January

Dear AMS Families,

I hope you had a restful break with family and friends. 2018 is a new year with all kinds of possibilities at Ankeney Middle School. Looking back briefly, we had a great month of December with many positive student activities including a Toys for Tots fundraiser, Geography Bee, Shine Award Winner, and National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

Looking ahead, we are now in the 3rd quarter of the school year. Information will be coming home soon regarding class registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration will occur in mid-

Did You Know??? - School Messenger

As a school, our staff uses many tools to keep parents informed such as e-mail, websites, ProgressBook, etc. Another resource the office and district staff uses is School Messenger. Whenever we need to inform parents about upcoming school events, changes in schedule such as delays or cancellations, or even to notify parents of an absence that has not been called into the office, we utilize School Messenger via your phone number or e-mail address. It is important that you keep your information current with the office to ensure you are receiving our messages as we send out monthly newsletters this way as well as periodic updates.

February. We are excited to have some new options for students at all three grade levels.

Our staff is re-charged from the break and ready to work hard to help your children learn and grow. As always, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Dale Wren
Principal
At Ankeney, we are very proud of the top notch staff we have in our building. This is evident in many things, but most recently in the 2017 Momentum Award we receiv ed from the Ohio Department of Education. Our staff was recognized in December during our staff holiday luncheon from Chick-fil-A (who supports our Character Education and PBIS Program) along with a delicious sheet cake (pictured to the left). To encourage the positive things that our staff does to make AMS top notch, staff members can now give “Shout Outs” (pictured above) to colleagues for the awesome things they do to make our school a great place to be!

Our Shine Award recipient for the month of November is Isaiah Medina. Isaiah is a great reflection of a caring person. He shows this pillar each day in class in many ways. Each day Isaiah comes in with a smile and greets his teachers and peers. What sticks out most is Isaiah’s caring instinct for his peers. He is kind to his peers and will always go out of his way to help them whether it be in class on schoolwork or in the halls if someone struggling carrying their things.

Isaiah shows respect to his peers and adults at Ankeney. He always treats others as he would like to be treated. Isaiah works hard to do his best every day. He makes a difference in this pillar by leading by example. He is always one of the first students to get on task and he gently helps those around him get on task as well in a respectful, helpful way. Isaiah is polite, pleasant, and helpful to all. Congratulations, Isaiah!

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**Yearbook**

The deadline to order a yearbook is January 19. Order form is located on Page 11 of this newsletter, or you can order online using the link provided on the Ankeney website under the “Information” tab.

**Photos Wanted**

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

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**School Fees**

Just a reminder that school fee statements are available to view through ProgessBook. Fees can be paid online through EZ Pay www.spsezpay.com/Beavercreek. School fees allow us to provide many of the consumable items students use such as workbooks, science supplies, agendas, etc.

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**CHARGER NEWSLETTER**

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Student Activities

Toys for Tots

8th graders raised just over $600 in cash and toy donations for Toys for Tots. Students met their teachers at Toys R’ Us on December 7 to purchase gifts with the money they donated. Students were able to experience the joy of giving to others less fortunate than themselves. Thank you, 8th graders, for being students of good character and showing how generous you are!

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.

The annual Ankeney Science Fair is fast approaching! Science Fair will be held in the Ankeney new gym from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22. Students can work alone or in groups of up to three and are encouraged to begin work on their projects as soon as possible.

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

January Dates to Remember

| January 3  | First Day Back After Winter Break |
| January 10 | Olweus Class Meetings              |
| January 15 | No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| January 23 | PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.            |

Outside Recess

With cold weather here, please make sure your child is prepared to go outside at lunch recess. Our general guideline is that students will go outside when the temperature is at least 20 degrees or warmer with wind chill taken into account. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately with coats, hats, gloves, etc.

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.
On Wednesday, December 13, Ankeney held their annual National Geographic Bee. In the geography bee, students answer a variety of geography related questions, including state and world capitals, geographic landmarks and cultures.

Congratulations to the following 30 students that competed in the National Geographic Bee. These 30 students qualified by having the top 10 scores from each of their grade level primarily competitions.

Dominic Adducchio
Julianne Corcoran
Aryan Desarapu
Lane Dixon
Kennedy Eckert
Tyler Ellinwood
Lily Ellis
Ethan Emery
Britin Frazey
Nathan Hart
Ryan Ju
Katy McKenna
Josh Miller
Lucas Perez
Gabe Phillips
Elijah Potter
Corinna Ress
Dylan Ross
Aidan Russel
Colton Schirmer
Lucas Seman
Alex Shirey
Leona Slover
Jackson Sutton
Will Sutton
Talyor Syphus
Ethan Todd
Alan Xie
Michael Yahle
Brady Zollars

Congratulations especially to our runner-up, Dylan Ross, and to our winner, Ethan Emery.

