

## March 27, 2024

### NO LATE BUS SERVICE THURSDAY

There will be no late bus service on Thursday, March 28. We hope students have an enjoyable Spring Recess. Thank you.

#### SOLAR ECLIPSE AT AMS

A reminder that the Solar Eclipse is coming up on Monday, April 8th. AMS is holding an event for students who registered earlier in the month. Only those students who have registered for this event are able to attend the activities after school on April 8th. No other after school activities will take place that day. Thank you.



#### PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

The President of the United States' Award for Educational Excellence recognizes students who have a 90% or higher final grade point average and achievement of the highest performance level on a state or national assessment. This year, Algonquin Middle School is proud to recognize 87 current 7th and 8th grade students who earned a 90% or higher average for the 2022-23 school year and a Level 4 on the 2023 NYS ELA or Math Assessment or a Level 5 on the Common Core Algebra Regents. Congratulations go out to those who achieved this honor. A full list of students being recognized will be posted on the APCSD website.



#### 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.

#### ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The Averill Park CSD is currently conducting a second round survey of the school community on the Warrior nickname renaming. All school community members including students, parents, staff and residents are encouraged to participate. All students at AMS participated in the survey on Friday, March 22.

Parents and community members can <u>click here</u> to complete the second round survey. <u>Click here</u> to read the post regarding the second round survey on the district website.

#### **ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

The Averill Park Central School District's Board of Education, its officers and employees shall not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, creed, disability, marital status, veteran status, national origin, race, gender, genetic predisposition, carrier status, sexual orientation in its educational programs, services or activities. A complete copy of the grievance procedures regarding discrimination may be obtained in any of the school offices.

Kimberly Nugent, Title IX Coordinator District Office 146 Gettle Road, ST1

In compliance with Section 504 (of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) Averill Park offers assistance to students, parents (for school related purposes pertaining to their child) and staff qualifying as having a disabling

condition as defined under Section 504.

For further information or to make a referral for such assistance, you may contact:

Dr. Camille Harrelson, Section 504 Coordinator

District Office

146 Gettle Road, ST1

Averill Park, NY 12018

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#### **GRADE 8 NYC FIELD TRIP - MAY 17**

On Monday, March 25, students received two important letters about the grade 8 New York City trip.

All parents & guardians are asked to sign and date this field trip permission slip whether students are attending

the trip or not. Students should return this signed slip along with payment (if applicable) to their Morning Meeting teachers by Wednesday, April 17.

At this time we are also looking for potential chaperones for our trip. If you are interested, please <u>complete this</u> <u>call for chaperones slip</u> and return it to your student's Morning Meeting teacher.

Any families in need of financial assistance should email the field trip coordinators: Team 5, Mrs. Keegan (keegansarah@apcsd.org), or Team 6, Mrs. Gardinier. (gardinierh@apcsd.org).

We look forward to an amazing trip to New York City!

#### 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 <a href="mailto:apallsportscamp.com">apallsportscamp.com</a> for more information and to register online. Finally, email any camp questions to apallsportscamp@gmail.com.



#### The AMS All-School Dance is Back!

Student Council will be providing a DJ, and our APO will be selling snacks and drinks.

Friday, April 12 from 7:00pm-9:00pm

Students may dance in one gym and play basketball in the other.

\$8 Tickets will be on sale during lunches on Wednesday, April 10-Friday, April 12. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Parents will need to drop off students no earlier than 6:45pm.

All students must be picked up no later than 9:00pm.

A video will be shared with students after the break about expectations and rules for the event. Please <u>click here</u> to see the slides from that video. Thank you.



#### AMS MUSICAL ANNIE JR - YOUTUBE LINK NOW AVAILABLE

Click <u>here</u> to view the video of Annie Jr. It is unlisted on youtube. Meaning you can only watch it through this link. Feel free to share with anyone.

#### LIFETOUCH YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbooks are available to purchase online! <a href="https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob">https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob</a>

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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** 

**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** 

**Annual Touch A Truck Day** 

**Girl Scouts Candy Bar Bingo Night** 

# 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.

## **CODING CLUB**

Coding Club will meet after break, on Thursday, April 11th from second dismissal until 3:20. Your child can sign up in the library or can email Mrs. Ekstrom to let her know they're coming. Your child needs to have a ride or take the late bus home at 4:15. Email Mrs. Ekstrom with any questions: <a href="mailto:ekstromr@apcsd.org">ekstromr@apcsd.org</a>

## PLEASURE READ BOOK CLUB

The Pleasure Read Book Club will meet after break, on Tuesday, April 16th from second dismissal until 3:20. Your child can sign up in the library or can email Mrs. Ekstrom to let her know they're coming. Your child needs to have a ride or take the late bus home at 4:15. Email Mrs. Ekstrom with any questions: <a href="mailto:ekstromr@apcsd.org">ekstromr@apcsd.org</a>