

March 6, 2024

AMS SPRING MUSICAL - ANNIE, JR

Come see Annie Jr. on Friday, March 8th and Saturday, March 9th!

Tickets are on sale all week. Tickets will be sold in the main lobby outside the main office each day during Morning Meeting (7:45-8:15). They will also be sold during lunches starting Wednesday, March 6th.



Tickets are \$7 for students and seniors and \$12 dollars for adults. The cast and crew are so excited to perform for everyone! See you then!

RPI ENGINEERING AMBASSADORS VISIT - MONDAY

On Monday, March 11, AMS is proud to welcome the RPI Engineering Ambassadors Program. During this fun day, all AMS students will experience hands-on STEM activities led by RPI students in science and technology classes. This event is a highlight each year and we are thankful for RPI bringing the program back again this year.

Monday is also a "College and Post-Secondary Theme Day." We encourage all students and staff to wear college, military



branch or other post-secondary gear. Staff also take a moment on this day to talk about their own college/career paths and promote awareness about the importance of thinking about personal career goals.

We encourage all families to talk about this day and the fun STEM activities with their children on Monday afternoon. Thank you.

WORLD LANGUAGES POTLUCK SUPPER

The APHS and AMS World Languages Department is proud to sponsor the return of the Annual International Potluck Supper on Thursday, March 7, 2024 from 6-8pm. Please <u>click here</u> for more information. Thank you!

MIDPOINT OF MARKING PERIOD THREE

Friday will mark the midpoint of the Third Marking Period. As a result, we encourage families to take a few moments this weekend to sit with their child and check SchoolTool to review their progress so far this marking period. Thank you.



Builders Club made sandwiches for Joseph's House of Troy

Thank you to Cakes and
Catering by Sarah for
providing all the materials to
make this a success!



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.



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

Classie Lassie Spring Registration

Twin Town Little League Spring Baseball Registration

APYSL Spring Rec Soccer Flyer

APYSL Summer Camp Flyer

Renns County Redtails Mountain Bike Club Flyer

LIFETOUCH YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbooks are available to purchase online! https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob ID #: 11617124

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.



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!

Active 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!



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.

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!

CODING CLUB

Coding Club will meet on Thursday, March 7th from second dismissal until 3:20. Anyone is welcome to join us. Students need to sign up in the library or they can email Mrs. Ekstrom to let her know they're coming. Students will need to have a ride or take the late bus home at 4:15. We hope to see you there! Thank you.



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 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 paper registration forms in the teen room at the library as well.



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