



March 13, 2024

**GRADES 7 & 8 CONCERT -
TUESDAY, MARCH 19**

Our next school concert is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th at 7pm here at AMS. This instrumental concert will feature performances from our Grades 7 & 8 musicians. We hope you're able to enjoy the show. Thank you.



FRIDAY, MARCH 15 - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

There will be no classes on Friday, March 15 for staff development activities. Thank you.

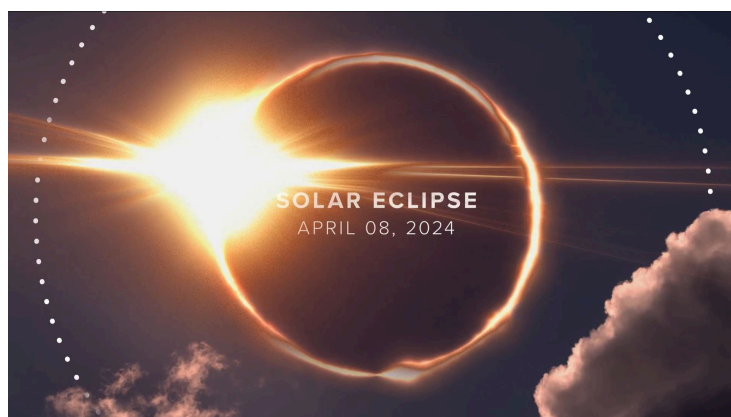
SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENT - APRIL 8 - SIGN UP THIS WEEK

As you may know a once in a generation solar eclipse will occur on Monday, April 8th at approximately 3:26pm. Here at AMS our science teachers are planning a solar eclipse watch event for that afternoon, for interested students.

Late bus service will be available for this special occasion for those students who need a ride home.

Students must sign up this week for the event so that preparations can be made for eclipse glasses and special late bus runs can be established.

Students should complete the Google Form sent by Mr. Messia by the end of the day on Thursday, March 14 in order to attend. Thank you.



WEAR PURPLE FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS MARCH 26

On Tuesday, March 26th, Algonquin will be wearing Purple in support of Epilepsy Awareness. Students will have the opportunity to show support by purchasing purple ribbon stickers.

Stickers will be sold on Monday, March 25th as well as Tuesday, March 26th during lunch periods. Each sticker will cost \$.25 and all money raised will be donated to our local chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation. We thank you in advance for your support!



GIRLS IN STEM

CHANGE. CREATE. COLLABORATE. CONTRIBUTE.

**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN!**

Pre-registration is required

**10th
Annual**

**GIRLS IN STEM CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

at Hudson Valley Community College's Bulmer Telecommunications Center (BTC)

Girls in fourth to eighth grades are invited to the 10th annual Girls in STEM Conference, a free educational event featuring interactive workshops designed to illustrate the fun side of science and technology. Workshop sessions will be provided by STEM professionals and STEM educators. Event runs from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- Interactive workshops
- Fun in-between session activities
- Follow up activities to keep interest in STEM alive

- Keynote speaker: Dr. Michelle Lewis
Executive Director: Biopharmaceutical Education
Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Hosted by Hudson Valley Community College

REGISTER
HERE ▶



This year's event is in person on the HVCC campus in Troy on SATURDAY MARCH 23.

This event is FREE and intended for girls in 4th through 8th grade.

Click on this link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/240224420960143>

**March Builders Club
Collection**

Baby items will be donated to Joseph's House in Troy.

We are collecting the following:

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Ointment
- Bibs
- Wash cloths
- Q-Tips
- Socks
- And More!!

The collection box is located outside the AMS main office.

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.

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.

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!

Any shoe style, any size.

Collection ends April 2, 2024

Contact:
OSNENYtroop5508@gmail.com

The Girl Scout is distributed by the Averill Park School District and is not responsible for the quality and quantity of the shoes received. The program is an effort to raise funds for the Girl Scout Troop. Donations are not required to attend.

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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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

[AP Baseball Camp](#)

[AP Pop Warner Flag Football Registration](#)

[AP Pop Warner Cheer Registration](#)

[AP Pop Warner Football Registration](#)

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

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

[APYSL Summer Camp Flyer](#)

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

[YMCA Summer Day Camp](#)

[Girl Scouts - Roller Skating Event](#)

[The Dissipated Eight - Free Concert](#)

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.

Embrace the JOY of parenting.




An Active Parenting group is starting soon!

