Dear AMS Families,

We have an action-packed month of November ahead of us. Please check out all the exciting events this month and the accomplishments of last month. The second quarter always goes quickly as we are almost done with the third week. Students have been working hard all year.

This Friday, we will recognize honor roll students for quarter one with an ice cream sandwich at lunch. About 400 of our 700 plus students earned either all A’s or all A’s and B’s last quarter and many were very close to making the honor roll. Thank you for all you do to support your student and the team at Ankeney.

Don’t forget that November 7 is Election Day. Be sure to get out and vote.

Sincerely,

Dale Wren
Principal

Did You Know??? - Charger Period

This is the second year that we have held “Charger Periods” at Ankeney. As part of our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) Initiative last year, every staff member in our building started meeting each Wednesday for 23 minutes with the same 15-17 students. This is a time for staff to get to make a personal connection with students, provide positive supports through programs such as our Character Education Program and our anti-bullying Olweus Program, as well as discussing current building issues. Most important school forms and flyers are also passed out and collected through Charger.
Recently in Charger, students reflected on our Character Ed Kick-Off Celebration and discussed how the mission of Owen's Place reflects the pillar of respect. We all have dreams for ourselves, our community, our world, and we are waving them proudly on our field of dreams fence. Great things happen when we respect and support the dreams of others.

Our first Shine Award recipient this school year for the month of September is Ashley Porter. Ashley was nominated for her display of citizenship. Ashley displays outstanding character daily at Ankeney Middle School. Ashley is one of the most positive students you will ever encounter. No matter what daily challenges she faces, she meets them head on. She always has a kind word to say to her peers and teachers. She is very complimentary to staff and students alike. When taken for her therapy sessions she works hard to meet her goals. Ashley often encourages other students who receive therapy services and is an inspiration to students facing difficult challenges. She always follows the Charger Way! We are proud of you, Ashley!

Ashley displays responsibility throughout her school day. She is conscientious in completing work when missing class for therapy appointments and other various reasons. She makes sure to prioritize her daily needs/schedule to allow enough time to get her assignments finished. She is very empathetic of others needs/feelings and puts them before her own. For example, she could be having a bad day and no one would ever know. Having Ashley in our lives the last 2 years has brightened our outlook on how Ankeney students truly care for and help each other out. We feel lucky to have her in our Ankeney Community.
Design Thinking: AMS People, Spaces, & Things

Design Thinking students completed their first full cycle project, AMS People, Spaces, and Things. Through interviewing both students and staff, design teams identified needs around the building and worked to implement positive changes while leaving their mark on Ankeney Middle School through their innovative design solutions. Way to go, students!

Student Attendance

Research shows that students who attend school more often do better in school. We encourage our students to attend school every day possible. If your child is ill and will not be at school, please make sure to call the absence line at 429-7567, option 1. Please leave the date of absence, your child’s name, grade, and reason for the absence. It is helpful if you spell out your child’s last name to ensure that we can update the records correctly. In order to comply with HB 410, please make sure to send in a hand-written note after absences.

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

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.

November Dates to Remember

November 1 6th Grade Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. @ BHS
November 8 Olweus Class Meetings
November 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break
November 28 PTO Meeting
November 30 Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m. @ BHS Auditorium

November

Important Contacts
Students in 8th grade have been learning about forces and motion. Here they are specifically learning about how electricity can work without contact.

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!

Ankeney Clinic News

Whenever your child receives immunizations at the doctor’s office please provide a copy of what was given and the date to your child’s school clinic. The Ohio Department of Health requires schools to keep current records since many immunizations are required for school attendance. Typically, an immunization record is required at entry into preschool and Kindergarten, then at entry into 7th grade, then at entry into 12th grade. Complete and current immunizations records are also required whenever a child transfers between school districts. Please contact the school clinic with any questions.

Student Fee Statements were sent home with students this week. Fees will be due by November 17. Fees can be paid online or through Mrs. Bradley in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bradley at 458-2501.

Student Activities

The 7th grade teachers were challenging their grade level! Teachers put up their pictures as 7th graders on the second floor 7th grade bulletin board to see if students were up to the task of guessing who’s who! Any student who participated in this game was able to earn a prize! Some were easy to guess and some were tough, but students had fun guessing and figuring out this 7th grade mystery!
Ankeney PTO 2017-2018 Calendar

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

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)

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.

**Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the IMC

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

December
NO PTO MEETING
15 (Friday) - Cookie Walk for Staff 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
15 (Friday) - Ankeney Book Fair @ Barnes and Noble
21 (Thursday) End of Grading Period - Student Treats at lunchtime

Beavercreek City Schools Mission Statement:
The mission of Beavercreek City Schools is to create a student-centered educational community through innovation and collaboration, inspiring all to lead and serve.

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Staff Highlights

Name: Shelley Huelskamp
Grade Level or Position: 7th grade Science
Years in District: 15
Family: I have two daughters (Audrey is 9 and Natalie is 6) and one fur-child (Maverick is 12). My husband is also a teacher (math) and we have been married for 12 years.
Favorite Food: I love cinnamon candy! Atomic Fireballs and Hot Tamales are my favorite. Its’ not food, but I would never turn down a good latte.
Hobbies: I love to read, knit, and cook, and am an occasional runner.
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: Making connections with middle school kids is the best. I originally wanted to be a high school biology teacher, until I got to student teach in a 7th grade classroom. Their spunkiness and creativity at this age makes every day interesting!
Unknown Fact about you: I’m a thrill junkie. I have been sky-diving, snorkeled with sharks, canoed with alligators, and absolutely love roller coasters.
Other Info. you want to share: I really enjoy working with your students and am always glad to help out!

Name: Jamie Grothaus
Grade Level or Position: 8th Grade Science
Years in District: 11
Family: Husband-Randy, Daughter-Skylar, Son- Lance, Baby-?
Favorite Food: Mexican Food
Hobbies: In the summer I love to go boating, skiing, and swimming. In the winter I enjoy bowling and a good movie. I always enjoy being outside and going on walks.
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: Every day is different and exciting. Our students are amazing and bring so much entertainment into my days. I also get to talk about science every day!

Name: Noelle Wolgast
Grade Level or Position: 6th grade Science
Years in District: 22nd year of teaching, 14th year in Beavercreek
Family: Dane (11th grade), Liv (9th grade), and Mason (5th grade)
Favorite Food: Thanksgiving dinner
Hobbies: I like to read, knit, run, and relax in the sun.
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: It is important to me that students feel welcomed and comfortable in my class. And, I love to foster the passion and confidence that students have for science.
Unknown Fact about you: I started counting & recording my gratitudes in 2013. I have almost reached 6000.
BYC Presents

An Autumn Evening

Middle School Dance
Open to any Beavercreek resident grades 6-8

Friday, Nov. 17
7-9pm @ BHS Commons
$7 Advance/ $10 Door
“Dress to Impress”

Ticket sales will be at AMS and CMS during lunch.

*Bring non-perishable food items for FEED THE CREEK for chances at Door Prizes! Each item = a ticket

Proceeds go to local charities and programs determined by BYC

No re-entry. For full rules and policies, please visit Beavercreek Youth Council on Facebook.
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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Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to your school/organization.

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