



November 1, 2023

Upcoming Minute Meeting Survey

Approximately each marking period the AMS staff likes to check in with students about how their school year is going and to learn more about their interests and experiences. To facilitate this we utilize a staff created survey we call a “Minute Meeting.”

Our first Minute Meeting survey of the year will take place on Friday and we will ask students about their favorite (and least favorite) parts of the school day, what clubs/activities/sports they are or will participate in this year and how they best get help from adults here at school.



We value student input and work hard to get to know more about each child we serve here at AMS and the information from this survey will help guide teachers, counselors and principals here at AMS in our continued work. Thank you.

Free Breakfast and Lunch - Begins on November 2

As we prepare for anticipated increase in students utilizing school offered breakfast and lunch, a few reminders and procedure changes will be implemented to ensure a calm, orderly and efficient purchase process here at AMS. [These slides](#) were narrated for students on the morning announcements earlier this week.



Energy Drinks

As a reminder, we ask that families not send students to school with energy drinks. These sugary and caffeine filled drinks amplify the energy levels of young people, who are by their nature typically filled with energy.

Additionally we ask that only water be consumed in classroom spaces during the day as frequent spills of sticky drinks make maintaining our well cared for school space challenging.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Parent-Teacher Conferences - 11/14 - Half Day

On Tuesday, November 14, AMS students will be dismissed at 10:55am to allow staff to participate in parent-teacher conferences.

At the middle school level parent teacher conferences are scheduled for students at the request of the team of teachers or by the request of a parent. If you feel that you or your child would benefit from a parent conference please reach out to the AMS Counseling Center at 518-674-7107. Thank you.

Grade 7 Spanish Field Trip - Thursday

Our grade 7 Spanish students have been extended an opportunity to attend a performance of the Hispanic Flamenco Ballet on Thursday, November 2nd, at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall in Troy, NY.

The Hispanic Flamenco Ballet will be performing their "Latin Iberian Show," at 9:40 a.m., it is "an immersive journey delving into the essence of Latin America and Spain, concluding with an interactive segment." Permission slips were sent home with additional information.

Grade 7 French and Foreign Language Exempt Students - Thursday

While our grade 7 Spanish students are on their field trip we have planned a special event for our French and Foreign Language exempt students. Students will participate in a movie event for the film "The Walk" (PG) about Phillippe Petit, a French highwire walker, who walked a tightrope between the two World Trade Center buildings in New York City when the buildings were under construction. This movie is a thrilling one that students will enjoy.

AVERILL PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION GALA EVENT - 11/17/23



The Averill Park Education Foundation invites you to their 17th Annual Gala on Friday, November 17th at Old Daley on Crooked Lake. The Gala is the largest fundraising event of the year for the Ed Foundation and with the money raised at the event, is able to support the school district through grants awarded throughout the year. To

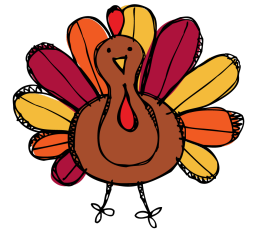
learn more about how the Ed Foundation is helping and for registration information, please [read this letter](#) and [visit their website](#).

SAND LAKE KIWANIS - HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DISTRIBUTION

The Sand Lake Kiwanis Club is once again supporting families in need for the holiday season. Please see this [informational flyer](#). Hard copies of the flyer and form are available in the AMS Counseling Center. Please contact your child's counselor if you have any questions about this program. Thank you.



NOVEMBER APO NEWS



As always, thank you all for your support with everything going on at AMS!!!! The Fall Movie Night was a great time, the after school sports concession profits helped out our FOOD PANTRY (way to go SL@MS), lots of apparel items will be making their way home by the end of the month, and the SPOOKTACULAR was a hauntingly good time!!

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

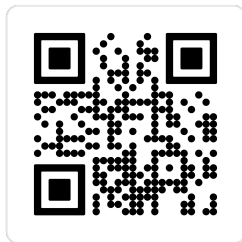


2:30 – 6:00 in the
Order form:

Thanksgiving Pie Sales

Orders Due by **Friday, November 10th.**

1. Please complete the digital order form using the QR code below.
2. Send payment:
 - Via cash/check - send to school with your child in an envelope marked "PIE SALE" and the name on the order. Checks should be made payable to **Algonquin APO.**
3. **Pick-up orders on Tuesday, November 24th from AMS Music Hall**



SCAN ME



"We are Thankful For our Teachers" - If you are interested in sending in a little something to help restock the faculty room to say thank you to the staff of AMS, [please sign up here!](#)



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS - The 2023 Holiday Happenings will be on Thursday, November 30th, from 2:30-4:30pm, right after school! At this event we get into the holiday season with gusto by decorating the cafeteria, making holiday crafts, and writing letters to Santa to help Make-A-Wish! Tickets are \$10. There will be crafts, pizza, hot cocoa, treats, music, and more! Come join the fun! [Sign up here](#) to help or donate items that will be needed! Hope to see you there!



The AMS Winter Luau will be on February 7th from 2:30-4:30. We will be playing beach ball volleyball, making crafts, playing games and of course LIMBO!!!! Sign ups will be coming out closer to the event!

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

AMS Picture days are November 16 & 17 during PE classes.

Pre-order today at www.mylifetouch.com with picture ID code EVTXXVD49

[Click here](#) for a digital copy of the order form.



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Check out the collection [HERE!](#)

BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITY

The Pleasure Read Book Club will be held on Tuesday, November 7th. The book club will be held in the library from 2nd dismissal until 3:20. Students should bring any middle school level book they've read that they would like to share. Students can get a ride at 3:20 or take the late bus home at 4:15. If your child would like to attend, they can email Mrs. Ekstrom at ekstromr@apcsd.org or they can sign up in the library. Snacks will be provided, all are welcome to attend!



CODING CLUB

Coding Club will meet next week on Thursday, November 2nd from second dismissal until 3:20. Anyone is welcome to join us. Your child can sign up in the library or can email Mrs. Ekstrom to let her know they're coming. Your child needs to have a ride or take the late bus home at 4:15. Email Mrs. Ekstrom with any questions: ekstromr@apcsd.org



CHROMEBOOK PREPAREDNESS

If your child forgets their Chromebook or arrives at school with its battery dead, three times in one quarter, they will have lunch detention. Having their Chromebook in school, charged and ready to go is part of their job as a student. Additionally we have a very limited number of loaner Chromebooks that need to be utilized by students who may be experiencing a technical issue. Please encourage your child to charge it and bring it to school as part of their after school routine. Thank you.