*We are proud to bring the acclaimed **Active Parenting** program directly to you! This workshop will show you effective ways to...*

- use nonviolent discipline that really works
- open up lines of communication—before they get clogged
- teach responsibility, courage, and other important character traits
- encourage school success in 7 steps
- prevent future problems with drugs, alcohol, and sex
- defuse power struggles with your children
- stimulate independence as your child grows older
- stop scolding and start smiling with your kids again!

- **A**ctive Parenting will give you skills to achieve a fuller, more satisfying family life... and help your children achieve greater happiness and success. Written by Dr. Michael Popkin, one of the nation's foremost experts on parenting education, this course will show you a proven-effective approach to parenting that will lead to more harmony and happiness for you and your children.
- You'll learn 7 strategies for school success, along with positive discipline and communication techniques to help your family run more smoothly.
- But the heart of the matter is the increased JOY you will experience as a family. Since 1983 over three million parents have learned from this dynamic, entertaining, and fun-filled video and discussion program—and now, so can you!



ACTIVE PARENTING™

4th edition

A video & discussion program for parents of children ages 5 to 12

For more information and sample videos, go to www.ActiveParenting.com/AP4-parents.

Date: March 14,21,28, April 11,18,25 : **Time:** 5:30pm -7:00pm

Sponsored by: Rensselaer County Student Assistance Program

Location: Rensselaer County Building, 1600 7th Ave., Troy

To register, contact: Jill Augustine

Phone: 518 658-1500, x2117 **E-mail:** jaugustine@berlincentral.org

Other details: This program is free of charge, materials included.

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.



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.



Please encourage your child to check out ebooks and audiobooks on Sora as well!

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.

PLEASURE READ BOOK CLUB

The Pleasure Read Book Club returns on Thursday, March 14th! Anyone is welcome to join us. Students can bring any middle school book of their choice. Book club runs from 2nd dismissal until 3:20. Students can take the late bus home at 4:15 or get a ride at 3:20. Students can sign up in the library or email Mrs. Ekstrom if they would like to come. Please see Mrs. Ekstrom with any questions.

FROM THE NORTH GREENBUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

LEGO Club: Calling all builders for LEGO Club! Join us on Monday, March 18th from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Children's Room. You bring the imagination, we supply the LEGO!. We now have a selection of LEGO Duplo for our younger building friends.

Tween Book Club: Our Tween Book club will meet again on Saturday, March 23rd at 12:30 in the Children's Room to discuss the graphic novel Good Different by Meg Kuyatt. Books are available at the circulation desk. The meeting will include book discussion, a craft and snacks. All kids ages 10-13 are welcome!

GRADE 6 TO SUPPORT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

In March, grade 6 Literacy students will be collecting donations from friends and family for their reading, which will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Ronald McDonald House Programs provide support to families who have to travel due to the medical needs of their children. Families are provided a restful place to stay and family style meals as well. Ronald McDonald House also offers a private room for families to relax and take a break in the hospital.

Additionally, their mobile programs bring medical care directly to communities where people are in need.



Students will be reading for 10 days: from Wednesday, March 6th until Friday, March 15th.

Donations are due on Tuesday, March 19th.

Thanks in advance for your support of this amazing charity!

-Mrs. Reinisch, Mrs. Conti and Mrs. Ekstrom

FROM THE POESTENKILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Registration is open for March BAT Boxes! Teens who would like to receive a box in March must register by March 7th. Pick up will begin 3/20.

Interested teens can register online with the link below or there are paper registration forms in the teen room at the library as well.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAXLNyoe_zfjVGvxNiBip8n3vw9CZMf8Wpmuxh0AgHExdV0w/viewform?pli=1

BAT BOX
BOOKS AND TREATS JUST FOR YOU

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. FILL OUT A REQUEST FORM & TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR READING HABITS.
2. OUR LIBRARIAN WILL HAND-PICK BOOKS FOR YOU BASED ON YOUR PREFERENCES, PLUS SHE'LL INCLUDE SNACKS AND THEMED TREATS FOR YOU TO KEEP!
3. PICK UP YOUR PERSONAL BAT BOX AT POESTENKILL LIBRARY DURING THE DESIGNATED PICK UP WEEK.
4. ENJOY YOUR BAT BOX.
5. RETURN THE BOOKS & BOX TO THE LIBRARY BY THE DUE DATE, KEEP EVERYTHING ELSE!

Request Before 3/7

Pick up 3/20 - 3/27

Open to Young Adults Ages 13-18

REMEMBER TO REQUEST A BAT BOX EVERY MONTH!

For more information call Poestenkill Library at 518-223-3721 or email Director@Poestenkilllibrary.org

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

POESTENKILL LIBRARY