Dear AMS Families,

We had a busy February at Ankeney, and March will be busy as well. On Tuesday of this week we will begin our Spring MAP Testing. Your student will need a fully charged Chromebook each day this week. The third quarter ends this Friday March 13. Be sure to check your students ProgressBook account to ensure grades are up-to-date.

March

Enclosed in this newsletter are highlights from the month of February, and upcoming events in the month of March. Take a moment to check this month's Shine Award winner, learn about our Power of the Pen's performance at Districts and other great things happening at Ankeney Middle School. We are proud of your students' accomplishments and look forward to a great last quarter of the school year.

Sincerely,
Dale Wren

Did You Know??? - Random Acts of Kindness

Ankeney has had our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Program for almost four years now. In that time, we have successfully implemented various student supports to encourage positive behavior in the building which in turn created a positive culture and environment. Last month, staff spent a week recognizing students who were showing acts of kindness with special coupons. 30 of those students were rewarded with Ritter's frozen custard!
Decades Dance

Join us on Thursday, March 19, as we “Party Like it’s 1969!” after school from 2:20-4:00 p.m. in both Ankeney Gyms. Dress in your best ’60s, ’70s, ’80s, or ’90s attire and join us for dancing, food, drinks, music, activities, and a costume contest! Admission is only $5 with tickets for sale the week of at lunch or at the door.

Ankeney Staff join in the fun with Decades Day as part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Shine Award

January’s Shine Award recipient is Grace Warden. Grace’s reputation as a good listener and caring person earned her a spot on our Hope Squad. Grace volunteered to present the mission of our Hope Squad at the School Board meeting in December and did an exceptional job! She was prepared and made public speaking look easy! Grace is a conscientious, hard working student. She puts high expectations on herself and responsibilities at home. Congratulations, Grace, and thanks for being a student of great Character! Ankeney is lucky to have you!

Photos Wanted

If you’ve taken photos at any Ankeney sporting or extracurricular events this fall or winter, and you’re willing to have them in the yearbook, please forward them to Mrs. Nevarez at:
Kathryn.Nevarez@beavercreek.k12.oh.us
Spring Book Fair

Save the Date!

March 16-20

Students will visit the Book Fair in the IMC with their ELA classes or from Study Hall or Flex.

March Dates to Remember

March 5
Choir Concert @ BHS, 6:30 p.m.

March 10-11
Math MAP Testing

March 12
ELA MAP Testing

March 13
End of 3rd Quarter - 1-Hour Early Dismissal @ 1:15

March 16-20
Scholastic Spring Book Fair

March 19
Decades Dance, 2:20-4:00 p.m.

March 23-27
No School - Spring Break (Return March 30)

Outstanding Educator and Classified Support Staff Awards

Do you know a Beaver Creek City Schools’ educator or classified support staff member who consistently goes above and beyond in our schools and in the community? Then consider nominating that individual for the Beaver Creek City Schools Outstanding Educator Award or Outstanding Classified Staff Member Award. Nominations are being accepted until Friday, March 6. Nomination forms and information can be found on the District website.

Important Contacts

Ankeney Absence Line: (937) 429-7567, option 1 or e-mail ankeneyattendance@gocreek.org
Transportation: (937) 429-7531, option 1
Student Nutrition: (937) 458-2446
Board of Education: (937) 426-1522
Lunch Menu: beavercreek.nutrislice.com/
School Fees: spsezpax.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.
National History Bee

The National History Bee is a competition that Ankeney students participate in every year. All students took an online qualifying exam. This 50 question multiple choice test covers all aspects of history, both internationally and American-any time period. This year, Ankeney had a record setting 394 students qualify for this prestigious competition. Congratulations to all those qualified and we wish you the best of luck! An information letter was sent home with qualifying students February 20.

Sixth Grade Parents: Take advantage of Spring Break and get your student’s Tdap and Meningitis (MCV4) vaccines completed. These are required for seventh grade. If you do not have a doctor, you can contact the Montgomery County Health Department at (937) 225-5700 to schedule an immunization update at little to no cost. Please bring in an updated copy of your child’s shot record to the Ankeney Clinic. Feel free to contact the nurse at (937) 458-2509 if you have questions or concerns. We’re here to help!

Power of the Pen

Our seventh and eighth grade Power of the Pen teams competed at districts on Saturday, January 25. Congratulations to our seventh-grade team consisting of Katie Anderson, Audrey Howe, Leah McBride, Addy Rodabaugh, Meagan Shaw, and Zoe Temple, which placed 5th out of 16 teams. Special congratulations to eighth graders Lana Campbell and Kitty Macbeth and seventh graders Katie Anderson, Leah McBride, Addy Rodabaugh, and Meagan Shaw, who advanced to the Regional competition at Wittenberg University on March 14.
Students in Mrs. Casanova’s Honors ELA Class recently completed research in order to conduct a debate on the topic of wealth in America. Each side presented their arguments to Mr. Shimko and Mrs. Bradley who evaluated how well each side supported their position with evidence.
January 8, 2020

Dale A. Wren, Principal
Herman K Ankeney Middle School
4085 Shakertown Road
Beavercreek, Ohio

Dear Principal Wren:

Congratulations! I’m honored to bring you the good news that Ohio’s State Board of Education has granted Herman K Ankeney Middle School its Overall A Award as a result of the school’s performance on the 2019 Ohio School Report Card.

