April
Dear AMS Families,

Enclosed in the April newsletter, you will find many valuable pieces of information. We had a great month in March with many unique learning experiences for our students. April holds great opportunities for our students and families as well. Please note, on April 23, the founder of Bully-Proof Youth, Jim Bisenius, will be the keynote speaker at the Beavercreek High School Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Bisenius has an amazing presentation that will help students and families navigate many social situations and provide information regarding the resources available to support your student.

Sincerely,
Dale Wren
Principal

Did You Know??? - Technology @ AMS

Technology is an important part of the educational experience that students are exposed to on a daily basis. Teachers incorporate technology into many of their lessons through the use of classroom SmartBoards (which are interactive whiteboards), document cameras, videos, and the use of several building computer labs. The District also provides student access to many educational platforms via the student iPads such as eBackpack, eSpark, Socrative, Membean, IXL, and Kahoot. Students are able to conduct research and complete assignments on the iPads as well participate in cooperative games during class.
Ankeney’s annual Battle of the Books was held on March 20 and 22 in the IMC. Congratulations to the two teams who advanced to the Championship Round: The Comeback Kids, Alice Sandberg, and Julianne Corcoran, and The Book Battalion, Abby Roderer, Matthew Roderer, Hayden Rykken, Ethan Todd, and Alan Xie. Special congratulations to our champions, Julianne Corcoran and Alice Sandberg. Thanks to all students who participated in the contest!

Shine Award

Our Shine Award recipient for the month of February is Ariana Coates. Ariana has shown tremendous caring at AMS this year. She most recently helped a student who has had trouble making friends this year. She took the initiative to reach out to that student and to offer friendship. What may seem like a small action shows extreme caring. Ariana made a world of difference to that student.

This year, Ariana has shown extreme responsibility. Ariana works hard to make sure all of her assignments are turned in. She has had zero missing assignments this year. In math, she also works to ensure that if she doesn’t understand a concept, she problem solves and asks for help. She works hard to ensure that she does well in all of her classes, completes assignments, and takes care of her school responsibilities. She is always taking responsibility for her actions and working to ensure that she is successful as a 7th grader.
Student Activities

Through the generosity of local businesses and the Greene County Career Center, Design Thinking students have had the opportunity to learn valuable skills to help enhance their presentation and prototyping skills. Danielle Reinecke, senior graphic design from World Digital Imaging, spent a day in the lab to teach the fundamentals of graphic design and help the students learn Adobe Illustrator. The GCCC Construction Technology class visited the lab to help students learn basic carpentry skills while building needed storage for the lab. Jesy Anderson, owner of Needle, Ink, and Thread, spent a day in the lab to teach students how to use our sewing machines. We are excited to put these skills to work as we embark on our next full-cycle Design Thinking project!

April Dates to Remember

April 2  No School - Professional Development Day
April 4  AIR State Testing Begins (until April 26)
April 16  PTO Pizza Dive Fundraiser
April 20  PTO “Under the Sea” Spring Dance
April 24  PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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.

Lunch Payment Reminder

The end of the school year is fast approaching! The Student Nutrition Department asks that you check your student(s) meal account(s) on EZpay (which can be accessed at www.spsezpay.com/BCmeals) and pay any lunch debts due. Reminder: Lunch debts are due the day after a lunch loan is made. If you have any questions, please call (937) 458-2446.
6th Grade Soil and Water Presentation

6th grade science classes had an in-school presentation with Greene Soil & Water Conservation District. The importance and formation of soil was discussed with speaker Lee Eltzroth. Students were also able to see demonstrations on the effects of erosion and conservation.

Beavercreek Schools’ Parent Summit

On Monday April 23, Beavercreek City Schools will be hosting our 1st Annual Parent Summit. The Summit will feature keynote speaker Jim Bisenius, Child and Adolescent Therapist and the founder of Bully-Proofing Youth. This event will also provide parents and caregivers a chance to learn about resources available to students and families from local organizations and agencies. The goal of this event is to address topics that are relevant to student education and provide parents tools and resources that can help support students and families. This is a free event. Local agencies and resources will be set up from 5:30-8 in the Beavercreek High School Commons and the keynote speaker will start at 6:00pm in the Beavercreek High School Auditorium. If you would like more information on the keynote speaker please visit http://bullyproofingyouth.com/index/

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED...

