



# Amesbury Middle School

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Principal

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Dear Parents/guardians,

Welcome to the Amesbury Middle School. This year we our Fall Orientation Evening for all parents/guardians with children in grades 5,6,7, and 8 will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. This orientation is just for parents/guardians. This night will allow you to meet your child's/children's teachers and learn about curriculum, classroom expectations, school procedures, and grading expectations. This is not a conference time with teachers; you will be following your child's schedule to experience a day in the life of a middle school student for the evening.

Our Orientation Evening will allow you as parents/guardians to experience a condensed version of your child's middle school schedule. Parents/guardians of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> students will be following a Day 2 schedule that will include seven 15 minute blocks. Parents/guardians of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> students will be following a Day 4 schedule that will also include seven 15 minute blocks of time. You will receive a copy of your child's schedule during the brief homeroom period from your child's homeroom teacher. In the meantime, ask your child to show you a copy of their schedule matrix so they can explain to you what the schedule will look like for you during your orientation evening. In addition, a 15 minute block has been scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> grade parents/guardians to attend in the performance center for a brief presentation. We all look forward to meeting with you on the evening of September 27, 2016.

Sincerely,

Michael Curry  
AMS Principal

## ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

| <u>TIME</u>           | <u>5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Day 2</u>                     | <u>6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Day 2</u>                     | <u>7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Day 4</u>                     | <u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Day 4</u>                     |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 6:30 p.m. – 6:33 p.m. | Homeroom<br>Receive Child's schedule<br>from Teacher   |
| 6:34 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. | All Grade 5 Parents Report<br>to<br>Performance Center | EAST BLOCK 1   | Academic Block 1                                       | Academic Block 1                                       |
| 6:51 p.m. – 7:06 p.m. | Academic Block 1                                       | EAST BLOCK 2   | Academic Block 2                                       | Academic Block 2                                       |
| 7:07 p.m. – 7:22 p.m. | Academic Block 2                                       | Academic Block 1                                       | Academic Block 3                                       | EAST BLOCK 1   |
| 7:23 p.m. – 7:38 p.m. | Academic Block 3                                       | Academic Block 2                                       | EAST BLOCK 1   | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum<br>Enrichment Block   |
| 7:39 p.m. – 7:54 p.m. | Academic Block 4                                       | Academic Block 3                                       | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum<br>Enrichment Block   | Academic Block 3                                       |
| 7:55 p.m. – 8:10 p.m. | EAST BLOCK 1   | Academic Block 4                                       | Academic Block 4                                       | Academic Block 4                                       |
| 8:12 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | EAST BLOCK 2   | All Grade 6 Parents Report<br>to<br>Performance Center | All Grade 7 Parents Report<br>to<br>Performance Center | All Grade 8 Parents Report<br>to<br>Performance Center |



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September 19, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Amesbury Middle School has started signing up students for clubs. The district user fee is \$50.00 for students who wish to participate. The user fee allows your child to partake in as many clubs as they wish. When a child joins a club/activity, your user fee becomes non-refundable.

The attached user fee form must be filled out and returned to school with either a check or money order. Please make your check payable to Amesbury Public Schools. If you require a waiver or payment plan, please contact Steve O'Connor.

Clubs will start the week of September 26th. Please note clubs will not be held on faculty meeting days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Curry".

Michael Curry  
Principal

**AMS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES  
2016-2017**

(Clubs are not held on Staff Meeting days)

