From the Principal

September

Dear AMS Families,

I hope you had a restful Labor Day Weekend with family and friends. We have had a great start to the 2018-19 school year. Thank you for the role you play in supporting your student and our staff. We have several new staff members this year that we would like to welcome to the Ankeney Family:

Russell Nelson - PLTW
David Allen - Physical Education
Michelle Lentz - Geometry
Kate Schelkoph - Speech
Lisa Cooper - School Nurse
Chris Williams - SRO
Aaron Shafer - Science/Social Studies
Melissa DeWitt - ISS Monitor
Robbin Malone - Lunch Monitor
Marlies Neal - Café
Jeremy Linder - Custodian

Read more about them in the newsletter. Please take a moment and read about the upcoming events at Ankeney Middle School. We continue to teach the tenets of The Charger Way, "Be Kind, Work Hard, Problem Solve" each day. Read more about our PBIS Program below and how we work to prepare students for life, in addition to curriculum content.

Sincerely,

Dale Wren, Principal

Positive Behavior: The Charger Way

Ankeney students will continue to participate in our PBIS Program focusing on the “Charger Way” which aligns with the three phrases pictured on the right. Each Wednesday during Flex Period, students will be meeting with the same staff member to work on character and anti-bullying activities. With a consistent, small group of around 20 kids in each class, students will be able to form a positive connection with others. Read more about what students have learned on page 2 of the newsletter.
Ankeney staff have been rolling out our PBIS Program with students during Flex Period the first two weeks of school. 6th grade students watched videos of wrong behavior as illustrated by our staff members in the cafeteria, hallways, restrooms, bus, and at recess. Each 6th grade Charger group had to develop positive behaviors that we should see at Ankeney, create a script, and then make a video illustrating those behaviors. 7th and 8th grade students completed a scavenger hunt around the building to look for the different positive behavior matrixes that we have posted around the building. Students will be able to earn stamps for showing positive behavior throughout the school day. Students can redeem their stamps in our Charger Store every Friday for great prizes such as bowling passes, free pizza, school supplies, ice cream, and much more! If you or someone you know would like to donate items, please contact Mr. Shimko.

**Student Groups**

**Battle of the Books**

Do you know someone who likes to read? Likes competition? Likes a challenge! If so, they should sign up for Ankeney’s annual Battle of the Books! Teams will battle it out in a “Quiz bowl” type program in March. Registration forms will be available September 10th from any ELA teacher. Interested students should form teams and turn in completed registration forms by September 28 to Mrs. Brown in room 244.

**Power of the Pen**

Is your student creative and imaginative? Does he or she like to tell stories? If yes, Power of the Pen may be for your child! Power of the Pen is an interscholastic writing competition for seventh and eighth graders. The writing at tournaments is impromptu, creative writing. Practices for the tournaments are held once every other week after school. If your seventh or eighth grader is interested in participating on a team, please have him or her attend an informational meeting on Thursday, September 20, before school at 8:10 a.m. in Mrs. Brown’s room, room 244.

**Muse Machine**

Does your child enjoy acting, singing, and dancing? Do they like attending Broadway musicals, plays, ballets, and concerts? Would they like to attend these types of performances in and out of school with their friends? Join Muse Machine. A membership form was in First Day Packets or see Ms. Brown in room 156 for a membership form. You can also email her at missy.brown@gocreek.org and a form can be given to your child or e-mailed to you. For more information go to www.musemachine.org.

**Charged**

Do you like donuts and hanging out with friends? Would you like to have fun and get some positive inspiration? Charged is a group that meets Wednesday mornings from 8-8:30 a.m. all school year in Room 104. Everyone is welcome to join. It’s free and it’s a lot of fun! Come see what this fun group is all about!

**Yearbook**

Ankeney’s yearbook order forms went home in first day packets. If you’d like to order a yearbook, please send in the order form (available on page 7) with $35 cash or a check for $35 made out to Ankeney Middle School PTO. You can also order online at www.Jostens.com.

