



May 15, 2024

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

THURS 5/16:

- GRADE 7 - TEAM 4 FOOD BANK FARM FIELD TRIP
- GRADE 6 - CONCERT - 7PM

FRI 5/17:

- GRADE 8 - NYC FIELD TRIP - Arrive at AMS by 6:15am

MON 5/20:

- GRADE 7 - TEAM 3 FOOD BANK FARM FIELD TRIP

TUES 5/21:

- GRADE 6 - TEAM 2 THACHER PARK FIELD TRIP

WEDS 5/22:

- GRADE 6 - TEAM 1 THACHER PARK FIELD TRIP

APO STAFF BREAKFAST - THANK YOU!

On behalf of the entire staff at AMS, thank you for your tremendous support at the APO Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Your generosity exemplifies the strong sense of community and support we benefit from each day at our school. Thank you again for making Teacher Appreciation Week a memorable one for our staff.



GRADE 6 - PRE-ALGEBRA ENTRANCE PROCESS

Grade 6 Parents/Guardians: Algonquin is beginning its Pre-Algebra Screening Process. Students interested in participating in 7th Grade Pre-Algebra next year need to meet the qualifications for enrollment in this course. Pre-Algebra is a rigorous, advanced class for students



who are highly motivated, strong in math, and committed to the increased workload that such a course requires. [Click here](#) for additional information.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND - 2024-2025

Averill Park is actively recruiting family interest in Odyssey of the Mind for next year. Please [click here](#) for more information about the program.



REMINDERS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

- All medications need to be picked up by 6/25/2024 at noon, please call to arrange a pick up time 518-674-7103.
- All students trying out for fall sports will need a physical on file that was completed after 8/31/2023.
- Students entering grades 7 and 9 will need a physical on file in the health office which was completed after 9/1/23.
- All students entering grade 6th must have received the T-dap immunization within 14 days of turning age 11.
- All students entering 7th grade must have received the meningococcal -A immunization.

Please send all documentation [dingeev@apcsd.org](mailto:dingevev@apcsd.org) or fax 518-674-8426 (AMS health office).

GRADE 7 JIMINY PEAK FIELD TRIP

Dear Seventh Grade Families,

The Grade 7 end-of-the-year field trip to Jiminy Peak's Aerial Adventure Park is almost here. The Aerial Adventure Park is a forest ropes course of 6 individual, elevated courses for different ability levels with over 70 elements. Our trips will take place on **Tuesday, June 4 (Team 3)** and **Wednesday, June 5 (Team 4)** with a **rain date of Thursday, June 6**. The trip will occur during the regular school hours. We believe this trip is the capstone to our team-building activities throughout this school year.

The **cost of the trip** is **\$45.00** and [permission slips and waivers](#) were distributed to students on Monday, May 6th. ***All materials and payments are due to Morning Meeting teachers by Monday, May 20.*** If there is a financial issue, please email the field trip coordinators: Team 3 - Mr. Anderson (andersonc@apcsd.org) or Team 4 - Mr. Cavotta (cavottam@apcsd.org). We thank you for supporting our upcoming field trips to Jiminy Peak!

Sincerely,
Grade 7 Teachers

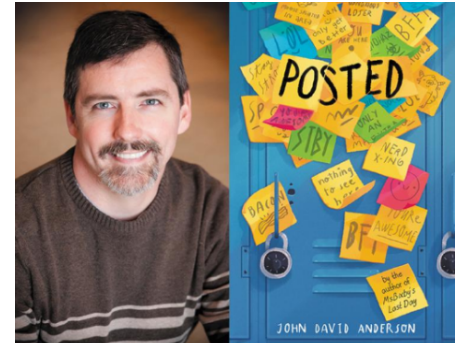
GRADE 7 STUDENTS: ELECTIVE CHOICES FOR NEXT YEAR

At AMS, Grade 7 students have the opportunity to select a high school elective class for their Grade 8 school year. On Monday, students will watch [a video](#) from our Counseling Center with information about their [elective choices](#) and then will be asked to complete a Google Form about their preferences. While we can't guarantee that a student will be able to enter their first choice class, we work hard over the summer to honor student preferences for their schedule next year.

FROM THE AMS LIBRARY

We are still selling John David Anderson's books while supplies last!

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**)



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BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITY:

The Pleasure Read Book Club will be held on Tuesday, May 21st. The book club will be held in the library from 2nd dismissal until 3:20. Students should bring any middle school level book they've read that they would like to share. Students can get a ride at 3:20 or take the late bus home at 4:15. If your child would like to attend, they can email Mrs. Ekstrom at ekstromr@apcsd.org or they can sign up in the library. Snacks will be provided, all are welcome to attend!

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!

Summer Reading (Optional): Sora Sweet Reads

Join us this summer with OverDrive's annual reading program. Sora Sweet Reads is designed for schools to encourage your child to keep reading all year long. Sora is offering a collection of free, simultaneous-use ebooks (and select audiobooks) that span grades K-12.

The program runs from May 13th-August 26th.

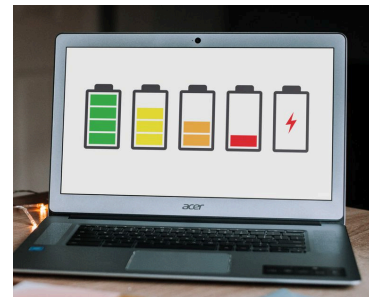
Check out the elementary, middle school, and high school collections:

<https://resources.overdrive.com/sora-sweet-reads/>



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, May 20th 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: Tween Book Club will take a break for the month of May but it will return in June to kick off a summer full of reading.