- Please **RSVP by Dec 20th** if you plan to attend (we have to let them know ahead of time the approx. number of bears we are building).
- Bears range $12-$35 and sometimes you can find coupons or go online for coupons for $5-$10 off. **If you can’t attend, consider forwarding to this project any coupons you may receive.**
- We are also in need of non-denominational “Season’s Greetings” cards for the bears.
- Additionally, you or a group may **SPONSOR a bear** and simply fill out a Get Well or Holiday card that will go in the bear’s box. We will then have a child stuff the bear at Build-A-Bear for you. We will provide the cards or you can send one of your own at the time you donate.

“When my son was three, we ended up unexpectedly spending four days at Children’s. A middle school group donated a stuffed monkey that was given to my son. He held it tightly during blood draws, and for the next two years. Help us ‘Pay It Forward’ and have the fun of building a bear and the joy of giving to someone that will unexpectedly spend Christmas in the hospital.”

**RSVP or questions:** [Bears4Childrens@yahoo.com](mailto:Bears4Childrens@yahoo.com)  
937-971-8051  
937-239-3185

Visit our Facebook or Instagram page: Bears4Childrens

**Merry Christmas!**  
*The Hess Family*