



**January 31, 2024**

## **KIDS HEART CHALLENGE**

On Thursday, February 29th the Physical Education department will hold their annual "Kids Heart Challenge" through the American Heart Association. The event will take place after school from 2:30-5 pm. Students can participate in Jump Rope and Basketball activities, as well as the 5th Annual "Algonquin Ninja Warrior" competition. If you plan to attend the event, please hand in a signed Kids Heart Challenge permission slip form that was handed out in class.



For those who won't be able to attend, but would still like to help, we ask that you register your son or daughter at [www.heart.org/khc](http://www.heart.org/khc). By getting 50% of our students just registered we will be able to earn extra money towards our Physical Education department program along with extra recess equipment. Registering is free and does not obligate you to come to the event or raise any money. If you or your son or daughter has any questions please email Emily Crowley at [crowleye@apcsd.org](mailto:crowleye@apcsd.org).

Thank you,  
Algonquin Physical Education Department

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## **APO WINTER LUAU - PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Winter Luau is just around the corner on February 15 and we need your help! Please consider signing up to volunteer by clicking on the link! There will be snacks, games, beachball volleyball, limbo, and even a hula hoop competition! We thank you for your support in making this a great event!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0E49A8AA22A3FFC43-47529705-luau>

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## **AP YOUTH LACROSSE REGISTRATION - SPRING SIGN UPS**

## **AP BASKETBALL FEBRUARY BREAK CLINIC**

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## GRADE 8 FAMILIES: TECH VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

TechValley High School has begun its admissions process for next school year.

More information can be found on their [Admissions Website](#).

Averill Park plans to offer two seats to the TechValley program next year.

Please note that interested students must attend an information session provided by TechValley in order to be considered for the admissions lottery.

All applications are due to the AMS Counseling Center by Friday, February 16.

AMS families with questions can reach out to Grade 8 Counselor, Katelyn Baker at [bakerk@apcsd.org](mailto:bakerk@apcsd.org)

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## ORCHESTRA 7 AND 8 STUDENTS - UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT APHS

Dear 7th and 8th grade Orchestra members and families,

This letter is to inform you of a unique performance opportunity that is being funded by the Averill Park Education Foundation. We have been invited to join the High School Orchestra, as well as the 7th and 8th grade French classes, to attend a workshop on Fiddling and Folk Dance on Thursday, February 8th. In the event of a snow day, it will be rescheduled for Friday, February 9th.

### **Thursday, February 8th Fiddling/Folk Dance event**

7:45-8:20am: Students attend Morning Meeting and check in with their Period A teachers

8:20am: Students report to the Orchestra room to prepare to leave. Please be sure to have your instrument and music with you that day.

8:30am: Leave for APHS, upon arrival unpack instrument and tune

8:55-10:15am: Participate in Fiddling/Folk dance event

10:15am: Leaving APHS

10:30am: Return to Period D classes

### **Snow Day Schedule for Fiddling/Folk Dance event (Friday, February 9th)**

12:25pm: Students report to the Orchestra room to prepare to leave. Please be sure to have your instrument and music with you that day.

12:30pm: Leave for APHS, upon arrival unpack instrument and tune

12:50-2:10pm: Participate in Fiddling/Folk dance event

2:10pm: Students will take their regular bus home from the high school. If they are attending an after school event at AMS then they will get off the bus at AMS and be picked up at their usual time. Parents who typically pick up their student will do so at the usual time at Algonquin.

A permission slip is not required for this event as we are staying within the school district. Please note the dates and times and know that your child will be out of the building. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at: [barattom@apcsd.org](mailto:barattom@apcsd.org)

Thank you!  
Michele Baratto

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## ACTIVE PARENTING WORKSHOP

Parenting can be easier! This is a FREE class for parents of preteens and teens! This program provides parents with the skills needed to use effective discipline, teach responsibility, and communicate with their children. Each remote session shows parents how to handle sensitive issues such as drugs, sexuality, and violence.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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# WINTER APO NEWS

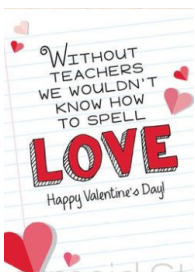


As always, thank you all for your support with everything going on at AMS!!!! It has been a quiet winter because of the holidays but fun things are coming!!! Here's what is coming up!



**February 15th - 2:30-4:00**

Because of a gym conflict, we had to move the date of the luau. There will be snacks, games, beach ball volleyball, limbo, and even a hula hoop competition!! Sign ups will come out closer to the event!