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) at Ankeney Middle School held its annual induction ceremony on November 29! NJHS is the nation’s premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle school students. This year, we inducted 14 new members:

Collin Brown
Sophie Haun
Gabe Phillips
Ken Thomson
Katie Campbell
Rebecca Jones
Aidan Russell
Alan Xie
Jacqui Cornell
Elizabeth Kurian
Caitlyn Russell
Britin Frazey
Sean McCray
Hayden Rykken

More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character. NJHS looks to further develop these skills in our members and help the local community as well. 7th and 8th grade students who earn and maintain a 3.7 GPA are eligible to apply in the fall.
**Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the IMC**

**January**

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

**February**

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

**March**

9 (Friday) - End of Grading Period - Student Treats at lunchtime

20 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the IMC (Form Nominating Committee)

**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

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<td>Years in District: 20</td>
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<td>Family: My husband Dan and our puppy Gus</td>
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<td>Favorite Food: Blackened Chicken Caesar Salad</td>
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<td>Hobbies: Camping, boating and reading</td>
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<td>Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I love the look on my students’ faces when they make a connection, or figure something out they have been trying to understand!</td>
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<td>Unknown Fact about you: My favorite TV show is American Pickers, and I would love the opportunity to travel around the United States with Mike and Frank — discovering lost treasures!</td>
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<td>Years in District: 25</td>
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<td>Family: Husband - Andy; Children - Melissa and Andy</td>
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<td>Favorite Food: Lasagna</td>
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<td>Hobbies: When the weather is nice I love to be outside. I coach cross country, bike, run, lift weights and rollerblade. In the winter I like to paint furniture, pinterest and scrapbook.</td>
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<td>Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I love when students have the ‘aha’ moment and learn something new—that’s when I know that I am making a difference! My students are so much fun to be around and make me laugh!</td>
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<td>Unknown Fact about you: My nickname in high school and college was SMURPH for S. Murph (my maiden name was Murphy).</td>
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<td>Years in District: 4</td>
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<td>Family: Husband (Chris) And 4 Fur baby dogs (Rudy, Leo, Stormy, Ella)</td>
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<td>Favorite Food: Mexican food and ice cream</td>
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<td>Hobbies: coaching softball, traveling, hiking, spending time with my family</td>
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<td>Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: Inspiring them to believe in themselves to be successful and independent.</td>
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<td>Unknown Fact about you: I have a lot of side jobs outside of school. One of my favorites is serving at Geez Grill and Pub.</td>
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<td>Years in District: 23</td>
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<td>Family: Jeremey &amp; Shea Fruhwirth</td>
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<td>Lauren &amp; Josh Lane – grandson Emmett (Lil E) Lane</td>
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<td>Tyler &amp; Natalie Fruhwirth</td>
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<td>Favorite Food: To me, the company you’re with makes the food the best meal you’ve ever eaten even if it’s subpar.</td>
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<td>Hobbies: Being a Mimi (grandma), assistant coach with HS Women’s Basketball, hiking, biking, spontaneous random road trips stopping in Mom &amp; Pop places.</td>
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<td>Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I absolutely love working with students/athletes and seeing that lightbulb come on — seeing them succeed after they have struggled and the huge smiles that come across their faces. Priceless!!!</td>
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<td>Unknown Fact about you: I am a foster Mama with Adopt A Pit. I have had 14 foster dogs in the past 2 years. Each one breaks my heart when it’s their time to leave me, but to see them in their forever homes makes all the work and time you’ve put into the dog so worth it. Plus there is ALWAYS another beautiful, scarred soul to save.</td>
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<td>Other Info. you want to share: I am also a huge quote collector and have written several of my own.</td>
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Name: Libby Begley
Grade Level or Position: Special Needs Assistant
Years in District: 15
Family: Husband - Danny; Sons - Ryan, Broc, and Wes; 2 Daughters-in-Law - Heather and Amber; 7 Grandchildren - Samantha, Maddie, Boston, Braden, Gavin, Harper, and Savannah
Favorite Food: Dark Chocolate Everything!
Hobbies: I love crafts/art projects
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: watching the light bulb go on when they “get it”!
Unknown Fact about you: I love to sing.
Other Info. you want to share: I have a son, Wes, who has autism. He has been my greatest challenge and also my greatest joy!