When you order online, you will be able to personalize your book with a name stamp and personalized icons. The deadline to order a 2018-2019 yearbook is January 18. If you have any questions, please contact:

Kathryn.Nevarez@beavercreek.k12.oh.us

**School Hours**

Students can be dropped off between 8:00-8:40 a.m. in the Front Parent Loop to the far west of the building. Please have students exit along the curb and proceed to the cafeteria to wait until the 8:30 a.m. bell rings. We do not have supervision for students prior to 8:00 a.m.
Staff Highlights (Continued on Page 6)

Name: Kate Schelkoph  
Grade Level/Position: Speech-Language Pathologist  
Years in District: 1.5 (this is my 2nd full year)  
Family: I moved to Beavercreek in September 2016 from North Dakota to be closer to my brother and his family. I have a 3 year old nephew who I love to spoil with trips to Target to get a Hot Wheels Car (and maybe more depending on his cuteness factor that day ;) ). My parents still live in North Dakota so I usually spend summers, spring breaks, and winter breaks there or meet them in Oklahoma where my other brother and his wife are living.  
Favorite Food: Pretty much anything that’s bad for you!  
Hobbies: I love to take walks with my chocolate lab, bake, read, and relax in front of the TV.  
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I love how my students always surprise me and continue to teach me (especially when I think I’ve got the /r/ down or think I have a really cool way to teach idioms and it turns into a bust ;)). They keep me on my toes and I appreciate their honesty and willingness to try new things!  
Unknown Fact about you: I have a chocolate lab, Annie, who was certified last year as a therapy dog!

September Dates to Remember

September 3  No School - Labor Day  
September 5-7  MAP Testing  
September 7  PTO School Fall Dance  
September 10-14  Make-Up MAP Testing  
September 12  Picture Day  
September 19  Olweus Class Meetings  
September 25  PTO Meeting

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”

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.
Ways to Get Ankeney News

Welcome back to a new school year!

The nurses would like to remind parents that all medications prescribed for use during the school day need a current written physician order on file in the clinic. This includes self-carry inhalers and other emergency medications. These Request for Administration of Medication forms are available on the BCS web page and must be renewed each school year. Please contact the school clinic with any questions.

7th grade students are required to have the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) and MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccines to attend school.

If you have not sent in proof of these immunizations for your student, please do so as soon as possible. Contact the clinic at 937-458-2509 with questions or concerns. We're here to help!

-Mrs. Cooper & Mrs. Newport

Student Pictures

Student pictures will be taken during 1st and 2nd periods on Wednesday, September 12. Picture envelopes went home in First Day Packets. Please make sure to send in your payment envelope! Retakes will be announced soon.

Ankeney PTO News

The Ankeney PTO will be hosting a Hawaiian Luau Dance for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders in the Ankeney Gym on Friday, September 7, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale the week of the event during lunch for $8.00 or $10.00 at the door. Look for food and drink donation and volunteer requests on the Ankeney PTO Facebook page.

A huge THANK YOU for all the volunteers that helped out with first day packets, in the main office the first day, and all those who helped put on the Welcome Back Lunch. Please consider volunteering and sending in your volunteer form if you haven’t already done so. If you have any questions about volunteering, please email Roseann Snyder, our AMS PTO Volunteer Coordinator at ankeneypto@hotmail.com.

Please remember to send in the PTO Donation Envelopes and Spiritwear Order Forms. As a reminder, we do this so we don’t have to ask students to participate in fundraising throughout the year.

Make sure you are receiving the latest school news which is sent home via Sangha. If you are not already subscribed, please make sure your information is current in OneView or send an e-mail to:
brian.shimko@beavercreek.k12.oh.us

We send out messages on a regular basis to keep you informed of what’s happening at Ankeney. We also post things on the Ankeney Middle School website and Facebook pages. The Ankeney PTO has a Facebook page that we encourage you to join as well. There are many ways to stay informed, so choose what works best for you!
November
27 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC

December
NO PTO MEETING
18 (Tuesday) - Cookie Walk for Staff 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
20 (Thursday) End of Grading Period - Student Treats at lunchtime

January
22 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC

February
26 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC

March
8 (Friday) - End of Grading Period - Student Treats at lunchtime
15 (Friday) - Spring Dance, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
19 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC (Form Nominating Committee)
**3rd Tuesday

