



May 1, 2024

UPCOMING DATES TO KNOW

- Fri 5/3 - Morning Meeting "Posted" Door Decorating Contest Concludes
 - Tues 5/7 & Weds 5/8 - NYS Math Assessment
 - Thurs 5/9 - One School, One Book Author Visit Assemblies
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NYS MATH ASSESSMENT

The New York State Mathematics Assessment will take place here at AMS on Tuesday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 8th. The exam session will conclude at 10am and a modified schedule will be used for the remainder of the day. Students in Grade 8 will use the Computer Based Testing model required by New York State. Grades 6 & 7 will use traditional paper tests.

Students are reminded to bring:

- Calculator
- Pencils (all students will have access to scrap paper)
- Water bottle
- Pleasure reading book for after their assessment

Thank you.

GRADE 7 - AMS SERVES PERMISSION SLIPS - DUE 5/8

On May 15 (Team 3) and May 16 (Team 4), all grade 7 AMS students will participate in a day of community service as part of our building-wide initiative, AMS Serves. On this day our students will visit the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York in Voorheesville.

During this trip, students will learn about the functions of the Food Bank of Northeastern New York and how it works to benefit families and individuals in our region who struggle with food insecurity. Thanks to the support of the APCSD, there is no cost to the trip.

However, in order for students to participate, the signed [permission slip](#) must be returned to your student's Morning Meeting teacher no later than Wednesday, May 8.



If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Messia (messiar@apcsd.org) or Ms. Keenan (keenans@apcsd.org) via email.

YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE MAY 6

Yearbooks are available to purchase online:

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

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[Summer Camps at the Arts Center Flyer](#)

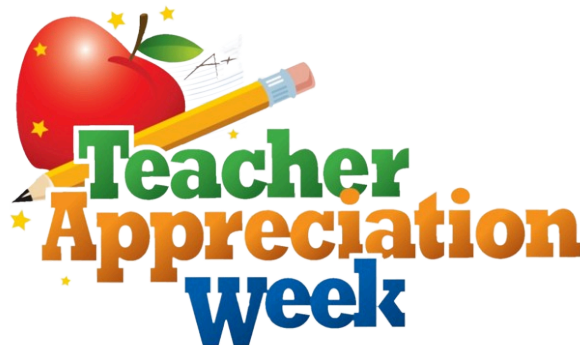
APO UPDATES

DUE TO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS SPRING CARNIVAL CANCELED

On Friday, May 10th there will be 2 events going on - the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast and the SPRING CARNIVAL.

Bright and early in the morning, we are setting up a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast for all staff to enjoy from 7am-7:45am in the AMS cafeteria. We will be setting up the tables on Thursday, May 9th from 6-7pm if you would like to help with that or help with serving on May 10th. We are also looking for:

1. donations of breakfast items (homemade or bought),
2. gift cards to raffle off to teachers and staff.
3. small plants as centerpieces and raffle items



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A8AA22A3FFC43-49154242-teacher>

It is best to drop items off to the front office the day before. Hot items should be cooked and ready to serve (crock pots work best). These items can be brought to the side cafeteria door (towards the back near dumpsters) on the morning of the breakfast from 6:45-7am. If you need an item or crockpot returned to you, please label it and we will have it back to the main office for you or your child to pick up. If you have any questions please contact your APO - algonquinapo@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: GRADE 8 RECOGNITION DAY MOVING UP ASSEMBLY



AMS is proud to announce our Grade 8 Recognition Day Assembly will take place on Tuesday, June 25th at 8:30am.

Parents of Grade 8 students are invited to attend this event, which will take place in the AMS Blue Gymnasium.

Additional information about the event as we get closer to the date. Thank you

FROM THE AMS LIBRARY

SPECIAL EVENT!

21st Annual Richtol's Read All Day (RRAD):

Every year we celebrate books and reading with a special event, Richtol's Read All Day, named in memory of beloved Literacy teacher Ms. Richtol. Award winning author John David Anderson will be our special guest on **Thursday, May 9th**. The library is selling many of his books. Students can stay after on May 9th, meet John David Anderson and have their books signed. They need to take the late bus home at 4:20 or have a ride at 3:00 pm.

