



**February 14, 2024**

## **APO WINTER LUAU AFTER SCHOOL EVENT - THURSDAY**

The APO Winter Luau After School Event will take place on Thursday from 2:40-4:00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold during lunches this week through the end of the day Wednesday.

A video announcement was shared with students earlier this week and the slide to that video can be found [here](#) for your reference.

Snacks will be for sale at the event, as well.

Late bus service is not available for this event. All attending students will need a ride home from the event at 4pm.

Thank you.



## **TROPICAL THEME DAY - THURSDAY**

In honor of the APO Winter Luau, Thursday will be a tropical wear theme day! We will also have tropical theme music playing in between classes!



## GLOBAL 9 HONORS ENTRANCE PROCESS

Averill Park High School will be conducting its Honors Global 9 Application Process.

This course is designed to be the first course in an advanced placement sequence to prepare students for the Global Studies Regents exam given to sophomores, the American History Advanced Placement exam to be taken at the end of the junior year, and the advanced placement exam in European History given to seniors.

The honors courses are more demanding and require more student time and effort, but allow them to progress at a faster rate and possibly qualify for college credit. Students taking this course must have high ability and strong desire to work hard. We are recommending that students wishing to take the exam have a 90% or better in Social Studies.

**The Global 9 Honors Entrance Exam:** As part of the criteria for determining eligibility for Global Studies 9 Honors, an honors entrance test will be given on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024, from 2:35 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.** in the AMS cafeteria. Chromebooks are required for this test. Students will be required to join Google classroom to take the test. The code will be provided at the start of the test. Students must either have their own transportation home or sign up for a late bus pass. (AMS Landing Page/Late Bus Form/Staying for Global Honors exam).

A makeup date is scheduled for before school on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. in Room 702. You should arrive by 6:45 a.m. to sign in. You will need your own transportation for the morning test.

Other criteria in the decision making process for Global 9 Honors includes quarter and in progress grades and teacher recommendation. The high school will notify students who participated in the application process of the final decision.

STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP USING THEIR SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS. YOU WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL REGARDING THE TEST.

**Please sign up no later than the end of the school day on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, using [this link](#).**

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## ELA 9 HONORS ENTRANCE PROCESS

Attention Grade 8 Students:

The Averill Park High School will be conducting its Honors English 9 Application Process.

This course is designed to be a more challenging educational experience that engages students in a deeper understanding of the context and creation literature and provides an intense process-based approach to writing.

The honors courses are more demanding and require more student time and effort, but allow them to progress at a faster rate and possibly qualify for college credit. Students taking this course must have high ability and strong desire to work hard.

In order to meet the criteria for English 9 Honors, students must complete an application packet. The packet will be available for students from the Counseling Center once they have signed up to participate. **Application packets must be returned to English teachers no later than the end of the school day on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Applications will not be accepted after 2:30 on March 20th.**

Please click on [this link](#) to express your interest in ELA 9 Honors. Thank you.

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## GIRL SCOUTS OLD SNEAKER DRIVE

AMS students involved in a local Girl Scout Troop are running a "shoe drive". There is a collection bin in the Main Foyer. Thank you.



This flyer is distributed by the Averill Park School District as a community service to students and parents for information purposes only. This program is not affiliated with, nor endorsed in any way by the Averill Park CSD. Students are not required to attend.

**Any shoe style,  
any size.**

**Collection ends  
April 2, 2024**

**Contact:  
GSNENYtroop5508@gmail.com**

**Drop Your Gently Worn,  
Used and New Shoes For**

**Girl Scout Troop 5508**

Help us raise funds for our organization by donating your gently worn, used and new shoes!

And don't forget to ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size.

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## 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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## GRADE 8 NYC FIELD TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

On Friday, May 17, Grade 8 students will attend a field trip to New York City! Students attended an assembly on Monday, February 12, to discuss the itinerary, costs, and expectations. At that time, this trip notification letter was distributed. [All parents & guardians are asked to sign and date this trip notification slip](#). Students should return this signed slip to their Morning Meeting teachers by Friday, February 16.

Please note that money is not being collected at this time. We simply wanted to communicate to families the dates and key aspects of the trip. Thank you in advance for supporting this amazing learning experience.

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AMS Kiwanis Builders Club would like to thank *Sarah Diamond* from *Cakes and Catering by Sarah* for partnering with us to make sandwiches for Joseph's House in Troy!



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Girl Scout Ice Skating Event](#)

[AP Youth Lacrosse Registration - Spring Sign Ups](#)

[Classie Lassie Spring Registration](#)

[Twin Town Little League Spring Baseball Registration](#)

[AP Basketball February Break Clinic](#)

[APYSL Spring Rec Soccer Flyer](#)

[APYSL Summer Camp Flyer](#)

[Renns County Redtails Mountain Bike Club Flyer](#)

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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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## **LIFETOUCH YEARBOOK ORDERS**

Yearbooks are available to purchase online!

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>

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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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### February Builders Club Collection

#### SELF CARE ITEMS FOR JOSEPH'S HOUSE IN TROY

What We are collecting:

- Travel size body washes
- Travel size shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant
- Face masks
- Tissues
- Eye masks
- Lotions
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste



**DONATION BOX IS OUTSIDE THE AMS MAIN OFFICE**



# 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!



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

### 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-Za5cudI-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/>



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## FROM THE NORTH GREENBUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

**LEGO CLUB:** Calling all builders for this special school break LEGO Club! Join us on Tuesday, February 20th from 3:00 to 5:00 in the Children's Room. You bring the imagination, we supply the LEGO!

**Tween Book Club:** Our Tween Book club will meet again on Saturday, February 27th at 12:30 in the Children's Room to discuss the novel Hoot by Carl Hiaasen. Books are



available at the circulation desk. The meeting will include book discussion, a macramé owl craft and snacks. All kids ages 10-13 are welcome!