Name: Melissa Fouts

Grade Level or Position: 7th Grade Physical Education & Adapted Physical Education

Years in District: 13

Family: Husband Frank, Son Frankie (6th grade), Daughter Bailey (5th grade). We have two dogs, Ginger (Tea-cup Chihuahua) & Remington (German Shepherd).

Favorite Food: Salad- I eat at least one every day!

Hobbies: Watching my kids play sports. Frankie plays basketball, soccer, and Scouts select baseball. Bailey plays Celtic soccer & competes in gymnastics. I love to be outdoors and our family likes to camp, hike, swim, and fish.

Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: Getting to know them as people and laughing with them each day! Middle school students have a great sense of humor and love for laughter!

Unknown Fact about you: I was a dancer from the age of 3 and danced in college on a scholarship. I performed in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade twice and in the half time show of the Pro Bowl with NSYNC!

Other info. you want to share: I would love to live on a farm!
**Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the IMC**

April

16 (Monday) - Pizza Dive Fundraiser

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.

April 16 - 19

Come out to see Mr. Wren and Mr. Shimko serve pizza Monday, April 16 between 4:30-8:30 p.m!
Name: Lea Blair  
Grade Level or Position: 7/8 Grade App Creators and Computer Science for Innovators and Makers  
Years in District: 1st  
Family: I have a dog named Wyatt who is 4 and he is the light of my life!  
Favorite Food: Hamburgers!  
Hobbies: I like to be outdoors and active. I’m very into a healthy lifestyle that includes lifting weights and competitive Crossfit. I also enjoy sewing!  
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I love watching students get so excited when something goes right! It’s the aha moments that make every frustrating moment worth it!  
Unknown Fact about you: I was in an infomercial when I lived in Los Angeles!  
Other Info. you want to share: I feel very blessed to get to teach what I teach where I teach it! This has been the best year of my teaching career by far!

Name: Matthew Lockwood  
Grade Level or Position: Satellite Engineering Teacher for GCCC  
Years in District: First year  
Family: This summer will mark 10 years of marriage with my wife, Jessica. We have four beautiful children, Jackson (6), Aliya (4 ½), Brynlee (3), and Logan (1 ½).  
Favorite Food: Currently doing the whole30 diet, but I am taking recommendations for pizza places to try.  
Hobbies: Woodworking and DIY projects  
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I have the best job in the world. Every day I get to assist students with the design process and watch them learn from their mistakes. We get to program robots, build planes, create apps, and solve problems.  
Unknown Facts about you: I taught high school engineering for 7 years just outside of Scranton, PA before relocating here to be near family. HAILing from the state up north, I am an unabashed Michigan fan. GO BLUE!  
Other Info. you want to share: I want to give a big shout-out to the staff here at AMS for making the transition here a smooth one. The decision to pack up our family and move to Beavercreek was not easy, but the more we get involved in the community, the more we are reassured we made the right decision. I am proud to call Beavercreek home. Go Beavers!

Name: Jenny Jones  
Grade Level or Position: Gr. 6 Digital Technology Literacy Teacher  
Years in District: 11 years  
Family: Pets = Barry Bear (rescue dog) & Minnie Me-Me (shelter cat) Siblings = 2 sisters and a brother.  
Favorite Food: Lasagna no question!  
Hobbies: My hobbies include reading books from many genres including non-fiction, bowling, photography, traveling anywhere with a beach and spending time with family and friends.  
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: I love how the students inspire me to see the world in different ways I may not have considered. They are amazing and there are not words to describe how incredible it is when you see them achieve something they have worked hard to accomplish or help another student achieve this through peer mentoring or student facilitated learning.  
Unknown Fact about you: I have lived in Beavercreek since I was 5 years old and I am a graduate of Beavercreek High School.

