Inside this month’s newsletter, you will find lots of useful information regarding student accomplishments, staff highlights, and upcoming events in February and March. Stay warm and have a restful weekend.

Sincerely,

Dale Wren
Principal

From the Principal

February

Dear AMS Families,

We are completing the sixth week of quarter number three this week, including the five snow days we have had. The month of February is a busy one for our students. Each grade level will be registering for classes later this month (February 15 for 6th/7th graders, and February 22 for 8th graders) and are currently having registration meetings.

Please look for materials that will be coming home regarding the exciting elective options students have for next school year.

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Did You Know??? - Project Lead the Way

In a continued effort to improve classes that we offer students, the School District combined efforts with the Greene County Career Center this school year to offer several Project Lead the Way classes. 7th and 8th graders were able to take Flight and Space, Automation and Robotics, Computer Science for Innovators and Makers, and App Design. Two of Ankeney’s classrooms were retrofitted to meet the needs of each of these classes including new technology, floor designs, wall décor, storage, and other equipment. To find out more about what students worked on during the first semester this school year, please read page 4 of this newsletter.
Ankeney WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Leaders led several activities in 6th Grade Charger Period recently focusing on the topic of rumors. WEB leaders meet with our 6th grade students each month during school hours should take place through the office or clinic, not via student cell phone.

- Chewing gum is also not permitted.
- If a staff member has asked you to return to a classroom after you have eaten lunch in the cafeteria, you must have a written pass.
- Students are only permitted to carry draw-string bags between classes and not backpacks.
- Hats and sweat-shirt hoodies are not permitted in the building.

For more detailed information on these and other school policies, please visit our website to download the Student Handbook under "Quicklinks." Thank you for your cooperation with these policies.

Recently, we reminded students about a few items in our Student Handbook. Here is a summary of what we shared:

- Cell phones should be powered off and out-of-sight (such as your backpack or locker) from the time a student enters the building until the time he/she leaves the building for the day.
- Students are not permitted to make calls or text during school hours. All communication with home during school hours should take place through the office or clinic, not via student cell phone.
- Chewing gum is also not permitted.
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Upcoming Band Concerts

The Ankeney Middle School Concert Bands will be performing their next concert on Thursday, February 15 at Beavercreek High School.

The Ankeney Middle School Jazz Band will be performing at the Beavercreek Senior Center on Thursday, February 22.

The Ankeney Middle School Jazz Band will be performing at the Weekend of Jazz on Thursday, March 1 at Beavercreek High School.
Student Activities

Ankeney’s annual Celebrate Reading Week will be held March 19-23. This week stresses the importance of reading and is dedicated to encouraging people to become lifelong readers. To help Ankeney celebrate reading, students may purchase a t-shirt, which will be worn to kick off the week. Please see the order form included on page 10 of this newsletter for more information.

“Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere.” ~ Mary Schmich

Interested students should see their science teacher for an information packet and entry form. Entry forms are due to their science teacher no later than Thursday, February 15.

February Dates to Remember

February 8    5th Grade Parent Meeting for Incoming 6th Graders
February 13   Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m. @ BHS Auditorim
February 15   Band Concerts starting @ 6:30 p.m.
February 16   No School - Professional Development Day
February 19   No School - Presidents’ Day
February 22   Science Fair
February 27   PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

School Fees
Updated Student Fee Statements were mailed home this week. Student fees are now considered past due. For your convenience, school fees can be paid online through EZ Pay at www.spsezpay.com/Beavercreek or by contacting Cami Bradley at 458-2501. School fees allow us to provide many of the consumable items students use such as workbooks, science supplies, agendas, etc.

Important Contacts

Ankeney Absence Line: 429-7567, option 1
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

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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.
Project Lead the Way Classes

In our automation and robotics course, the students worked on a number of different projects to introduce basic building and programming. The first project students completed involved building a number of mechanisms to familiarize themselves with the structure and characteristics of mechanisms found in nearly every machine. Second, students designed a mini "float" that incorporated two different types of movement for our themed class parade. The third challenge introduced coding language along with input sensors and output motors to perform simple tasks. Finally, students used their knowledge of mechanisms, inputs and outputs, and coding to create a solution to a real world problem.

In flight and space, we began with a brief look at the history of flight and the many flying machines that have helped shape flight as we know it today. We completed the history of flight unit by competing in our class hot air balloon challenge. Students constructed hot air balloons and learned the importance of slow and skillful work. The course then moved into flight principles where all classes competed in a virtual glider competition. Utilizing all the knowledge learned about forces of flight and parts of an aircraft, students built and tested physical glider models. The course wrapped up by investigating flight beyond our atmosphere and looking at outer space.