Name: Penny Blosser
Grade Level or Position: Special Needs Assistant
Years in District: 4 years as a substitute and 10 years employed
Family: Phil (Husband – Engineer for UDRI); Sarah (Daughter – in school for Occupational Therapy Assistant); Hannah (Daughter – head stitcher for a local theater scenery manufacturing company)
Favorite Food: Chocolate, Southern Cooking
Hobbies: Genealogy, Learning new things.
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: Seeing the “lightbulbs” coming on.
Unknown Fact about you: I am shy until I get to know you.
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Beavercreek City Schools Two Hour Delay, Closing, and Early Dismissal Information

TWO HOUR DELAY

- Information about Beavercreek City Schools will be released to WKEF/WRGT, WHIO and WDTN television and WHIO radio stations early, by 5:30 a.m., and should be on the air soon thereafter.
- Information will be posted on the Beavercreek City Schools website at www.beavercreek.k12.oh.us.
- Information will be posted to Beavercreek City Schools social media including Facebook and Twitter.
- A School Messenger phone call will be made to all staff and families.
- Buses will pick students up two hours after their scheduled pick up time, and students may enter the buildings two hours after the normal starting times.
- Preschool will operate on a Plan B schedule, which means both morning and afternoon sessions will report but will have a shortened day. Morning sessions will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Afternoon preschool will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.
- Each building has a plan for conducting the remaining instructional time and lunch period.

CLOSING

- Information about Beavercreek City Schools will be released to WKEF/WRGT, WHIO and WDTN television and WHIO radio stations early, by 5:30 a.m., and should be on the air soon thereafter.
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- A School Messenger phone call will be made to all staff and families.
- School-sponsored activities are to be considered cancelled until further notice or the resumption of school.

EARLY DISMISSAL

- Notification of early dismissal will be released as soon as the decision has been made.
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- A School Messenger phone call will be made to all staff and families.
- Scheduled school events will be cancelled for the evening.
NOTIFICATION
Notifications will be made to our staff and families via School Messenger. Families may also sign up for e-mail and text message notifications of school closings and delays by visiting the district website.

PARENTS AND STUDENT SAFETY
A major concern with delays, closings or early dismissals is students who are left alone. All families should have a plan in place to ensure the proper supervision and care of their children in these situations. Families should also discuss the plan at the beginning of the school year and whenever inclement weather is a possibility. Each family member should know and be able to execute their plan.

HOW ARE THESE DECISIONS MADE?
- District leaders understand that the decision to close schools due to inclement weather or loss of utilities has a significant effect on all families. The following information may help families better understand the process used when making the decision:
- When inclement weather or loss of utilities impacts our schools, District leaders undertake a careful analysis of factors, including:
  - Information on road conditions from the district’s administrative team, transportation and maintenance staff.
  - Amount of accumulated snow and ice.
  - Whether precipitation is expected to continue throughout the day.
  - Temperature and wind chill.
  - Weather predictions from satellite systems, local radar, National Weather and NOAA Weather Radio.
  - Storm timing.
  - Impact on the district’s bus fleet.
  - Building or grounds conditions (such as whether there is electricity and/or heat).
  - Discussions with administrators from area school districts beginning the prior evening.

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?
The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the final decision, in consultation with the district’s administrative team and superintendents of other Greene County and neighboring school districts.
WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?
The decision to delay or close is made by 5:30 a.m., so sufficient time remains to notify staff and families.

STUDENT ACTIVITY CANCELLATION
A number of factors come into play when considering whether to move forward with student activities, which are generally held in the afternoons and evenings. Factors may include:

- Weather and road conditions, which may improve as the day progresses.
- The fact that weather conditions may vary between districts.
- Individual facility and/or site conditions.

The decision to move forward with an event or activity is made between the schools that are involved in the contests. If middle or high school athletic contests are cancelled, whether home or away, information will be posted to http://beavercreekathletics.com. Cancellations of other activities (non-athletic events) will be communicated to students and families by their advisors, coaches or building administrators.

AFTER SCHOOL BOWLING
Ankeney Middle School
January 8 - May 7, 2018

www.daytonbowling.com/asbp.html
REGISTRATION FORM, FAQs, and TRANSPORTATION RULES

BOWLING at BEAVER-VU BOWL
* PICK-UP TIME FROM PROGRAM: 5:00-5:30 PM
* SUPERVISION PROVIDED
* Instruction available during program
* Experience not required.
* If there is no school, there is no program.

ALL ABOUT BOWLING:
FOR BOWLERS OF ALL LEVELS
SHOES & BALL INCLUDED
$20 REGISTRATION FEE+$10 per WEEK
15 WEEK SESSION on MONDAYS

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Susan Diamond
Program Coordinator
susand@daytonbowling.com
937-426-6771

1238 N. Fairfield Road
Beavercreek, OH 45432
937-426-6771

Bring a friend or meet a new friend – Bowling is for everyone!
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.

*THERE ARE ICONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE ORDERS ONLY!

YOUR ORDER

Student's Name ____________________________
Student's Grade ____________________________
Parent Phone Number ________________________

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Payment Method
☐ Cash
☐ Check [PLEASE do not staple checks to the order form]

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@beaverk12.k12.oh.us.

Thank you for your order!

DEADLINE TO ORDER: JANUARY 19, 2018