RRAD video: <https://animoto.com/play/BKdUIZ3pgt01H5Vc1BbVNg>

Book Order Form: (if your child would like to buy any of John David Anderson's books students should come to the library, **cash only please**)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11K-iv8Mvm_4bTTXZtPjOPpTx8fmxz3pN/edit

3 minute video with short summaries of all his books:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAGD5r_Hf3o/BWFWLHwb_peEOcXGTqVEJA/view?utm_content=DAGD5r_Hf3o&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=recording_view

Book Trailers:

Posted (Students have read this book in Morning Meeting, but some may want their own copy.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRm3nokApSs>

Riley's Ghost

<https://www.facebook.com/WaldenPondPress/videos/rileys-ghost-by-john-david-anderson/618951332552168/>

Granted

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVR7Ez0TqD8>

Insert Coin to Continue

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbSHcclD5nc>

One Last Shot

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KswOQw_tjNQ

Finding Orion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ja7iajrpTOE>

Questions should go to Mrs. Ekstrom (ekstromr@apcsd.org) or Mrs. Conti (contis@apcsd.org).

Special Opportunity to Check out Books for Summer (Summer Loan):

AMS students will be able to participate in Summer Loan and check out library books for the whole summer. In order to participate, parents need to fill out the permission slip. See the slip for more details. **Students will need to return the Summer Loan permission slip to their Literacy or ELA teachers before Friday, May 10th.**

Summer Loan Permission Slip:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mJ7EB02TBAROijdT1S4Zg0u-zTCWsl3z/edit>

Email Mrs. Ekstrom if you have questions: 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.

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 POESTENKILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Teen Volunteer Opportunity

Our Teen Reading Buddies program will be returning again this summer and we need teen volunteers to fill the Reading Buddy role. The program pairs a volunteer teen with a younger child for read aloud practice in the library each week with the goal of promoting higher interest and engagement in reading, improving social and communication skills, and having a fun positive reading experience.

Teen Reading Buddies volunteers should be supportive, enthusiastic listeners who can help children practice reading here in the library at least 1 hour per week. Teens interested in volunteering are asked to submit an application including a personal reference by Tuesday, June 4th. Applications can be found online here or there are also paper copies available in the library. Completed applications should be emailed to Donna Riley at director@poestenkilllibrary.org or submitted in person at the circulation desk during our regular business hours.

 <p>POESTENKILL LIBRARY MAY PROGRAMMING & EVENTS</p>		<p>WED 5/1</p> <p>LEGO CLUB 6:30 PM</p> <p>REGISTRATION APPRECIATED</p>	<p>THURS 5/2</p> <p>CHECK IT OUT BOOK CLUB 6:00 PM</p> <p>DISCUSSING: FREAKONOMICS BY STEVEN LEVITT & STEPHEN DUBNER, AND IN THE MIDST OF WINTER BY ISABEL ALLENDE</p>
<p>SAT 5/4</p> <p>SPRING MARKET DAY 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p>	<p>EVERY FRI</p> <p>STORYTIME WITH MS. SHERRY 10:15 AM</p>	<p>THURS 5/9</p> <p>CONSENT & HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD 6:00 PM</p> <p>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</p>	
<p>SAT 5/11</p> <p>MUGS FOR MOTHER'S DAY 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM</p>	<p>THURS 5/16</p> <p>LET'S DISH WITH A VEGETARIAN 6:00 PM</p> <p>REGISTRATION APPRECIATED</p>		
<p>MON 5/20</p> <p>MINI MUSICIANS WITH MS. KATE 11:00 AM</p> <p>REGISTRATION APPRECIATED</p>	<p>WED 5/22</p> <p>MAKE YOUR OWN PAPERBACK WALLET TEEN CRAFT NIGHT 6:00 PM</p> <p>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</p>	<p>THURS 5/23</p> <p>STYLE YOUR CYCLE 5:30 - 7:00 PM</p> <p>RAIN DATE, IF NEEDED, 5/29</p>	<p>THURS 5/30</p> <p>TEEN & ADULT DIAMOND ART SPRING MAGNETS 6:00 PM</p> <p>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</p>