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

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.
Staff Highlights

Name: Michelle Lentz
Grade Level/Position: High School – AP Calculus, Scholarship Algebra Two; AMS – Honors Geometry
Years in District: 17
Family:
Husband – Bob, environmental scientist for Butler County
Son – Billy (13), 8th grade at Magzig in Centerville
Daughter – Collen (10), 5th grade at Weller in Centerville
Favorite Food: anything Italian!
Hobbies: sailing, gardening, scrapbooking, playing piano
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students:
When the students who feel they struggle with math have an “ah-ha” moment and they begin to have confidence in themselves that they can do math.
Unknown Fact about you:
Although you will hear me often talk about my family and my husband’s family being from Cleveland, I actually grew up in Columbus and have never lived in Cleveland.
Other Info. you want to share:
I am excited to work with 7th and 8th graders this year in addition to my high school students. Although I am only here for one class period, I’m looking forward to being at Ankeney and meeting and working with everyone.

Name: Aaron Shafer
Grade Level/Position: 6th Grade Science/Social Studies & 7th Grade Science
Years in District: 4
Family: Engaged currently. Wedding will be May 2019. Have a 6 month old puppy at home as well.
Favorite Food: Chipotle or any italian food
Hobbies: Coaching, running, biking, kayaking, trying new restaurants
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students:
Getting students excited about the learning process and seeing the growth they make from the start to end of the year.
Unknown Fact about you: Started out college career in pharmacy school
Other Info. you want to share: Coach cross country for middle schools

Name: Russell Nelson
Grade Level/Position: 7th/8th Grade Project Lead the Way
Years in District: 1st year
Family: Wife of 12 years, Camy - we meet in college at Cedarville; 5 kids that go/will go to Bellbrook schools
Favorite Food: Pizza or Lasagna
Hobbies: Fishing, hiking, softball, golf and Fixing My kids toys
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students:
I love when students really understand why they are learning somethings, when the light comes on and they see the real-world application. PLTW classes will open students eyes to real world applications in almost everything that we cover.
Unknown Fact about you: the first 5 years of my teaching career was teaching in the district that I grew up in, so 6 of my former teachers became colleagues of mine. I grew up in Waterloo, NY, on the top of Seneca Lake in the Fingerlakes

Name: David Allen
Grade Level/Position: 7th/8th Grade PE
Years in District: starting my 13th
Family: I am a single dad of two great kids. My daughter Payton is 12 and my son Andrew is 9
Favorite Food: Steak, mashed potatoes and asparagus
Hobbies: Riding motorcycles
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: just having daily conversations about their life and current events that are happening with them
Unknown Fact about you: I was a mechanic for my dad’s garage for many years before I started teaching
ANKENNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year! Now is the time to order your Ankeney Yearbook. There are two ways to order a yearbook. You can fill this form out and return it with payment to the folder outside Mrs. Nevarez's room, room 222, or you can order your yearbook online. **Deadline to order your yearbook is January 18, 2019!**

Follow this link for online orders: [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

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**YOUR BOOK**

The cost of your yearbook is $35.00. Your book will be full color with a hard cover.

**If you wish to order ONLINE, you have different packages to choose from:**

- The **PERSONALIZE IT PACKAGE**, which includes your yearbook and one line of personalization.
- The **SIGNATURE PACKAGE**, which includes your yearbook, one line of personalization, a color autograph section and eight multicolor signing markers. You can also add icons to the front of your book. The icons are visible below.

*These Icons are available for online orders only!*

![Personlization Icons](image)

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**YOUR ORDER**

Student's Name

Student's Grade

Student's Flex Teacher

Parent Phone Number

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**Payment Method**

- [ ] Cash
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Check # ___________ [make checks payable to Ankeney Middle School PTO]

Yearbooks will be delivered to students during the last week of school. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the yearbook advisor, Kathryn.Nevarez@beavercreek.k12.oh.us.

**Deadline to Order: January 18, 2019**
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.

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Parent's Signature ____________________________ Date ___________