| Activities/Club                | Description  | Director  | Meeting/Day/Time/Location  |
|--------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <u>Art Club</u>                | If you are the kind of person who enjoys following your own visual art interests in sculpture, digital photography, drawing and painting, this is the place for you. We are also looking for students who believe that art can impact the community by creating collaborative themed pieces. Give visual art a voice!  | Mrs. Olsen<br>Mrs. Bernardoni                     | Tuesdays<br>2:30 – 3:30<br>Art Room 113<br>(Fall – Mrs. Olsen)<br>Art Room 115<br>(Spring – Mrs. Bernardoni)               |
| <u>Audio Visual Club</u>       | Assist in setting up AV equipment for teachers. Learn about VCR's and DVD's  | Mr. Firmes  | During school hours  |
| <u>Child Care Club</u>         | The Red Cross Child Care course meets for a mandatory 6 one-hour lessons. The cost is \$10.00 payable to Amesbury Middle School.   | Mrs. Cooney                                       | (Start date TBA)   |
| <u>Communications Club</u>     | The communications club is a small group of students committed to producing the live morning school announcement program and the front main lobby PowerPoint screen display. Periodically, the club will travel to AHS after school to record AMS news segments and/or school public service announcements with the AHS audio video department. Students will learn how to handle and operate video recording and editing equipment. There will be group meeting times before school as well as some independent work such as news segment writing, videotaping and editing. | Mr. Queenan                                       | Tuesdays<br>7:30 – 7:45 AM<br>and/or<br>Tuesdays<br>2:30 – 3:30<br>Room 208  |
| <u>Computer Club</u>           | AMS computer club students will have the opportunity to explore computers and software beyond classroom experiences. Some of the activities will include multimedia presentations, Web adventures, digital photography, producing and editing digital video and educational games.   | Mr. Queenan                                       | Wednesdays<br>2:30 – 3:30<br>Room 208  |
| <u>Destination Imagination</u> | Are you a problem <u>SOLVER</u> ? Are you an inventor? Are you creative? Do you have great ideas and work well with others? Destination Imagination is the place for you to show off your skills! Work with a team of 5-7 other students on a challenge and present your solution at the tournament in March.  | Mrs. Costello                                     | Tuesdays<br>2:35 – 3:30<br>Room 204  |
| <u>Drama Club</u>              | The AMS Drama Club production has not been determined at this time. An informational meeting will be held on November 16 <sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.  | Mrs. Shirshac                                     | TBA  |
| <u>Environmental Club</u>      | Are you interested in keeping our school environmentally friendly? Then the environmental club is for you. We will pick up recycling bins in the school and explore other possibilities to educate and contribute to making our school and community green.  | Ms. Abramson                                      | Tuesdays<br>2:30-3:00<br>Room 403  |
| <u>Game Club</u>               | This club provides an opportunity for students to meet together to play a variety of games including chess, checkers, stratego, cribbage, and backgammon. We are always looking for new Magic the Gathering players as well.   | Mr. Bent<br>Mr. Rinaldi                           | Tuesdays<br>2:30 – 3:30<br>Room 101<br>(depending on # of club members, Cafe)  |
| <u>Homework Club</u>           | Staff members help students with reading directions, problem solving, organizing their time and taking responsibility for their assignments. It is a time students can work quietly on class assignments and seek help when needed.  | Ms. Mamakos<br>Mrs. Wall<br>Ms. Rose<br>Mrs. Coco | Monday through Thursday<br>2:30 – 3:30<br>Library<br><br>Sign up letter may be obtained from Mrs. Byman in the AMS Library |

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| <u>Intramurals</u>       | Intramurals will begin in October and information will be sent home to explain what will be offered.  | Mr. Flaherty                  | 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> – Tues. & Thurs.<br>7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> – Mon. & Weds.<br>Gym<br><br>October - April |
| <u>Jazz-Rock Band</u>    | Students will be selected to explore & perform the various styles of big band, jazz, rock, blues, swing and Dixie Land. The group meets on Fridays after school and attendance is required each week. Membership is by audition only and is for grades 6-8.   | Mr. Fijalkowski               | <i>Meeting date will be determined after auditions</i><br>Band Room  |
| <u>Literary Magazine</u> | Poets, writers, artists, or any students interested in the process of publishing a magazine may elect to become staff members of <i>Kaleidoscope</i> , AMS' own Literary Magazine. Activities involve writing and illustrating, communicating with student writers and artists, layout and creating the mock-up for publication.  | Ms. O'Mullane                 | Wednesdays<br>2:30 - 3:30<br>Room 402  |
| <u>Math League</u>       | The Math Team will be preparing for Math League competitions against other schools in our region. Practices will be held on Thursdays. There will be five competitions throughout the year that are also held on Thursdays in place of practice   | Mrs. Hill<br>Mr. Rinaldi      | Practices Thursdays<br>2:30-3:30<br>Room 308<br>Math Meets – once a month on a Thursday until 6 PM – Will be announced               |
| <u>Melody Club</u>       | Melody is a small audition-only vocal ensemble. Auditions are open to any AMS student with a passion for singing. No experience necessary! Try-out times will be posted and announced.  | Mrs. Kimball                  | Thursdays<br>2:45 - 3:30<br>Performing Arts Room   |
| <u>Newspaper Club</u>    | Interested students will have the opportunity to write, edit, set up and conduct interviews. Come and work on your school's quarterly newspaper. Open to all grades and abilities.  | Mrs. Costello                 | Mondays<br>2:30 – 3:30<br>Room 204   |
| <u>Peer Leaders</u>      | Peer Leader Club is looking for responsible, motivated and dedicated 7 & 8 grade students who would like to work together for the benefit of AMS and the community of Amesbury.   | Miss Pizzi                    | Tuesdays<br>2:30 – 3:30<br>Conference Room   |
| <u>Student Council</u>   | AMS Student Council is a group of dedicated students who work hard yet have fun for the betterment of AMS. The Council is made up of elected representative from grades 5-8. Elections will be held in each homeroom.<br><b>*Note - If your child is elected you will be responsible for the activity fee. Please discuss this with your child before they put themselves up for nomination.</b>  | Mrs. Fijalkowski              | Wednesdays<br>2:30-3:30<br>Room 206  |
| <u>Yearbook</u>          | The Yearbook staff consists of eighth grade students who vote on the theme, takes pictures throughout the school year of events, students, faculty, etc., and puts together the yearbook that is published in June. Yearbook is a full year commitment. Students must provide the following recommendations: self, parent, 2 teachers (one must be a 7 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher) explaining how they will contribute to yearbook club. | Mrs. Costello<br>Mr. Costello | (Start date TBA)   |

**Amesbury Public Schools**  
**User Fee**  
**Co-Curricular Activities/AHS Sports**  
**FY 2016 - 2017**

AHS Fall User Fee DEADLINE:  
July 29, 2016  
Return this form and User Fee to  
Athletic Secretary.

NOTE Fall User Fee is  
**Non-refundable after**  
**September 9, 2016**

**(Family Max of \$900.)**  
**User Fee: \$ 50 - Co-Curricular Activity(s) (Club fee is a one-time fee for the school year)**  
**You do not have to pay co-curricular fee to join sport. Club's only!**  
**\$285. - per AHS Sport. Co curricular is not included in Sport fee.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ One time only Co-Curricular Activity(Club's only) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check payable to: Amesbury Public Schools**

**Payment is now available on-line @ [www.schools.amesburyma.gov](http://www.schools.amesburyma.gov)**

Note: The fees do not guarantee equal participation in a co-curricular activity/sport.

I have reached the family Max (\$900.00). List other siblings & school:

Name \_\_\_\_\_, sport/club \_\_\_\_\_, school \_\_\_\_\_

Option 1 \$50.00 enclosed for Co-Curricular Activity(club): \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

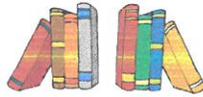
\$285.00 enclosed for Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Option 2 Co-Curricular already paid \_\_\_\_\_ for (Club Only): \_\_\_\_\_

Option 3 Waiver is requested \_\_\_\_\_  
Student is on free or reduced lunch, or form is being sent in. \_\_\_\_\_

Option 4 Money is not enclosed and reason why: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions please call: Amesbury High School, 978 388-4800 – Glen Gearin  
Amesbury Middle School, 978 388-0515 - Steven O'Connor



September 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The AMS Homework Club will begin this fall along with all of the other after school clubs. Homework Club will be held in the AMS Library each Monday through Thursday after school until 3:25 beginning Monday, September 26, 2016. Students can join anytime during the year. Homework Club is a quiet place for your child to complete his/her homework and receive assistance from teachers.

