Dear AMS Families,

The following pages contain Ankeney's March newsletter. Looking back to February, we had a great month with student and staff accomplishments.

Ankeney Middle School was one of six Greene County schools to be awarded the Ohio Department of Education's Overall "A" Award. As a building, we met each state measurement for testing last spring.

Staff were recently treated to a delicious lunch along with "A" cookies to celebrate this award.

Thank you for all the support you provide your children. The support you provide combined with the great staff we have here at Ankeney are what make accomplishments like this possible.

Sincerely,
Dale Wren

Ankeney has a birthday coming up next school year...we are turning 50! This bulletin board displays newspaper articles that chronicle important events in our history. Stay tuned to hear about the exciting ways we plan to celebrate in 2019-2020!
Ankeney had a great showing at the Dayton Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition. The team of Aryan Desarapu, Alyssa Griffiths, Aditya Patnaik, and Neal Thomson won 1st place out of 14 teams! The team will compete at state on March 9. Out of 108 competitors, Neal won 5th overall, Aditya took 7th, and Avery Slinker took 9th, qualifying them to compete in the fast-paced Countdown round. Aditya won the second place trophy for the round! Great job goes to individual competitors Ahmed Mohamed, Reese Nelson, Lucas Perez, Annika Pujara, and Addilyn Slinker.

January’s Shine Award recipient is Kaycee Crabtree. Kaycee walks into class and through the halls each day with a smile on her face. She treats everyone around her with respect and is always willing to help out other students and adults. For example, Kaycee is the first one to go out of her way to pick up something dropped on the floor during class. She cares enough to take the extra time and is quick to donate that time and her talents to show others she cares. She has a huge heart for others. Kaycee is empathetic and kind to not only her friends and family, but to the needs of complete strangers.

In the classroom, Kaycee consistently does her classwork to high standards and has homework ready to go. She participates in class conversations and sets a positive tone for the other students. In addition to her standout character at school, Kaycee is a gymnast and knows the meaning of “working hard” in the gym, and personal life. AMS is lucky to have Kaycee!
Celebrate Reading Week

Ankeney’s annual Celebrate Reading week will be held March 11-15. This week stresses the importance of reading and is dedicated to encouraging people to become lifelong readers. Students will read quietly in various classes throughout the week. In addition, there will be a “Novel of the Day” contest. Students who correctly identify the books from the clues on the morning announcements will be entered into daily drawings for prizes.

March Dates to Remember

- March 4-8: Scholastic Book Fair
- March 8: End of 3rd Quarter - 1-Hour Early Dismissal @ 2:45
- March 11-15: Celebrate Reading Week
- March 12: ELA MAP Testing
- March 13 & 14: Math MAP Testing
- March 13: Olweus Class Meetings
- March 15: PTO Spring Dance, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- March 19: PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- March 25-31: No School - Spring Break (Return April 1)

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”

Scholastic Spring Book Fair

Location: Ankeney IMC
Dates: March 4-8
Students may visit from their FLEX or with their ELA classes.

Outstanding Educator and Classified Support Staff Awards

Do you know a Beavercreek 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 Beavercreek City Schools Outstanding Educator Award or Outstanding Classified Staff Member Award. Nominations are being accepted until Friday, March 8. Nomination forms and information can be found on the District website.

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.
Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade art students in Media Exploration are creating ceramic bowls and donating them to Ankeney’s art benefit. Students learn different ceramic construction techniques to create the bowls and use different glazing techniques to personalize and decorate each one. Students focus on the importance of craftsmanship, the quality of their artwork, because when constructed correctly the bowls are food safe and last for years. One goal of this lesson is for students to experience how art can benefit the community and create a lasting impact. For a $10 donation at the door, people will be able to select one of these handmade bowls. Local vendors will be providing food and all proceeds from the event will benefit Shoes for the Shoeless. Save the date! The event is at AMS on May 1, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

8th Grade students in Miss Malin’s math classes have been learning about the Pythagorean Theorem by solving triangle mazes, finding side lengths of triangles within 3D shapes, and measuring the classroom to find the length of string needed for Barbie to zipline across the room.

Our seventh and eighth grade Power of the Pen teams competed at districts on Saturday, January 26. Congratulations to seventh graders Kitty Macbeth and Jenna Pucciani, who advanced to the Regional competition at Wittenberg University on March 9.

Seventh grade Design Thinking students welcomed Kris Horlacher and Jonathan Hauge into the lab today to learn more about the organization Shoes 4 the Shoeless. We greatly appreciate their time and all they do to serve our community. Can’t wait to continue the Design Thinking process and create impactful solutions to help their organization!
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.