In App Creators, students begin to learn block coding by thinking about flowcharts and logic. We create three apps that can be used as educational tools for learning about biology, but ultimately teach us about how to create timers, use variables, upload media, and program sprites or move-able objects on our screens. We move on from there to create two more apps that teach us the importance of creating procedures for repeated actions within an app and storing data for later use in an app. Students are then able to create their own mobile application to solve some problem they see in their real world! Last semester, students created a closet organizer, a classroom check in system using QR codes, and a drawing practice app!

In Computer Science for Innovators and Makers, students are able to get hands on with some hardware and program micro:Bits. We begin by introducing the coding platform, which uses either block coding or JavaScript, and the on board features of the micro:Bit. Students then move on to exploring the inputs and outputs of the micro:Bit separately. They are able to make lights, sounds, and motors move using inputs such as pressure sensors, shaking, and light. From there we work to make one input trigger one output by creating an alarm system. After we have explored each of the inputs and outputs individually and worked to put two together, the student move on to a final project that solves a real world problem! Last semester, students created advanced alarm systems that included coding a password on the device, a weather station that used two micro:Bits to read and report the weather outside, and a micro:Bit powered metronome to use in band!
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: Kristine Montague
Grade Level or Position: 8th grade Intervention Specialist
Years in District: 12th
Family: Jeff Montague – teacher at Ferguson Hall, Jacob – 4 years old and Charlotte – 2 years old
Favorite Food: Mexican and coffee
Hobbies: reading, playing volleyball, playing with my kids
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: helping students learn accountability and showing them they are achieving more than they think.
Unknown Fact about you: I love Harry Potter, Twilight and several other teen fantasy novel series!

Name: Brandi Kirschbaum
Grade Level or Position: 8th Grade Intervention Specialist
Years in District: This is my 13th year
Family: Husband: Josh, Children: Tucker (5), Finley (2) and Riley (11 months)
Favorite Food: Mexican Food
Hobbies: Watching sports with my husband (Go Bucks!), learning and laughing with my children, visiting family in Zanesville
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I love building connections and bonds with my students. There’s no better feeling than when they come back to visit after they leave Ankeney.
Unknown Fact about you: We live on 8 acres and have 3 chickens. We plan to add goats in the spring.

Name: Erin Rogers
Grade Level or Position: 6th Grade Intervention Specialist
Years in District: 16 (I think)
Family: Bret (husband), Amelia (daughter), and Macey (dog)
Favorite Food: Sushi
Hobbies: Working out and generally being active. I also like to read suspense novels.
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I love helping kids. It’s very rewarding to make connections with students and feel you might be making a difference.
Unknown Fact about you: I studied abroad in England for a semester while I was in college.

Name: Jennifer West
Grade Level or Position: Intervention Specialist
Years in District: 6 years
Family: I am married to my husband of 16 years, Jeremy West, and have two beautiful children. Micah is a sophomore at Beavercreek High School and Shae is a 6th grader here at Ankeney.
Favorite Food: Roast and potatoes
Hobbies: Watching Micah play volleyball and golf and Shae dance as well as play some volleyball when I have time.
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: Watching kids make connections is like watching a toddler learning to walk for the first time. I enjoy watching all my students becoming successful and watching their faces light up when praised.
Unknown Fact about you: I have an identical twin sister.
Other Info. you want to share: I lived in Ohio and Michigan growing up but am neither an Ohio State or Michigan fan. By marriage, I am a Tennessee fan. Go Vols!

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Welcome to Beaver Creek Fastpitch! Beaver Creek Fastpitch encourages and promotes youth fastpitch softball and leadership development to young individuals in Beaver Creek and surrounding areas. We are a non-profit organization operated on a volunteer basis. Our goal for this league is to create a competitive organization with a foundation of strong fundamental skills. We will strive to incorporate a healthy atmosphere with an emphasis on building confidence by focusing on leadership skills while developing their Fastpitch capabilities. It doesn’t stop when the season is over, we will provide volunteer opportunities throughout the year to help our young ladies grow both personally and athletically.

***New Online Registration @ www.beavercreekfastpitch.com***

Beaver Creek Residents: Beaver Creek residents only priority registration January 1, 2018-February 9, 2018
Open Registration: All communities, open registration starts February 10th
Deadlines: 8U-12U March 17th & 14U-18U April 13th

New this year: Teams are limited, once the teams are full, registrations will no longer be accepted. Registrations will only be accepted via mail or online. Email or hand-carry registrations will not be accepted.