**“We LOVE our AMS 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!](#) This will be the last of the restocks for the school year!**



Our last APO Meeting will be on March 18th from 7-8 in the AMS Library. We will be discussing all of our end of the year events like Teacher Appreciation Bfast, 6-8 School Dance (NEW TO CALENDAR), Spring Movie Night, 8th Grade Dance and Graduation!!!! We hope to see you there and thank you all for such a successful year!

## **FROM THE AMS LIBRARY**

### **FROM COMMON SENSE MEDIA: "Help Boost Kids' Safety, Privacy, and Security"**

Common Sense Media has provided great tips that you can discuss with your child:

<https://www.commonsense.org/education/family-tips/6-12-privacy-and-security>

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FEB. BOOK CLUB**

The Pleasure Read Book Club returns on Tuesday, Feb. 13th. If your child would like to join us, they can bring a middle school level book of their choice. Students need to sign up. To sign up, they will need to let Mrs. Ekstrom know, in person or they can email her at [ekstromr@apcsd.org](mailto:ekstromr@apcsd.org)

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR FEB. CODING CLUB**

The Coding Club returns on Tuesday, Feb. 1st. If your child would like to join us, they need to sign up. To sign up, they will need to let Mrs. Ekstrom know, in person or they can email her at [ekstromr@apcsd.org](mailto:ekstromr@apcsd.org)

### **EMAGAZINES THROUGH SORA**

Your child has access to always available digital magazines! You can find magazines for every subject in the Sora app, which your child may already be using for ebooks and audiobooks. The collection includes current issues and back issues for education and entertainment today. The best part? Each issue can be borrowed by as many people at a time as needed, with no waiting.

Check out the collection [HERE!](#)

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## 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.



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## FROM THE POESTENKILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

### READ S'MORE BOOKS:

Read S'more Books: It's time to Read S'more Books! Have you signed up for our Winter Reading Program yet? It runs through February 25th, and includes some fabulous prizes for ALL ages!

Sign up the next time you're in the library or you can register online now by following this link:



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18Q-a-Za5cudl-XJa7BMDY693KNPjHmKD9WerPvBUWjQ/edit>

Happy Reading!

### BAT BOX IS BACK FOR A NEW CYCLE:

The Poestenkill Public Library has introduced a new Books and Treats (BAT) subscription box program just for teens ages 13-18. Interested teens can register to receive a box each month. What's in the BAT Box? Each box is jam packed with library books hand-picked for each subscriber based on their preferences, along with snacks and super-fun themed goodies to keep!

Registration for February boxes is open from 1/24/24 - 2/6/24. BAT Boxes can be picked up from 2/21/24 - 2/28/24. Registration forms can be found at the library, or there is an online registration available via the library's website as well: <https://www.poestenkilllibrary.org/teen-scene/>

# FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE POESTENKILL PUBLIC LIBRARY



POESTENKILL LIBRARY

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

THURS 2/1

CHECK IT OUT  
BOOK CLUB

6:00 PM

DISCUSSING: THE COLOR  
OF WATER BY JAMES  
MCBRIDE & THE  
READING LIST BY SARA  
NISHA ADAMS

EVERY FRI

STORYTIME  
WITH MS. SHERRY

10:15 AM

SPECIAL 2/2:  
SNOW PLOW  
STORYTIME

SAT 2/3

TAKE YOUR CHILD  
TO THE LIBRARY DAY

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

TUES 2/6 &  
2/20

SILENT  
BOOK CLUB

6:00 PM

WED 2/7

LEGO CLUB

6:30 PM

THURS 2/8

FOOTBALL  
FUN-FEST

5:00 - 7:00 PM

SAT 2/10

CHOCOLATE  
FRIENDZY TO-GO

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WED 2/14

DATE NIGHT  
AT THE LIBRARY

5:00 - 8:00 PM

TUES 2/20

DOMINOES  
CHAIN  
REACTIONS

3:00 - 5:00 PM

WED 2/21

POPSICLE  
STICK  
CATAPULTS

6:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

WED 2/28

WEEKLY MEAL  
PLAN MADE EASY

6:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

THURS 2/29

TEEN & ADULT CRAFT  
LEAP DAY  
DIAMOND ART  
FROG BAG CLIPS

6:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

THURS 2/22

BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH BINGO

3:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MON 2/26

MINI  
MUSICIANS  
WITH MS. KATE

11:00 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED