Dear AMS Families,

Welcome to the month of October. The first quarter ends on Friday October 13, so don’t forget to take one last look at your student’s ProgressBook account. We have had a great first quarter at Ankeney. The month of October will move fast as we have conferences and staff development days that create short weeks for students. Please take a moment to check out this month’s newsletter detailing many of the positive events that have occurred and the important upcoming dates.

Last Friday, we had our Character Education Kick-off activity to help support Owen’s Place and the construction of an accessible baseball field right here in Beavercreek, Ohio. Our students ate lunch and were provided an extended recess to “play” and work together in a wide variety of activities. This is the mission of Owen’s Place - bringing kids together. We will be working throughout the year as a school to support this great cause. A big thank you to the PTO volunteers and Ankeney staff who helped supervise the activities on Friday and made the day possible.

Sincerely,

Dale Wren

Did You Know??? - ProgressBook

One of the best ways to stay informed of how your student is doing at school is to log into ProgressBook weekly. Teachers utilize this program to record student grades, make comments on projects, and report quarterly grades. At the end of each grading period, parents are able to see their child’s final grade in each of their classes as we no longer send home printed report cards. You can also set up parent alerts that let you know when your child hasn’t turned in an assignment or received a low score. Access ProgressBook via the “Check Grades” link at the top of the AMS website.
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 could like to donate to our Charger Store, please contact Mr. Shimko.

Pictures have already been sent home with students. Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, October 10. 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 10. 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 Information

Student Fee Statements will be sent home with students after the end of the 1st grading period. 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. More information next month.

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!

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

Thank you to the following:
Dave and Busters's
Milano’s Pizza
Rapid Fired Pizza
Skateworld of Kettering
Beaver-Vu Bowl
Papa John’s
Graeter’s
Tropical Smoothie Café
Sky Zone
Young’s Jersey Dairy
Individual Donors

Charger Store
6th Grade Health Class

6th grade health classes recently played the Face-to-Face Conversation Game. They are currently in their Social Health Unit and the students are learning effective communication skills (using “I” messages, active listening responses, conflict resolution, etc.).

October Dates to Remember

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Bus Passes

As a reminder, bus passes are only issued to students in an absolute emergency. Students should bring their note to the office first thing in the morning with the following information:

- Student Name
- Name, address, and bus number of the student they are to ride with
- Reason for the emergency.

All bus passes must be approved by a building administrator.

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.
Way to go students!!! You’ve really “socked” it to the recent hurricanes. The water may have been “knee high” or deeper, but your kindness will help keep peoples’ “footies” warm. The entire Ankeney “crew” pulled together, and your thoughtfulness and concern to help the hurricane victims is truly The Charger Way!! We collected a total of $903.75 and close to 1,500 pairs of socks. Partnering with Shoes4TheShoeless, Ankeney has already sent 500 pairs of socks and $354.00 in donations to Port Arthur, TX to support those who have been devastated by Hurricane Harvey.

The rest of the socks will be heading south soon and $550 will be donated to relief efforts in Florida to support the survivors of Hurricane Irma.

Ankeney’s Character Club has been a proud supporter of Owen’s Place since the first phase broke ground in 2012. Thanks to all the staff and students, past and present, who have helped to spread the word with our latest Owen’s Place Field of Dreams parade float. It was proudly displayed at the Kettering Holiday at Home Parade, ArtFest, and the Beavercreek Homecoming Parade this month.

In addition to our efforts to foster and recognize great character, our district is helping to support Owen’s Place as they work to build an accessible baseball diamond right here in Beavercreek. If we build it, all can play! Throughout the year, we will educate our students on the importance of recreation for all ages and abilities, while highlighting positive character traits, and supporting Owen’s Place through service-learning. Our district kick-off took place during the week of September 25-29 and efforts will continue across the district throughout the year.

Beavercreek City School’s is pitching good character…can you catch it?

Ankeney PTO News

The Ankeney PTO will host a “Family Fun Night” for Ankeney families on Friday, October 13 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will have inflatables for the kids and four of the Dayton Food Trucks (including the popular Hunger Paynes). We will have cotton candy, popcorn, and snow cones that evening.