As an Overall A Award winner for the 2018-2019 school year, Herman K Ankeney Middle School is demonstrating high academic performance and building bright futures for students of diverse backgrounds and ability levels. This makes your school part of a leading group of schools that show excellence in areas such as closing achievement gaps, showing more than expected academic growth for students, helping children build strong reading and analytical skills, and keeping them on track to be college and career ready.

Your school’s Overall A Award should make you proud and give your community confidence in you and your staff. This is evidence that Ohio’s schools are helping fulfill the vision stated in Each Child, Our Future, Ohio’s strategic plan for education, that each child is challenged to discover and learn, prepared to pursue a fulfilling post-high school path and empowered to become a resilient, lifelong learner who contributes to society.

Members of the State Board appreciate your strong leadership and congratulate both you and your high-performing staff. The State Board also commends your community for its support of your school.

Thank you for believing that Ohio schools can achieve excellence with commitment and perseverance over time. This perspective has earned your school well-deserved praise.

Sincerely,

Laura Kohler, President
State Board of Education

Nick Owens, District 10
State Board of Education

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BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

The Ankeney Middle School PTO is in search of new board members for the 2020-2021 school year as four members of our current board will be moving on to Ferguson Hall with their eighth graders. In order to continue our support of Ankeney students and staff we must fill these positions.

The AMS PTO offers a smaller scale version of what is provided to students at most elementary schools, but the work is equally valuable. It is thanks to the PTO that students may enjoy experiences such as dances, Ankeney Acts of Kindness activities, Math Counts, Power of the Pen, the History and Geography Bee, and semester treats. Additionally, the PTO partially funds the 8th grade farewell and organizes staff appreciation events and the Fifth Grade Ice Cream Social for our incoming sixth graders. We are in need of new leadership to continue bringing these special moments to our students.

The PTO is specifically looking to fill the role of President, Vice President, and Recording Secretary. If you are interested in learning more about what is involved in these roles, please contact Tiffany Page at ankeneypto@hotmail.com.

Volunteers for 2020-2021 Board

PTO President: OPEN
PTO Vice President: OPEN
Volunteer Coordinator: Felicia Mort
Recording Secretary (ideally attends all PTO Meetings): OPEN

Treasurer: Penny Blosser
Co-Treasurer: Holly Coles
Staff Liaison: Jacque Koehler

-- 8th Grade Farewell Slideshow --
8th grade parents are encouraged to send THREE photos of their students to be used for a slide show.
1. kindergarten school photo
2. 8th grade school photo
3. a photo of your choice

Send photos to: AMS8thFarewell@hotmail.com
If you’d like to create the slideshow, contact us at ankeneyPTO@hotmail.com

MARCH
NO PTO MEETING THIS MONTH
6 Teacher Treat Friday
13 End of quarter student treat
16-20 Book Fair
19 STUDENT COUNCIL/ PTO Spring Dance

The Decades Dance will be held directly following school from 2:20-4:00PM. Students are encouraged to dress from their favorite decade. Students will be entertained with a DJ, an opportunity to learn dances from various decades, an inflatable, access to basketball (sports) in the gym, and snacks!
Proceeds go to the AMS PTO.
Watch for information about ticket sales during lunch the week of the dance.

APRIL
3 Teacher Treat Friday
24 Beavercreek Youth Council Dance
BYC will host their spring dance for local middle school students on Friday, April 24 from 7:00-9:30PM at Fire Station 21. Due to Memorial Day tornado tree damage, BYC members regret the proceeds will go towards purchasing trees which they will help plant this spring.
28 PTO Meeting at 7PM in the IMC
30 5th Grade Ice Cream Social/Scavenger Hunt
From 6:30PM - 7:30PM, the PTO will host this event designed to help ease nerves and acclimate our incoming fifth graders to their new surroundings as they begin their Ankeney experience.

MAY
5 AMS Night at Dayton Dragons
Come support the PTO for an evening with friends and enjoy our 8th grade members of the Ankeney Choir perform the national anthem. Watch for more details after adding break.
8 Staff Appreciation Luncheon
TBD PTO Meeting
22 8th Grade Farewell
During school our eighth graders will get to enjoy dance houses and more. This event is partially funded by the PTO. Watch for information to come home with your student after spring break.
Middle School (6-8)

Beavercreek City Schools will be offering summer school programs for Middle School students to extend learning opportunities in English Language Arts and Math. You will have the opportunity to enroll your child in up to 2 course offerings. If you have questions regarding course selection, contact your child's teacher. Please note that enrollment will determine the courses that will be offered during the summer school session.

This summer opportunity is open to all Middle School students attending Beavercreek City Schools.

Dates:  July 6, 2020 - July 24, 2020

Times:  Session 1: 8:30am-10:00am

                           Session 2: 10:00am-11:30am

Place:  Trebein Elementary

              1728 Dayton-Xenia Rd.

                    Beavercreek, Oh 45385

Tuition:  $150.00 per student (Checks made payable to Beavercreek City Schools)

Registration: Complete the Grade 6-8 Enrollment Form, an Emergency Medical Form and include the tuition fee.

Enrollment Forms:  https://www.gocreek.org/apps/pages/summerschoolforms

Mail To:  Curriculum/Summer School
              Attn: Kim Cocuzzi
              3040 Kemp Road

                    Beavercreek, OH 45434

All registration materials must be received by Friday, April 24, 2020. We will send you a confirmation letter prior to the start of Summer School.
**Student Name:**

**Student School:** Ankeney or Coy

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**Checks made out to:** Ankeney PTO  
**Parent Phone number:**

**All orders due:** _March 13th_  
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**Student Flex Teacher:**

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