From the Principal

December

Dear AMS Families,

It is hard to believe, but it is December already. Glancing ahead to next week, the first semester of the 2019-20 school year will be ending the last day before break. I often field the question "How is your year going Mr. Wren?". This has been a year where the only word I can think of is "great". We ask students each day to "Be kind, work hard, and problem solve," and that is exactly what they have done this year. I see the growth each day in big and small ways. Thank you for your support as parents and community members as we take on the daily challenges of middle school life. It truly makes a difference when students are supported at home and school.

We begin MAP testing tomorrow, so please remind your student to charge their Chromebook and get a good night's rest. Enjoy the newsletter and have a great day.

Sincerely,
Dale Wren, Principal

Happy Holidays from your AMS Administrative Staff!

Did You Know??? - College Credit Plus

It is that time of year again that we start having our annual College Credit Plus (CCP) Meetings for students to participate in CCP during the 2020-2021 school year. It is mandatory that you attend one meeting in order to participate in CCP the following school year. Students will be able to pick up their registration packet only after they have attended a meeting. They will be available the evening of each event.

December 10, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.
January 15, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.

**Both are held in BHS Auditorium.**
Our October Shine Award recipient this school year is Mary Franz. Mary does a great job of making sure everyone is included. She genuinely cares for others and goes out of her way daily to help others succeed at class activities. She has a positive attitude, always works hard and takes accountability. Mary is willing to help anyone! She makes our school climate one of inclusion and compassion. Two of our Special Needs Assistants take two of our students to 7th period class in the gym. It is such a joy to see a student with such a caliber as Mary. Thank you, Mary. You are an awesome Charger.

Give the gift of reading! Scholastic Book Fairs will return to Ankeney the week of December 3-6. Our fair will provide a variety of books specifically selected to appeal to middle school interests. Students will visit the fair through their ELA classes.

Cash and credit card will be accepted as payment for items purchased at the fair. A new payment option this year is the Book Fair eWallet. Similar to loading money on your student’s lunch card, eWallet is:

- A great alternative to sending students to school with cash
- Easily funded using a credit card, and parents can set a spending limit
- Free to set up and unused funds are released back to the cardholder
- A convenient way for extended family members to fund student accounts
- Allows you to shop by reading level, grade, and price
- 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

You will also be able to shop the fair online. The online fair:

- Includes an expanded selection of books for all ages — from preschoolers to adults
- Offers FREE shipping to our school on all orders

Look for more information about the December Book Fair on Page 6 in this month’s newsletter!
PTO meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Ankeney IMC (Library). Meetings for the remainder of the school year will be held on the following dates:

**Ankeney PTO Information**

DECEMBER – NO PTO MEETING THIS MONTH

JANUARY 28

FEBRUARY 25

MARCH – NO PTO MEETING THIS MONTH

APRIL 28

MAY – TBD

**December Dates to Remember**

December 3-6  Scholastic Book Fair
December 5  Holiday Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m. @ BHS
December 10-13  MAP Testing
December 11  Olweus Class Meetings
December 20  End of 2nd Quarter - 1-Hour Early Dismissal @ 1:15
December 21-January 5  No School - Winter Break (Return January 6, 2020)

**Voice Messages**

If you receive a missed call from Ankeney, please take a few moments to check your voicemail. Most times, there is no emergency and someone has left you a message. The office does not know where to direct your call if you call the school back immediately without first checking for a message. To prevent any miscommunication, if you believe your child may contact you from school, please be sure your child understands the importance of leaving a clear and understandable message. Thank you for your help!

**Important Contacts**

Ankeney Absence Line: (937) 429-7567, option 1 or e-mail ankeneyattendance@gocreek.org
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.
Each 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!

Mr. Enneking held his Puritan Court recently. ELA 6 students created life-size versions of main characters from the novels Long Walk to Water and Lost Boy, Lost Girl. Characters are on display in the hallways upstairs. Students collaborated on the characters to portray characters' thoughts and feelings on their respective journeys.

School Resource Officer, Todd Suchy, had a great day teaching and learning with AMS students in Mr. Cook's World History class. Students showed their own designed Spartan shields and compared them and their uses against the shield technology of police and military units of today.

Basketball

The High School Women's Basketball team will be hosting Middle School Girls Basketball Jersey Day on Saturday, December 21. Our High School teams will be playing Trotwood.

Freshmen - 10:00 a.m.
JV - 11:30 a.m.
Varsity - 1:00 p.m.