Also, exciting news! Ankeney now has a website for spirit wear orders!! The website will take orders 24/7, year round. We have Ankeney Chargers, “Creek”, and BHS logo spirit wear available for purchase including t-shirts, hoodies, hats, golf shirts, outerwear, string bags, and stadium blankets. Everything can be delivered to your student at Ankeney. Order spirit wear for the whole family and help support Ankeney PTO. Go to:

https://www.companycasuals.com/Ankeney/start.jsp
**Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of every month at 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

**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) **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: Katy Hargrove
Grade Level or Position: 8th Grade English Language Arts
Years in District: 11 years
Family: Husband - Dan and Son - Matthew (1 ½ )
Favorite Food: anything with peanut butter
Hobbies: My two favorites hobbies are reading and spending time with my family. In our increasingly busy world, it is cathartic to pull away from the craziness and settle into good conversation or a good story.
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I love finding out what makes each student unique because there is usually a great story to go with it. I also love to see that feeling of accomplishment in my students when they complete a task they initially believed to be too difficult.
Unknown Fact about you: I’m pretty clumsy. I am notorious for rushing around and running into walls, desks, and cabinets.

Name: Kathryn Nevarez
Grade Level or Position: Sixth Grade Language Arts
Years in District: 11
Family: I live with my husband and three kids in Beavercreek. Dora started kindergarten this year, Nolan is in preschool and we welcomed a new baby boy on June 1st.
Favorite Food: Pizza, tacos, french fries
Hobbies: Antiquing, crafting, scrapbooking, shopping
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: My favorite thing about working with students is having the opportunity to make a difference in their lives. It is incredibly rewarding to see the growth each makes from fall to spring and share that excitement with them.
Unknown Fact about you: I am terrified to fly in airplanes.

Name: Heather Taylor
Grade Level or Position: 8th Grade ELA
Years in District: 4th year here at AMS, 7th year teaching.
Family: I just married my husband, Jason, last year. We celebrate our 1st anniversary this October! We have one dog-child, Jax.
Favorite Food: Mexican
Hobbies: Pinterest, reading, baking, and spending time with friends.
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I love getting to know my students and laughing with them every day.
Unknown Fact about you: I cannot whistle or snap.

Name: Teri Downing
Grade Level or Position: English Language Arts 7th grade
Years in District: 19 years
Family: Husband - Brett; Kids - Cullen (8th grade) & Chloe (6th grade)
Favorite Food: Funyuns and Diet Dr. Pepper (Is that a food???)
Hobbies: Coaching my daughter’s basketball team, watching any college sports
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I have always wanted to be a teacher! I love the fact that each day is different. When asked what I do people say they would NEVER teach 7th graders. I really do love this age.
Unknown Fact about you: Four of the six of my family members are or were in education.
Other Info. you want to share: I am a Beavercreek graduate, class of 1992. I also attended Shaw Elementary and Ferguson Junior High.

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<th>Name: Shannon Stevens</th>
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<td>Years in District: This is my eighteenth year teaching and thirteenth year in this district.</td>
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<td>Family: I have a husband and three children. Brody is ten, Cohen is nine, and Arya will be three at the end of October.</td>
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<td>Favorite Food: My favorite food is chips and cheese dip! YUM-MY!</td>
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<td>Hobbies: I love spending time with my husband and my children.</td>
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<td>Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: The thing I love most about my job is being able to reach so many children at one time and helping them see their potential.</td>
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<td>Favorite Food: I love food! I love dark chocolate, bagels (bread of any kind), coffee, tiramisu, mushrooms, spinach and artichoke dip, french-fries, cookies, especially sugar cookies with icing and sugar crystals, creamy chicken and rice soup…is there food I don’t like??!</td>
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<td>Hobbies: I love grading papers- hahaha! No, seriously, I enjoy hiking, running and listening to books on tape, reading, watching murder mysteries, hugging and kissing my kids nonstop, eating…</td>
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<td>Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: The language arts curriculum allows for us to discuss interesting and important themes about life and human nature and I absolutely love to hear what students have to say about those topics. Eighth graders are much more insightful and compassionate than most people think!</td>
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<td>Unknown Fact about you: I love to watch the orangutans at the zoo!</td>
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<td>Family: Chris (wife) Zach and Ali (Children)</td>
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<td>Favorite Food: Salmon</td>
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<td>Hobbies: Sports, Gardening/Landscaping, Traveling, Fishing</td>
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<td>Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: Being like a coach and watching them progress/succeed in their skills.</td>
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<td>Unknown Fact about you: I collect coins</td>
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<td>Other Info. you want to share: I build Ships-in-Bottles (Old Sailor’s Art) using laparoscopic instruments.</td>
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Fire Prevention Week

BEAVERCREEK TWP. FIRE DEPT.

OPEN HOUSE

Beaver Creek Fire Station No. 1
2195 Dayton-Xenia Rd.

- Burn Demo, Sparky
- Chili Cook-off
- Careflight/MICU
- Fire Equipment

Both Events:

October 14th, 2017
10:00 AM—1:00 PM

- Trash Trucks
- Police Cars
- www.beavercreekohio.gov
- Snow Plows
- Tractors

City of Beavercreek

Try A Truck

Municipal Maintenance Facility
789 Orchard Ln.
Dear Ankeney Parent/Guardian,

There is a wonderful, community program called "Backpack Buddies". This program is intended to support the nutritional needs of our young developing children of families experiencing financial hardships. The students involved will be provided, weekly, with a free bag of food to take home, prepare and eat over the weekend. The food items will be delivered discretely and care will be taken to not draw attention to the child.

Food will be made available by the local community and delivered to Ankeney. Some of the items included will be cans of fruit, vegetables, pudding, microwaveable items, as well as cereal, granola bars, peanut butter and fruit juice. The food packages are meant to help families with a food source for their children over the weekend and also to help promote healthy eating practices.

This program is available in many neighboring communities such as Centerville and Kettering and we want to make it available to our Beavercreek families also. However, participation in the program is optional.

Please complete the form below and return to your child's counselor. They can also turn in the completed form to any teacher. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Voris at 458-2510 or Mrs. Dixon at 458-2511. (Ankeney Middle School Counselors)

Please fill out and return the bottom portion to your child's teacher, if you would like to participate.

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“Backpack Buddies” Participation Request:

☐ Yes, I would like my child to participate in the “Backpack Buddy” Program.

Child's Name ____________________________ Grade _____ 1st Period Teacher ________________________

Additional (Ankeney) Children (please list any who reside in your home):

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Parent's Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________
Owen’s Place Field of Dreams

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Choose from Toddler, Youth, or Adult sizes. Shirts are $12.00 or $15.00 for 2X or 3X and printed on a black and white BASEBALL t-shirt with orange and black lettering. Please indicate number of each size ordered on the line provided. Cash preferred. Please make checks payable to: Beavercreek City Schools.

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Order forms and payment are due Wednesday, October 4.
Turn your order form and money in to your CHARGER teacher.

Student Name: ____________________________
CHARGER Teacher: _________________________
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
BEAVERCREEK CITY SCHOOLS
SUBSTITUTE EMERGENCY LEVY
WILL NOT RAISE YOUR TAXES

WHAT IS A SUBSTITUTE EMERGENCY LEVY?
The substitute levy is essentially the same as an emergency levy with the exception of capturing new growth revenue. As a matter of fact, the only way that a district can qualify to put a substitute levy on the ballot is if they already have an emergency levy in place that they are exchanging (or substituting) it with.

HOW DOES A SUBSTITUTE EMERGENCY LEVY WORK?
Under the current emergency levy, as new growth occurs in Beavercreek, either by new housing or new business/industry, the collection is simply divided up among more entities and everyone pays a smaller piece of the pie. The Beavercreek City School District receives the same amount that it has received in the past - there is no growth realized by the district.

The substitute emergency levy addresses this addition of growth and allows the district to capture new growth revenue in our community without negatively impacting current residents and business owners. Because the district would be able to receive additional revenue when new homes and businesses are built, a substitute emergency levy could actually stretch the time until the Board of Education would need to ask residents to approve a new tax levy. In addition, a substitute emergency levy would retain the property tax rollback provision (12.5%) for residents. Allowing the levy to expire and requesting new millage in the future would not.

WHAT WILL MONEY COLLECTED FROM THIS LEVY BE USED FOR?
Dollars generated from the levy, which amounts to approximately 13% of the district’s operating revenue, will fund day-to-day operational expenses such as utilities, bus fuel, classroom supplies, instructional equipment and current personnel costs. This revenue will maintain the current services provided to our students, their families and our community.