



May 8, 2024

## UNIFIED BASKETBALL HOME GAME - TUESDAY

AMS is proud to announce that we will host the upcoming Tuesday, May 14th Unified Basketball Home Game!

Similar to our winter Game of the Week series, students will take the following steps to attend:

- Find a teacher to stay after until 3:20pm for the day of the game.
- Sign up to attend via the Google Form that will be emailed to students on Thursday morning.
- Students must sign up by the end of the day on Monday 5/13.
- Students need to have a ride home at 5:30pm.

Snacks will sold by the AMS Science Club!

On the day of the game:

- 2:40-3:20 - Students stay with a teacher to do homework or participate in a club.
- 3:20-4:00 - Students will have a study hall/rec time, reporting to the Cafeteria Foyer. They can get work done, make cheering signs for the team or hang out in the Recess Area.
- 4:00-5:30 - Students attend the game in the AMS Blue Gym and cheer on our athletes!

Thank you to Coach Cavotta and Coach Nikles for bringing this home game to AMS!

**ALGONQUIN  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**UNIFIED  
BASKETBALL**

JOIN US AFTERSCHOOL  
TO SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
& CHEER ON OUR TEAM !

**MAY 14TH**

**AT 4:00-5:30 PM**

STAY WITH TEACHER/CLUB FROM 2:30-3:20  
STUDYHALL FROM 3:20-4:00  
HALF TIME GAMES & SNACK BAR

SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
UNIFIED SPORTS

## 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:dingeev@apcsd.org) or fax 518-674-8426 (AMS health office).

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## NYS GRADE 8 SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

The NYS Grade 8 Science Assessment will take place on Tuesday, May 14th starting at 8am. The testing period will conclude at approximately 10am. This is a computer based test and will draw on student knowledge and skills from across their middle school science experience. A modified schedule for the day will be utilized for Grade 8 students to see most of their classes after the assessment. Additional information about the assessment will be provided in science 8 classes. Thank you.

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## 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.

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

[Kids Fishing Derby Sand Lake](#)

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## APO UPDATE

**MAY 10 - TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**

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](mailto:algonquinapo@gmail.com)

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## 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.

**Students have a special opportunity to eat lunch with John David Anderson. Students should email Mrs. Ekstrom or see her in person if they wish to have lunch with our author.**

**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](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](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](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](mailto:ekstromr@apcsd.org)) or Mrs. Conti ([contis@apcsd.org](mailto:contis@apcsd.org)).

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### 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/1mJ7EB02TBAR0ijdT1S4Zg0u-zTCWsl3z/edit>

Email Mrs. Ekstrom if you have questions: [ekstromr@apcsd.org](mailto:ekstromr@apcsd.org)

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### CODING CLUB

Coding Club will meet on Tuesday, May 18th 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: [ekstromr@apcsd.org](mailto:ekstromr@apcsd.org)

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## THANK YOU APO!

71 grade 6 Literacy students raised more than \$4,300 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities! They were treated to an ice cream sundae party. Our Algonquin Parent Organization generously donated ice cream sundae supplies. The kids had a great time and the weather was beautiful! Thank you APO!

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## 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/>

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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

**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.

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## 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](mailto:director@poestenkilllibrary.org) or submitted in person at the circulation desk during our regular business hours.



**POESTENKILL LIBRARY**  
**MAY**  
PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

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