**Homework Club Expectations**

1. Enter the library quietly and sign in.
2. Sit down and begin homework in the library. If homework is complete, student will read quietly.
3. Students must work quietly. If working with a group; students must whisper quietly and be respectful of others who are working nearby.
4. Please ask a teacher for permission to use a computer.
5. Anything that you wish to print must be directly related to a school assignment. Before printing from a computer, please check with a teacher.
6. Students must remain in the library during Homework Club. If a student needs to leave the room for any reason, please have agenda book signed by a teacher and sign out.
7. At 3:20, students should begin to clean up the areas around their tables, pack up their homework, push the chairs in and log off the computers. Students will then be dismissed at 3:25.
8. Cell phones must be turned off and put away during Homework Club. A student may call or text a parent/guardian after getting permission from a Homework Club teacher.
8. School rules that are listed in the Agenda Book apply during Homework Club.

If you have any questions regarding Homework Club, please email Mrs. Wall ([wallc@amesburyma.gov](mailto:wallc@amesburyma.gov)) or Ms. Mamakos ([mamakosc@amesburyma.gov](mailto:mamakosc@amesburyma.gov)) during regular school hours. Students wishing to join Homework Club must read and sign the contract below and bring it with them the first time they attend the club. Students must have a signed contract on file in order to be a member of Homework Club. Please keep the top portion of this page at home for reference. Thank you!

**Homework Club Contract 2016 - 2017**

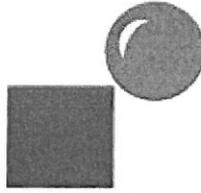
I promise to follow the rules of Homework Club, which are listed above. I will sit quietly at a table or computer and do my homework. If I need to communicate with someone about an assignment, I will respect others' need for quiet and whisper softly. If I do not have any homework to do on a particular day, I will sit at a table and read quietly. I will not use my cell phone during homework club hours without permission from a Homework Club teacher.



Student Signature: .....Date.....

Student's grade: ..... Homeroom.....

Parent/Guardian Signature: .....Date .....



**DestinationImagiNation**  
The most important course in education.

**Destination ImagiNation**  
**Information and Sign Up evening**  
**Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
**AES Cafeteria**

**Destination ImagiNation** is an international organization for kindergarten through college students which teaches life skills and expanding imaginations through team-based, creative problem solving.

The program teaches students how to tap into their own creativity, how to solve problems, and how to work together in teams.

**Destination ImagiNation** provides children with challenges that encourage students to build on their strengths and "out of the box" thinking while working collaboratively as a team. Imaginative thinking and collaboration are vital skills that will carry over to many areas of a child's academic, social and future professional life.

Teams of two to seven members choose one of five challenges (please refer to back of this page) then work together with their team, supervised by their Team Managers (parent volunteers), devising their solutions and perfecting their presentations for the regional tournament in the spring.

Our teams are also growing and included teams from Cashman Elementary, Amesbury Elementary and the Amesbury Middle School! On the back of this flyer, be sure to check out the previews for the 2016-2017 team challenges! Once again, they look amazing and hope you will join us!

## 2016-2017 Team Challenges!

Your child's team will choose one Team Challenge to solve during the DI season. Each Challenge has a specific Educational Focus and all Challenges are new each season.

**Technical: Show and Tech:** The Technical Challenge prompts students to complete tasks by using engineering, research, strategic planning and related skills.

- Present a show that includes an opening act and a headlining act.
- Design and build a stage on which the acts will take place and that will move a team member from one location to another.
- Enhance each act with a technical effect to amaze the audience.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interest, skills, areas of strength, and talents.

**Scientific: Top Secret:** Our Scientific Challenge blends the research and curiosity of science with the thrill and creativity of the theater arts.

- Create and present a story about a secret mission.
- Research and apply methods from cryptography and steganography to reveal secret messages.
- Design and create a gadget that appears to be an everyday item.
- Create and integrate a disguised character into the story.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.

**Fine Arts: Vanished:** Our Fine Arts Challenge has students flex their acting and creative muscles as they experiment with different types of artistic media and theater arts, write scripts and design props.

- Research the meanings, roles and uses of colors.
- Present a story about how the disappearance of a color changes the world.
- Create a colorful character that is involved with the color's disappearance.
- Use technical theater methods to create a vanishing act.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.

**Improvational: 3 Peat:** Our Improvisational Challenge is all about spontaneity and storytelling. Teams receive topics and produce skits right on the spot.

- Create three improvisational skits from the same story prompt.
- Present each skit in a different performance genre.
- Portray a different stock character in each skit.
- Enhance each skit with props.