Middle School Orange and Black play at 3:00 p.m. at the High School that day. Any Middle School Orange or Black team member that wears their jersey to the High School games will be admitted FREE on Saturday, December 21.

AMS Art Club is gearing up!!!
The AMS Art Club is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10th from 2:30-3:30 in Room 119 (Ms. Clark's room). Come see what exciting projects we'll be creating this year. From fused glass jewelry to bowling ball mosaics, there's bound to be something that sparks your interest.

AFTER SCHOOL BOWLING
Ankeney Middle School
January 6 - May 4, 2020

www.daytonbowling.com/asbp.html
Registration Form, FAQs, & Transportation Rules

BOWLING at BEAVER-VU BOWL
- PICK-UP TIME FROM PROGRAM: 4:30-5:30 PM
- SUPERVISION PROVIDED
- Instruction available during program
- Experience not required.
- If there is no school, there is no program.

FYI: Student participation in bowling is a FUNDraiser for Ankeney MS.

www.daytonbowling.com
www.facebook.com/afterschoolbowlingclub

Bringing a friend or meet a new friend - bowling is for everyone!
Beavercreek City Schools Mission Statement:
The mission of Beavercreek City Schools is to create a student-centered educational community through innovation and collaboration, inspiring all to lead and serve.

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.

For more information on the District’s attendance policies or how we follow requirements of HB 410, please see the Student Handbook located on the Ankeney Website.
Dear Parents and Families,

Do you know the impact that reading 20 minutes a day can have on your student? Research shows that students who read just 20 minutes per day typically score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. Come to the Book Fair to stock up on the books your student will love reading and ignite your home reading habits.

Please mark your calendars to visit our Book Fair and discover your student’s next favorite book!

**Save the date!**

Book Fair dates: **December 3rd – December 6th**

Shopping hours: **7:45-1:45 in the IMC**

Special activities: **All For Books Giving Tree**
*(All proceeds will be used to purchase books for Children’s Medical Center.)*

*Introducing Book Fair eWallet!* Let your child shop the Fair cash-free with our NEW digital payment option. Learn more on our Book Fair homepage and get started creating an account: [Ankeney’s Book Fair Homepage](#)

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our Online Fair at [Ankeney’s Book Fair Homepage](#). Our Online Fair is available from **November 27th** to **December 10th**.

We look forward to seeing you at our Book Fair! Happy reading!
Ankeney Middle School 50th Anniversary T-Shirts

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These are limited-edition t-shirts and will never be offered again! Help Celebrate Ankeney’s 50 years of educating students! Profits help to cover the cost of our 50th anniversary events this school year. They are made of 85% cotton and 15% polyester. Checks can be made out to Ankeney PTO. Questions? Please contact Brian Shimko at 429-7567 or e-mail brian.shimko@gocreek.org.
Join us for our 12th year on **Monday, December 23rd** at **Build-A-Bear, Fairfield Commons**, anytime between **8:00am** and **11:00am** to make a bear for a child that will spend the holidays at **Dayton Children’s Hospital**. We will take them to Children's to be given to a child that is admitted through the Emergency Room over the holidays. Over 10 years, we have taken over 1500 bears!

- Please **RSVP by Dec 20th** if you plan to attend (we have to let them know ahead of time the approx. number of bears we are building).
- Bears range $12-$35 and sometimes you can find coupons or go online for coupons for $5-$10 off. **If you can’t attend, consider forwarding to this project any coupons or gift cards you may receive.**
- We are also in need of non-denominational “Season’s Greetings” cards for the bears.
- Additionally, you or a group may **SPONSOR a bear** and simply fill out a Get Well or Holiday card that will go in the bear’s box. We will then have a child stuff the bear at Build-A-Bear for you. We will provide the cards or you can send one of your own at the time you donate.
- **Keep informed by joining our Remind 101.** Text **@bearhugs to 81010**

“**When my son was three, we ended up unexpectedly spending four days at Children’s. A middle school group donated a stuffed monkey that was given to my son. He held it tightly during blood draws, and for the next two years. Help us ‘Pay It Forward’ and have the fun of building a bear and the joy of giving to someone that will unexpectedly spend Christmas in the hospital.”**

**RSVP or questions:**

**Bears4Childrens@yahoo.com**  
937-971-8051  
937-239-3185

**Bears4childrens.weebly.com**

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**Merry Christmas!**

**The Hess Family**