March
8 (Friday) - End of Grading Period - Student Treats at lunche time
15 (Friday) - 80's Glow Spring Dance, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
19 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC (Form Nominating Committee)

April
23 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC (Nominations for Board)

Congratulations to seventh-grader Tyree Wilborne! He is one of five winners in a writing contest sponsored by Scholastic's Scope magazine and received a copy of Margaret Peterson Haddix's book *Uprising*.

Save the Date!

Dayton Dragons Game
May 21
Tickets will be $12 with $6 going to the PTO for the "Creek Safe" locks program.
Congratulations to the following 7th and 8th grade AMS band students who made it into and participated in the District XII Middle School Honor Band:

**7th Grade**
- Hannah La Rocco
- Kitty MacBeth
- Audrey Welch
- Alex Evans

**8th Grade**
- Carson Shroyer
- Olivia Bange
- Taylor Syphus
- Avery Underwood
- Samantha Lewandowski
- Sam Elam

The honor bands were directed by Dr. David Hedgecoth (The Ohio State University) and Mr. Matt Spradlin (Wilmington HS, Ohio). Each band rehearsed and performed a full concert on Sunday, February 24 at Beavercreek High School after only two days of rehearsals. Congratulations again to these talented and hard working students!
SAVE THE DATE!
1st ANNUAL
CLAY BOWL
ART BENEFIT
MAY 1st, 2019
EVENT LASTS FROM 5PM-7PM
Ankeney Middle School Cafeteria
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & DOOR PRIZES

For a $10 donation at the door, you can select a handmade bowl designed by AMS Art students! Local vendors will be providing food for us to fill our bowls. All proceeds will benefit Shoes for the Shoeless (Ankeney's chosen charity for the 2018-2019 school year).

Questions? Contact AMS Art Teachers Ms. Clark or Miss Christian at: melissa.clark@beavercreek.k12.oh.us or molly.christian@beavercreek.k12.oh.us
Beavercreek Family Fun Day!
2nd Annual!

Free Family Event!
Join Beavercreek schools, community groups, and organizations for an afternoon of fun for the whole family!

Enjoy live music, games, activities, local vendors inflatables, food trucks, and more!

Beavercreek High School
When
Sunday, May 5th, 12-4pm
Where
2660 Dayton Xenia Road Beavercreek, OH

More information
RAIN OR SHINE!
In the event of inclement weather, festivities will take place inside Beavercreek High School.

UpLift: Serve, Support, and Celebrate!
DONATIONS ACCEPTED!
This year, each Beavercreek school building selected a community organization to support, serve and celebrate throughout the year. Family Fun Day, 2019, will feature each school’s activity booth paired with their chosen organization. The donations during this event will benefit these amazing causes.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT?
Do you offer a service that would make this event even more awesome? Are you interested in volunteering for the event? Can’t make the event but want to contribute in another way? Contact Sarah Seilhamer with your great ideas!
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 15, 2019 – August 2, 2019

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

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

Place:  Main Elementary
        2942 Dayton-Xenia Rd.
        Beavercreek, Oh 45434

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: Jenny Dufresne
          3040 Kemp Road
          Beavercreek, OH 45434

All registration materials must be received by Friday, April 26, 2019. We will send you a confirmation letter prior to the start of Summer School.
December 17, 2018

Dale Wren, Principal
Herman K Ankeney Middle School
4085 Shakertown Rd
Beavercreek, Ohio 45430-1034

Dear Principal Wren:

Congratulations! I’m honored to notify you Ohio’s State Board of Education has granted Herman K Ankeney Middle School its Overall A Award.

As an Overall A Award winner, Herman K Ankeney Middle School’s report card shows your school is demonstrating high academic performance and building bright futures for students of every background and ability level. Congratulations on this impressive achievement!

Ohio’s strategic plan for education, Each Child, Our Future, is the state’s plan to ensure each student is challenged, prepared and empowered for his or her future by way of an excellent prekindergarten through grade 12 education. Our mission is to prepare students for a future that has yet to be written. Many consider this to be a daunting endeavor. Your education team, however, has clearly embraced this challenge.

I want you to know how much we appreciate your leadership and the dedication your team has to providing a high-quality experience for all students. Please share our gratitude with all of those who contributed to this accomplishment.

Thank you for all you do for the students and families you serve.

Sincerely,

Tess Elshoff
President