**Engineering: In It Together:** Our Engineering Challenge asks teams to design, build and test load-bearing structures out of specific materials.

- Design, build and test multiple free-standing structures that work together.
- Develop a strategy for placing structures to support as much weight as possible.
- Develop and present a collaborative solution to a global issue.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that highlight the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.

**Service Learning? Ready, Willing, and Fable:** Our Service Learning Challenge is designed to engage students in public service to address real-life community issues.

- Identify, design, plan and carry out a project that addresses a real community need.
- Create a live presentation of a team-created fable that integrates information about the project.
- Include an impact prop and a character that changes appearance.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.

**Rising Stars! (K-2, Non-competitive Early Learning): Save the Day:** Our Rising Stars! for Early Learners Challenge offers simple experiences with the creative process, and it gives young kids (preschool through 2nd grade) a place to work together and make new friends.

- Learn about simple and complex machines.
- Use simple machines to create and build a new invention.
- Create a play that tells a story about how the new invention helps to save the day.
- Create props, scenery and costumes to help tell the story.

### **DI Coordinator Contacts:**

Cashman Elementary School DI Coordinators: Amy Mitchell: [mitchella@amesburyma.gov](mailto:mitchella@amesburyma.gov)  
Julie O'Neill: [oneillj@amesburyma.gov](mailto:oneillj@amesburyma.gov)  
Amesbury Elementary School DI Coordinator: Jessica LaPlante: [laddj@amesburyma.gov](mailto:laddj@amesburyma.gov)  
Amesbury Middle School DI Coordinator(s): Tia Costello: [costellot@amesburyma.gov](mailto:costellot@amesburyma.gov)

## Amesbury Middle School

### Running Club

For the past five years the Amesbury Middle School has offered a running club through the intramural program and the volunteer efforts of Ernie Bissaillon and Caitlin Bailey. Both work at the middle school as a teacher and guidance counselor and coach running at Amesbury High School. The club has been very successful over the years, so it will be offered again this year. Weather permitting, the running club will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 27<sup>th</sup> until October 27<sup>th</sup>. On these days participants will change into their gear after school and meet in the middle school gym lobby. They will then walk together with Coach Bissaillon or Coach Bailey up to Woodsom Farm. Once at the farm, participants will learn about the sport of running. The activity will finish up at 4:00 PM. Participants will be expected to be picked up at Woodsom Farm by an adult at this time. Through participation in this club it is hoped that participants will develop an appreciation for the lifelong sport of running. The coaches are also going to put on a few home meets with other local middle schools (Miles for Mike Cross Country Festival Saturday October 15) and attend the Jim Munn Invitational sponsored by Saucony in Gloucester on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for \$40.00 from each participant to help defray the cost of the bus and a running jersey for each participant.

Thanks in advance,

Ernie Bissaillon/Caitlin Bailey

**Contacts:** Ernie Bissaillon - Teacher/Cross Country/Track Coach: Amesbury School System

Caitlin Bailey - Guidance Counselor/Cross Country Coach: Amesbury School System

**Important:** SEE BACK The back must be filled out completely and returned to Ernie Bissaillon or Caitlin Bailey at the middle school.

**No one will be allowed to participate without the proper paperwork being turned in.**

## Running Club Release Form

Athletes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**You must complete the emergency contact section and sign this form before the athlete can participate.**

Should we be unable to contact you or your spouse in the event of an emergency, please list a different adult that may be contacted.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Address (include city and state): \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all others who may have permission to pick up your child. Include phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletes Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company and policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

Chronic Health Conditions/Allergies/Special Limitations \_\_\_\_\_

Participation in this sport/activity may involve risk of injury. As a parent, guardian of participant, I am aware of these hazards and my ability to participate. In consideration for participation in the program listed above, I herby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release all rights and claims against the City of Amesbury, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers, and supervisors, except in the case of sole negligence, from all losses, injury, damages, fees and other expenses, arising out of or in connection with the participation in the above activity. In addition, I give permission for the agents, servants, employees, officials to the City of Amesbury to use their sole discretion in seeking and providing treatment for the child by qualified medical personnel in the event that the above named parent/guardian cannot be reached at the phone numbers provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY

AMESBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Consent and Release for Athletic and Intramural/Activity Programs

