From the Principal

November

Dear AMS Families,

The November newsletter has finally arrived. Thank you to those families that attended parent/teacher conferences last month. When schools and families are communicating and collaborating, we create the ideal circumstances for our students. Friday concluded our first trimester for many of our elective courses. Please remember to check ProgressBook on a regular basis, especially in the second quarter which tends to move fast with so much happening in our lives inside and outside of school.

Final trimester grades should be posted by Friday, November 14 and I will send a message when they are ready. Enjoy the November newsletter - your students are doing great things every day. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children.

Sincerely,

Dale Wren
Principal

Did You Know??? - School Report Cards

The Ohio Department of Education issues School Report Cards each year that are designed to give parents, communities, educators and policymakers information about the performance of districts and schools – to celebrate success and identify areas for improvement. This information identifies schools to receive intensive supports, drives local conversations on continuous improvement, and provides transparent reporting on the performance of students in foundational skills and knowledge and other important outcomes such as graduation and college and career readiness. Ankeney is lucky to have earned an overall grade of an “A” for this past school year. Thank you, parents, for your continued support!
Character Education: UpLIFT

Last month, we held a Sock Hop as the first of many different events this school year to help raise money for Ankeney’s chosen charity, Shoes 4 the Shoeless. In conjunction with the entire Beavercreek City School District and part of the Character Education Initiative this school year to UpLIFT: Serve, Support, and Celebrate, we look forward to more awesome ways to help. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Sock Hop and students who brought in money or socks. We raised $530 and 3 full boxes of socks to donate to Shoes 4 the Shoeless. For more information about Shoes 4 the Shoeless, please visit: shoes4theshoeless.org.

Shine Award

Our first Shine Award recipient this school year for the month of September is Tyler Black. Tyler cares about his classmates and he values being in his classes. This year Tyler has taken on a new student to Beavercreek and has shown so much care and compassion in his daily interactions. Where some students may feel uncomfortable in this leadership role, Tyler embraces the role and does anything he can to make this student feel involved and a part of the community of our classroom. I also see him taking care in the hall to say hello to fellow students who may struggle with the simple task of saying hello and making those connections. Tyler’s caring attitude towards students in this new class, and to students throughout Ankeney has truly surpassed all expectations and is certainly impressive.

Tyler is so respectful of teachers and other classmates. He does what he can to ensure that he is valuing all students and their opinions, as well as doing what he can to involve himself into conversations and show students and teachers that he cares and is respectful. He is always quick to say hello in the halls or in class and be a valuable part of many important class discussions. He is truly a model for all Ankeney students. Congratulations to Tyler and keep up the good work!
Calling all students who love a math challenge! MATHCOUNTS is a national middle school competition program that meets after school on Wednesdays until 4:30 p.m. in the Design Lab. Our club meetings help to prepare students to compete at the regional, state, and national level. For more information visit the MATHCOUNTS website or contact Mrs. O'Dell!

www.mathcounts.org
erin.odell@gocreek.org

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: (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.
Give the gift of reading! Scholastic Book Fairs will return to Ankeney November 28-30 in the IMC. Our fair will provide a variety of books specifically selected to appeal to middle school interests. Students will visit the fair through their Language Arts classes. Cash and credit card will be accepted as payment for items purchased at the fair (Sorry, no personal checks.)

If you can’t make it to the book fair (or just want to keep shopping), be sure to visit our fair online at http://www.scholastic.com/bf/ankeneymiddleschool.

Ankeney PTO News

Congrats to the following classrooms who had popcorn delivered to their flex periods last Wednesday... 6th grade - Stevens, 7th grade - Zois and 8th grade - Linquist. These classrooms collected the most Box Tops/Coke Rewards during our October contest. A total of 2,201 Box Tops and 45 Coke Rewards were collected for the school. Going forward, Box Tops and Coke Rewards can be submitted to the office any day. Please put the student’s name, grade and Flex teacher on the bag for any future contests the PTO may run. Note: Campbell’s labels can be thrown away as their program has been permanently discontinued.

Join us for a Family Movie Night on Friday, November 30, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Stop by the Scholastic Book Fair from 3:45-5:30 p.m. to buy books and then stay for the movie. Tickets will be available for $5 (includes movie, two slices of pizza, and a drink) in advance and at the door.

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.

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- 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

Thank you for helping us encourage kids to read and for all you do throughout the year to support our school!
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

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

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.
Awesome Classrooms

Continuing 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! Mrs. Taylor is doing awesome things in her 8th Grade ELA classroom. Right now, she does brownie points. Brownie points are earned by classes when our students have completed their assignment on time for the day and when students have good behavior for a sub. This is one way that Mrs. Taylor acknowledges students following her expectations and rewards them for good behavior. Once a brownie pan is full, she brings in brownies for the entire class.

To help teach his students functions with decimals, Mr. Schumacker had all students bring in a dry good item from the grocery store. He price tagged everything and let his students shop in his grocery store and use decimal functions to get their total grocery bill for the items they chose to buy. Then, all products were donated to a local food bank!

The direction of Beavercreek City Schools and the type of education children receive hang in the balance on November 6th. Your participation on election day will help determine if our district can continue to provide the outstanding services and classroom instruction our community has come to expect. You will find a 6.2 mill emergency operating levy on the ballot. If approved, this levy will cost you $18.09 per month for every $100,000 of property value. Money collected would fund daily operations and pay for necessities such as utilities, bus fuel, classroom supplies, and personnel costs. This levy will maintain what our district has and what we provide. The need for this levy stems from rising enrollment and a state funding model that does not adequately support our students. Beavercreek City Schools is required to pay millions of dollars annually above what the state provides us for student services which are mandated. Couple that with per pupil funding that does not increase when new students walk through the door and the picture is clear; the responsibility for funding our schools rests primarily with the community. You will find levy information on our district’s website at http://gocreek.org/levy. Our families make a real difference, Ankeney is successful because of you. We ask you to vote on November 6th and continue a tradition of involvement that makes our district so strong.
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**

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Student’s Flex Teacher

Parent Phone Number

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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**