Name: Erin O’Dell  
Grade Level or Position: Design Thinking 8  
Years in District: 11  
Family: My husband, Charlie, and I are expecting a baby boy due April 28!  
Favorite Food: Anything made by my mother or grandmother. They are both fabulous cooks and bakers.  
Hobbies: Shopping with my mom and sister, reading, cheering on the Dayton Flyers football team, and visiting National Parks.  
Favorite Thing about Education or Working with Students: After teaching math for 9 years, Design Thinking has been a great opportunity to witness student success in a different classroom environment. I love how Design Thinking inspires students to take ownership and pride in their work. It’s amazing to see what our students are capable of creating when we give them the tools and freedom to try something new. I’m excited to see how the skills taught in Design Thinking will serve our students in their future endeavors.  
Unknown Fact about you: I avoid running because some Ankeney teachers would tell you that when I do, I look like a t-rex.  
Other Info. you want to share: I am a proud graduate of Beavercreek City Schools and it has been a true joy working with the staff, students, and families of Ankeney.
Owen's Place Family Fun Day!
Sponsored by Beavercreek City Schools

Free Family Event!
Donations are accepted to support Owen's Place's goal to build a universally accessible baseball field at Rotary Park!

Meet Gem from the Dayton Dragons from 1:00-2:00!

Fun for the whole family!
- Kid's Games
- Food Trucks
- Arts and Crafts
- Universally Accessible Play Area
- Live Music

Rotary Park
WHEN
Sunday, May 6th, 12-6pm
WHERE
2260 Dayton Xenia Road
Dayton, OH
MORE INFORMATION
Parking shuttle available from Beavercreek High School. Handicap parking available on site. Rain location: Ferguson Hall

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@beavercreek.k12.oh.us with your great ideas!
Application Form
18th Annual Amanda (Reese) Crockett & Ed Zink Beavercreek Girls Basketball Camp

Camper’s Name: ____________________________
Age: _______ Grade Completed: ____________
Address: __________________________________
City: ______________________________________
State: _______ Zip Code: ____________________
Home Phone: ________________________________
Cell Phone: ________________________________
Parent’s Name(s): __________________________
Emergency Contact: _________________________
E-Mail: ____________________________________

T-Shirt Size (Specify Youth or Adult): _______

Release:
I give my consent for my daughter’s participation in the Amanda Reese/Ed Zink Beavercreek Girls Basketball Camp. I certify that she is physically fit to take part in this activity. I carry personal medical insurance in case of accident or illness. I do hereby agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless Amanda Reese, Ed Zink, Coaches, Participants, School Officials, and the Beavercreek School System from all causes, liabilities, damages, claims, or demands whatsoever on account of any injury or accident involving my daughter arising out of her participation in the basketball camp at Beavercreek High School.

Parent/Guardian
Signature: ________________________________

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AMANDA (REESE) CROCKETT & ED ZINK
BEAVERCREEK FUNDAMENTAL GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

WHEN:
June 4-7, 2018
9:00AM – 12:00PM

WHO:
Girls Grades 1-8
(Completed)

WHERE:
Beavercreek High School

COST:
$90 Per Camper
*$10 Discount for additional family members

*Early bird deadline: May 18-$80
Camp Information

Camp will be administered and taught by Amanda (Reese) Crockett and Ed Zink along with current and former basketball players.

Our camp is designed to provide campers with personal attention to improve their basketball fundamentals. Campers will also develop their skills and teamwork each day during league play.

Campers will receive a camp t-shirt, a drink each day, and trophies/awards for contest winners.

Please send check (payable to Beavercreek Boosters), application form and signed release to:

Ed Zink
Beavercreek High School
2660 Dayton-Xenia Road
Beavercreek, Ohio 45434-6399

Any questions—please call Ed Zink at: (937) 657-1515 or by email Edward.Zink@gmail.com or contact Amanda Reese at: (773) 401-8585 or by email at areese@northpark.edu

Camp Staff

ED ZINK
- Beavercreek High School Head Coach for 43 years
- Record: (770-243)
- 6 Regional Championships
- 3 State Titles

AMANDA (REESE) CROCKETT
- Beavercreek All Time Leading Scorer
- 1995 Ohio Miss Basketball
- 1995 State Champion
- Northern Illinois 3 Year Captain
- Northern Illinois 1,000 Point Scorer
- Current Division III College Coach at North Park University

Typical Camp Day

9:00 AM-Roll Call & Stretching
9:15 AM-Fundamental Stations
10:45 AM-Drills & Contests
11:30 PM-5 on 5 League Play
12:00 PM-Dismissal

**Thursday is Mother/Daughter Camp Day—family members are invited to participate**