JJ E-1

**CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM**  
**(If student is under the age of eighteen (18))**

Athletic/Intramural/Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Running Club \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone to student ratio \_\_\_\_\_ 1:10 \_\_\_\_\_

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby consent to the participation in voluntary athletic, intramural/activity programs of the Amesbury Public Schools (said activities hereinafter collectively referred to as "**the released activity**" or "**the released activities**") by \_\_\_\_\_, a minor child. Homeroom # \_\_\_\_\_
2. For good and valuable consideration, including but not limited to the minor child being allowed to participate in the released activities, the sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I do hereby waive, release and forever discharge the Amesbury Public Schools and the Town of Amesbury, and their respective employees, agents, officials, servants, representatives and subcontractors, from and against any and all actions, claims, causes of action, responsibility and liability for personal and bodily injuries and/or property damage which I may now or hereafter have as a parent/guardian of said minor child arising in any way, directly or indirectly, from said minor child's participation in the released activities. Further, I do hereby waive, release and forever discharge the Amesbury Public Schools and the Town of Amesbury, and their respective employees, agents, officials, servants, representatives and subcontractors, from and against any and all actions, claims, causes of action, responsibility and liability for personal and bodily injuries and/or property damage which said minor child may now or hereafter acquire, before or after reaching the age of majority, arising in any way, directly or indirectly, from his/her participation in the released activities
3. Further for good and valuable consideration, including but not limited to the minor child being allowed to participate in the released activities, the sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless, including the costs of defense, the Amesbury Public Schools and the Town of Amesbury, and their respective employees, agents, officials, servants, representatives and subcontractors, from and against any and all actions, claims, causes of action, responsibility and liability for bodily and personal injuries and/or property damage which arise in any way, directly or indirectly, from said minor child's participation in the released activities.
4. I hereby acknowledge and agree that participation in any of the released activities is completely voluntary and that the minor child and I are free to choose to not participate in any such activity. I understand that the minor child's participation in any of the released activities may involve a risk of serious personal injury and/or property damage regardless of the level of supervision and/or observance of rules. I understand and acknowledge that I am consenting to the minor child's participation in the released activity with full knowledge of the dangers involved therewith. I hereby agree, on my own behalf and on behalf of the minor child, to dangers involved therewith.

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5. I hereby agree, on my own behalf and on behalf of the minor child, to expressly assume and accept any and all risks of personal bodily injury and/or property damage, with full knowledge that the Amesbury Public Schools and the Town of Amesbury will not be liable for any such injury or damage.
  
6. I hereby authorize Amesbury Public Schools, and its employees or agents who are supervising the minor child during the released activity, to act on my behalf in authorizing and consenting to emergency medical care for said minor child if he/she becomes ill or is injured while participating in the released activity. This Agreement and Waiver of Liability may be presented to appropriate emergency medical staff at such time as emergency medical care is required. I hereby waive, release and discharge Amesbury Public Schools and the Town of Amesbury, and their respective employees, volunteers, agents, officials, servants, representatives and subcontractors, from and against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to responsibility for the payment of medical bills incurred for such emergency medical care, which may arise out of the decision to provide emergency medical care.
  
7. I hereby represent that I am the custodial parent and/or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ and have full legal authority to execute this Consent and Release Form on behalf of the minor child, on my own behalf, and on behalf of my family as a parent and/or guardian of the minor child.

I hereby acknowledge that I have had full opportunity to read and review this Consent and Release Form and understand its contents. I execute this Consent and Release form voluntarily.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL CONSENT FORM**

Student's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State

Tele. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tele. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies to Medication \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Medications Taken \_\_\_\_\_

To Whom It May Concern:

When, for my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, medical care and treatment, including a minor surgical procedure is recommended by the attending physician, I give permission for the carrying out of such treatment. It is understood that I will be contacted if serious illness or major surgery must be conducted.

Signature(s) Parent(s) or Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tele. no. \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## AMS Library Media Center (LMC)

# Volunteers Needed!

For those of you who would like to get involved, but aren't sure where to showcase your talents, consider volunteering at the AMS Library Media Center. Whether you are interested in a weekly commitment, an occasional project, a leadership role, or stopping by for 15 minutes here or there to tackle the cart of books waiting to be shelved, there is a place for you.

