



March 20, 2024

### AMS WELLNESS DAY - MARCH 21

Thursday is our much anticipated annual Wellness Day where students will participate in activities designed to help them explore their interests and develop new skills around wellness.



Students will participate in a whole school assembly to start the day as we welcome “Sweethearts and Heroes.” Sweethearts and Heroes is a program that shares a message of hope for all, the power of connecting with others and the need for persistence in achieving goals. Leading the assembly are Tom Murphy, a former MMA athlete, and Rick Yarosh, an Iraqi War veteran. Sweethearts and Heroes was last at AMS in 2017 and we’re glad to welcome them back.

Following our assembly, students will participate in two choice sessions from a list of fun activities. Students indicated their top choices for activities and we have worked hard to connect them with those choices.

A HUGE thank you goes out to our AMS Counseling Center for organizing this great day for our students!

**WEAR BLUE FOR WELLNESS DAY!**

Blue represents calmness, relaxation, peace and tranquility! All important parts of wellness.



## HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS THURSDAY

Students in grades K-8 will have a half day on Thursday for parent conferences. At Algonquin students will be dismissed at 10:55am. Thank you.

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## GRADE 8 SPANISH - EDGAR CONCERT

On Friday, March 22, Grade 8 Spanish students will be attending a Spanish language concert by renowned musician Edgar Rene at APHS. Edgar previously visited Averill Park and his concert was a hit among our students.

At the same time, Grade 8 French and Foreign Language Exempt students will watch the film "The Walk" in the auditorium and engage in other activities after the movie.



## 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!



## NYS ELA ASSESSMENT - 4/10 and 4/11

The New York State ELA Assessment will take place at AMS on Wednesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 11. Students will be participating in the NYS ELA Assessment via computer based testing. We encourage all students to get a good night's rest the nights before testing, have a good breakfast on their assessment day and put forth their best effort during the testing period. Assessments are administered in the morning immediately after arrival and conclude by 10am. Thank you.

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# 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 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

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



## March Builders Club Collection

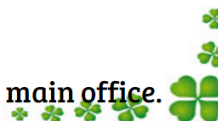


Baby items will be donated to Joseph's House in Troy.

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.



# 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: [GSNENYtroop5508@gmail.com](mailto:GSNENYtroop5508@gmail.com)

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.

# AP ALL SPORTS CAMP IS BACK!

Chris Anderson and Mike Cavotta are proud to announce the return of AP All-Sports Camp! This non-competitive games camp for elementary and middle school students takes place July 1 - 3, from 9 AM to noon at Algonquin Middle School. The cost is \$100 per camper and discounted rates are available for families. Visit [apallsportscamp.com](http://apallsportscamp.com) for more information and to register online. Finally, email any camp questions to [apallsportscamp@gmail.com](mailto:apallsportscamp@gmail.com).



**Camp Dates:** July 1-3, 2024

**Camp Times:** 9 AM - 12 PM

**Location:** Algonquin Middle School

**Games / Activities Include:**

- Tag games
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- And More!

Head to [apallsportscamp.com](http://apallsportscamp.com) for more information

Register by **June 14** to receive a **free water bottle!**



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## LIFETOUCH YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbooks are available to purchase online!

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

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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](#)

[SHAC Summer Tennis Camp](#)

[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](#)

[Coach Organ's Hoop Camp 2024](#)

[Poestenkill Summer Camp 2024](#)

[Broken New Farm Summer Equine Educational Sports Program](#)



## AVERILL PARK TROOP 2526

### ➤ Meetings

- Day: Monday Nights (when school is in session)
- Time: 7-8:30PM
- Where: Averill Park Firehouse
- Age Levels: 11 through 18

### ➤ Merit Badges



Robotics



Snow Sports



Welding



Nuclear Science



Photography



Kayaking

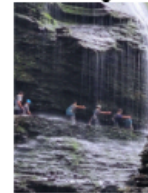


Game Design



### ➤ Camping Trips

- Boston Freedom Trail
- Watkins Glen & Letchworth State Park
- Adirondack Extreme Ropes Course
- National Guard Eastern Air Defense Base



### ➤ Summer Camp

- Location: Camp Curtis S. Read (1377 Palisades Rd., Brandt Lake)
- Dates: Sunday, 7/21 through Saturday, 7/27
- Cost: \$645
- Equestrian Program, Climbing Wall, White Water Rafting, STEM Ranch

### Follow Us!



<https://m.facebook.com/people/Averill-Park-BSA-Troop-2526/100092434151495/>

### Join Us!



<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406.pdf>

### Summer Camp!



<https://www.ghvbsa.org/Read/>

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## 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.

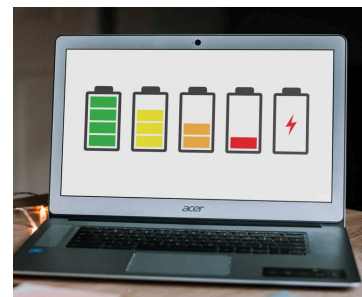


Please encourage your child to check out ebooks and audiobooks on Sora as well!

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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 NORTH GREENBUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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!

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