



October 4, 2023

WARRIOR WAY ASSEMBLIES - WEDS (10/4) AND THURS (10/5)

Our first Warrior Way Assemblies of 2023-24 take place this week on Wednesday (Teams 1, 3 and 5) and Thursday (Teams 2, 4 and 6) during Morning Meeting. During our quarterly Warrior Way assemblies, students and staff celebrate the three principles of Respect, Effort and Action in our school community.

Below are some family discussion questions to help reinforce the messages of the assembly.

- 1) What has to occur for students to dress up for Halloween at AMS this year?
- 2) Students watched this [video segment](#). Consider asking your child: Who is Xavier Jones and what personal characteristics did he demonstrate?
- 3) Who was recognized as an Ultimate Warrior at the assembly? Why?



School Breakfast and Lunch - LINQ Connect Payment System Reminders

This year the school district moved to a new school breakfast and lunch payment program. Please click on [this link](#) for reminder information about the transition to LINQ Connect Payment system now being used for school breakfast and lunch payments. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS EVENT - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

On Thursday, October 5th, students are invited to attend our after school sports event. On that afternoon both the modified football and modified volleyball teams will have home games.

- There is no cost to attend.
- Students will sign up with a Google Form next week to indicate if they plan to attend. The form must be completed by the end of Morning Meeting on Thursday.
- In advance, students must find a teacher to stay after school with on Thursday from 2:40-3:20 before completing the Google Form.

- At 3:20 spectators with report to the Recess Area to hang out with friends, play recess area games and purchase snacks from our SL@AMS Club. The proceeds from snack sales will support the AMS Food Pantry Program.
- Students must have a ride here at AMS to pick them up at 5:15pm, regardless of game end time. Families are welcome to join.
- Students are expected to be good spectators, attending with the purpose of cheering AP on to victory and following adult directions. Students who are not able to follow these basic expectations will be asked to call home for a ride.
- These expectations for attending the event will be shared with students through the morning announcements next week.

Thank you!

ALGONQUIN PARENT ORGANIZATION UPDATE

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and involvement this month! The teachers were so appreciative of all of the goodies in their faculty room, there was an amazing attendance to our first APO meeting, our book fair went successfully and the kids had a blast at our movie night on Friday night! All of this could not have happened without the parents of AMS students!



Here's what is coming up for the month of OCTOBER!



FALL AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS EVENT - our AMS SL@MS club will be hosting a concession stand at the after school event on October 5th. The proceeds will help stock up the AMS Food Pantry.

ONLINE APPAREL STORE

AMS APPAREL SALES - Our AP merchandise sale is going live on Wednesday! Look out for an individual email with the link to purchase some new, amazing AP gear!



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR - The 2023 Halloween Spooktacular is coming up on Thursday, October 26th, from 2:30-4:30pm, right after school! Tickets are \$5. There will be cider and donuts, snacks, treats, games, music, and more! Come join in the fun! 🎃 A sign up genius will be sent within a couple of weeks asking for help!

CHROMEBOOK PREPAREDNESS

When a child does not have their Chromebook charged and ready to go for the start of school they are not prepared for their learning experience that day. We encourage all families to work to identify a central charging location at your home that allows for students to be in a “charging routine.” We have a limited number of loaner Chromebooks. As a result, students are asked to call home for a parent to bring their Chromebook to school should they forget theirs. If a student forgets their Chromebook or arrives at school with a dead battery, three times in one marking quarter requiring a loaner Chromebook from the library each of those times, they will be assigned lunch detention. For those students who struggle with the Chromebook routines we have plans that can be put in place to support them. Having their Chromebook in school, charged and ready to go is part of their job as a student. Please encourage your child to charge it and bring it to school as part of their school routine. Thank you.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Sora Ebooks and Audiobooks:

All Averill Park students have access to thousands of free and amazing ebooks and audiobooks through Sora. <https://soraapp.com/welcome> Students log in through their Google account. They select Questar III Boces and then APCSD and then can begin searching for books. These e-books are available through the generous support of the Questar III School Library System.

Please email Mrs. Ekstrom if you have questions: ekstromr@apcsd.org

EVENTS AT THE NORTH GREENBUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lego Club: Calling all builders! Join us for LEGO Club on Monday, October 23rd from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Children's Room! You bring the imagination, we supply the LEGO!.

Tween Book Club: Our Tween Book Club is back! They will be meeting on Saturday, October 21st at 12:30 in the Children's Room to discuss the graphic novel *Spirit Week* by Ira Marcks. Books are available at the circulation desk. Our Tween Book Club meetings include book discussion, a related craft and snacks. All kids ages 10-13 are welcome!

Tiny Art: Have you heard of Tiny Art? Tiny art is art in miniature. We are going to have an Autumn Tiny Art Exhibit here at the library in November and would love for everyone (children, teens and adults) to contribute! Use a small canvas (about 4 inches by 4 inches) and create a fall themed masterpiece with any type of media you would like. We will have a supply of 4x4 canvases here at the circulation desk soon. Bring your artwork to the library by Monday, October 30th so we can arrange our Autumn Tiny Art exhibit in our front display case. We can't wait to see what everyone creates!