Some of the jobs that need attention:

- Shelving Books
- Gift Book Program
- Overdue Notices
- Displays
- Circulation Desk
- Clutter Control
- Assisting Students

If you would like more information on volunteering at the LMC, please contact me at 978-388-0515 (ext. 1511) or email me at [bymanl@amesburyma.gov](mailto:bymanl@amesburyma.gov)

Thank you,

Lori Byman

Library Media Specialist



## **Choral Dates to Remember!**

### **Mark your calendars:**

Chorus Winter Concert Grades 5-8, Tuesday, December 6, 7pm

Chorus Spring Concert Grades 5-8, Wed., May 10, 2017, 7pm

Melody Club Auditions: Tue., Sept. 27, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Singers

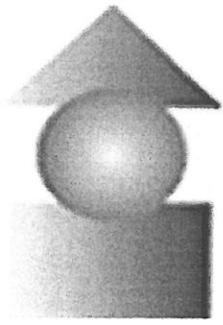
Wed., Sept. 28, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

(\*All auditions take place after school in the chorus room, ending by 4:00pm each day. Chorus and non-chorus members welcome to audition!)

Stay tuned for Drama Club auditions later this fall in preparation for the Spring Musical, TBD!

*I have enjoyed getting to know the students at AMS over these first few days of school. Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your support! Mrs. Kimball*

*kimballj@amesburyma.gov*



# Amesbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

## Stephen Gerber “Stroke of Genius” Award

AEFI’s newest award, the “Stroke of Genius” Award (named after former APS superintendent Stephen Gerber), was created to honor grassroots leadership that has inspired innovation in the Amesbury Public Schools. This year’s recipient is principal Eryn Maguire and the staff at the Amesbury Innovation High School! Congratulations, AIHS staff, and thank you for your time, energy, and commitment to our students!

Visit our website!  
[www.aefionline.com](http://www.aefionline.com)

## Upcoming Events

### American Music and Harvest Festival: September 24

Details are on the reverse. Please note that when you order in advance, 100% of your ticket sales go to support AEFI. Yes, 100%! Please order tickets today and know that you are not only going to enjoy a fantastic day of music and activities with your family, but you are making a generous donation to AEFI!

### Autumn Evening of Giving: November 7 at the Ale House

This is a great night of food, drinks, and giving! We’ll award the Jordan M. Shay Memorial Grant and Trophy (\$10,000) as well as the Peter Gray Friend of Education Award. More details coming soon!

## Welcome back to school!

Back-to-school is always an exciting time, and we on the AEFI board wish all teachers, students, and staff a joyful year of teaching and learning!

We look forward to a joyful year of giving! This year, as always, we will give grants to teachers for exciting and innovative projects, awards to friends of education, outstanding educators, and distinguished APS alums, and scholarships to deserving students.

AEFI has given out nearly half a million dollars in grants to the Amesbury Public Schools over the past decade. Please visit our website for more information about our work: [www.aefionline.com](http://www.aefionline.com)

## How Can You Support AEFI?

Attend our events!

Give an A+ Award to your child’s teachers!

Register for the Amazon Smiles program!

Donate!

Volunteer!

*See our website for more information.*

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# American MUSIC and Harvest Festival

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**B11 • Soggy Po'Boys**  
**King Carubia's Hot Society Band**  
**Community Stage w/Chuck Walker Trio & Friends**

**Sept. 24**  
Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, Newbury, MA  
**10 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Live Music**  
**Fresh Food**  
**Vintage Baseball**  
**Local Brew**  
**Tractor Rides**  
**Historic Tours**  
**Cider Pressing**  
**Sea Shanty Singalong**

**Tickets**  
available at

[www.NewburyportEE.org](http://www.NewburyportEE.org)  
\$20/individual non-member  
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\$40/family (2 adults & all kids)

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Thank you for your support!!  
Contact Danielle Levy with any questions  
[Daniellelevy35@gmail.com](mailto:Daniellelevy35@gmail.com)

# WHAT'S YOUR TALENT?



# STARS ON STAGE

## Info Meeting

**Thursday, Sept. 29**

**2:30-3:00**

**AMS Performance Center**

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