No mandatory fundraisers.

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Checks made payable to: Beaver Creek Fastpitch Association
Mail to: BFA, PO Box 340315, Beaver Creek, OH 45432

PLAYER INFORMATION

Last Name: ____________________________________________
First Name: __________________________________________
Age (as of 01/01/2018): ____________________________
Grade: ___________________________________________

Street Address: ________________________________________
City: ______________________________________________
State/Zip: _______________________________________

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ___________________________
Years of Experience: ___________________________

Last two organizations participated in: ___________________________
Plays School Ball? Y/N: ___________________________

Shirt size circle one:
Youth - S, M, L, XL
Adult - S, M, L, XL

Play with request or coach request (only one/not guaranteed):

Mother/legal guardian Name: ____________________________
Address if different from above: ____________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________

Father/legal guardian Name: ____________________________
Address if different from above: ____________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________

Email Address: _______________________________________

EMERGENCY notification other than parents/legal guardian:
Name ____________________________ Phone ____________________________

VOLUNTEER *ONE Free registration for volunteering for Head Coach or Organization Volunteer. Limited volunteer openings. Please pay with registration. If there is a volunteer opening, BFA will provide a refund at the end of the season.

☐ Umpires ☐ Head Coach* ☐ Assistant Coach ☐ Team Volunteer ☐ Organization Volunteer*

*****PARENT SIGNATURES REQUIRED PLEASE SEE SECOND PAGE*****
Parent or Guardian Authorization, Disclaimer and Waiver of Liability

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Beaver Creek Fastpitch Association related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist, and

2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation, and

3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately, and

4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Beaver Creek Fastpitch Association, The City of Beaver Creek, and Beaver Creek Township, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners, and lessors of premises used to conduct the event (“RELEASEES”), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

Parent/guardian signature: __________________________ Date: ____________

Photo/Video Release Statement

Throughout the year coaches and/or board members may take pictures of the games, players, and fans engaged in various activities, to include games and volunteering opportunities. These pictures may be displayed as part of a bulletin, newsletters, website, and promotional items. Some coaches may create a team Facebook (or other social media) account and post pictures and information about the team. Please indicate your permission to have your child’s photo taken by signing below.

Parent/guardian signature: __________________________ Date: ____________

Sponsorship

We are looking for SPONSORS for the Beaver Creek Fastpitch Association’s 2018 season.

**If you bring in a sponsor, your registration fee will be 50% off one player**

Your 50% off registration fee will be refunded

Please contact beavercreekfastpitch@gmail.com OR Penny Wagner at 937-657-2571 for a sponsorship letter/request.

On behalf of Beaver Creek Fastpitch, we are thrilled that you decided to become part of our league. LIKE US ON FACEBOOK TO GET UP TO DATE INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please contact: Penny Wagner at Beavercreekfastpitch@gmail.com

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BEAVERCREEK AND FAIRBORN NIGHT
WITH WRIGHT STATE BASKETBALL

WRIGHT STATE vs. GREEN BAY PHOENIX

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
NUTTER CENTER | 7:30PM

- DISCOUNTED TICKET PRICE ($5)
- ENTRY TO WOMEN’S BASKETBALL GAME VS. DETROIT MERCY AT 5:00PM
- RAIDER POM POMS TO FIRST 5000 FANS

BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE:
WSURaiders.com

USE PROMO CODE
BEAVERCREEK18 OR FAIRBORN18
Help Ankeney celebrate reading by ordering a Celebrate Reading T-shirt!

(image on front of shirt)

Cost: $8 (adult sm-xl) $10 (2xl-3xl)

Available colors: royal heather, red heather, gray heather, Kelly green heather, Kelly green, red, light blue

All lettering will be BLACK.

Money and order form are due to your ELA teacher by Thursday, February 15th.

Cash only please! Sorry, but we will not be able to make change.
Attention AMS Families -

Special Ed Rooms 103 & 105 are having their Annual Carnation Fundraiser sale for Valentine’s Day! We will be selling carnations every day during lunch inside the cafeteria for $1.00 each to the Students. This year we are opening up our sales to parents as well! You may purchase them to give to your child by filling out the slip below. We will deliver them to the kids during 8th period on Wednesday February 14th. Make sure to include your students Name - 8th period Teachers name and/or Room number along with Cash Only please. Please drop off all orders in the main office no later than February 13th.

Thank you in advance for your support!!

Happy Valentine’s Day

To: __________________________

(First Name and Last Name)
8th Period Room # ____________

From: __________________________