

All About AES

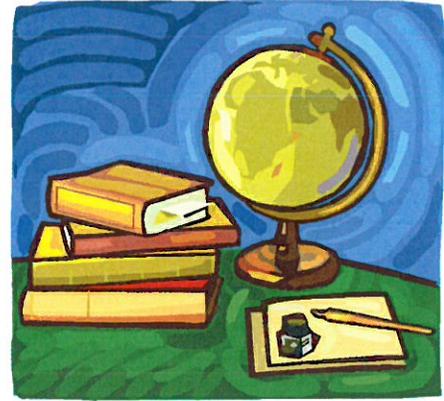
The (mostly) weekly newsletter from AES

Our mission: Exceptional instruction without exception

November 16, 2016

Calendar

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| Nov 23 | 11:30 dismissal – beginning of Thanksgiving Break |
| Dec 7 | PTO Teacher Appreciation Lunch |
| Dec 14 | Gr 2 trip to the Firehouse Theater |
| Dec 19 | Kindergarten Trip to the Senior Center – Sharing a gift of song 9:30 |



Principally Speaking

Thank you to everyone who has helped us move through a change in our dismissal process with the switch of the walkers' dismissal door. Parents are asked to model safe choices by using the sidewalk and crossing at the crosswalks – which is what we would want our children to do if they were on their own! Remember, that you do have Parent Pickup as an option if that works better for you and your child.

In observing the new process, I have noticed that some families bring their dogs with them when they come to pick up their children. While applauding the exercise, there is an Amesbury School Committee policy (IMG) prohibiting dogs and cats from school grounds. Service animals are allowed when they are clearly identified and are functioning in their service role. Even the gentlest and easiest-going dog can get spooked when facing dozens of on-rushing children, so for the safety of everyone, please leave your pets at home.

In the News – What has happened is happening and will happen around AES

Our librarian, Terri Anstiss has Readers are Leaders under way. This great program, run in cooperation with the Amesbury Public Library, encourages and promotes independent reading at all levels, which she reviewed with students last week.

Families are encouraged to help. For more information, please visit the AES Library website:

<http://schools.amesburyma.gov/webpages/tanstiss/leaders.cfm>

Join AES teacher Bruce McBrien in the AES MacLab this Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 to learn more about Geographic Information Systems, or GIS software. This powerful software takes tabular, or information in list form and connects it to maps, so that the maps then can tell powerful stories that the data alone cannot. Collaborating with AES parent and ESRI data engineer Tanya Bigos, families will be able to explore ESRI's GIS software that is used in both schools and businesses around the world.

The Kindergarteners of Diane Naughton recently combined Thanksgiving with art and math! First, students cut out paper to create fanciful turkeys, then they arranged pattern blocks as feathers for its tail. By counting the number of each block they used, they combined artistic vision, manipulating shapes and mathematics.

Students have been learning about poetry in fourth grade. Outside Mrs. Chabot's classroom is a library of wonderful metaphor poems about themselves, and along with Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Ripley have been learning about simile, metaphor, rhyming, diamanté, haiku, concrete, onomatopoeia, cinquain, acrostic, free verse and more.

Mrs Ladd's class has been venturing into the brave new world of multiplication through visualizing the numbers. By creating "skyscrapers" where the windows represent number patterns, children can compare a building representing 2×4 against a building whose windows show 3×3 . It's a great way to help them to see how numbers can "stack up".

Mrs. Reese's class has made beautifully illustrated bookmarks to represent all of the books they have read in their book groups. The creations include book title, author's name as well as drawings which depict moments from the stories.

Mrs. Armstrong's class created math journals, where they record the dice they roll each time, and then list how that relates to tallies as well as the number of blocks that represents in a tens frame, building number sense.

Dear Families:



During the school year, it can seem like kids pick up one bug after another. One week it's a runny nose, the next, a sore throat. Most of the time, these 'bugs' only last for about a week; however those that linger on for longer can sometimes turn into **Walking Pneumonia**.

Walking pneumonia, or atypical pneumonia, is a less serious form of the lung infection pneumonia. It's caused by *Mycoplasma* bacteria, which causes cold-like symptoms in addition to a low-grade fever and a hacking cough. Most kids with this form of pneumonia will not feel sick enough to stay at home — hence, the name "walking" pneumonia — and usually will feel well enough to go to school.

Symptoms can come on suddenly or take longer to appear. Here's what to look for:

- low-grade fever of 101°F (38.5°C) or below
- headache, chills, sore throat, and other cold or flu-like symptoms
- rapid breathing or breathing with grunting or wheezing sounds
- hacking cough
- chest pain or stomach pain
- malaise (feeling of discomfort)
- vomiting
- loss of appetite (in older kids) or poor feeding (in infants)

Most cases are mild and get better on their own without treatment, **but** serious complications can occur. With proper diagnosis by a physician, and proper treatment, it is one of the easiest diseases to treat. Children may return to school when the doctor treating the child permits it and when the parents feel their child is well and rested. There is no mandatory exclusion from school for having 'Walking Pneumonia', however we ask that you please continue to follow our fever free policy.

Once again, not unlike a common cold it is spread via nose and respiratory droplets. Proper hand-washing techniques, cough-etiquette, and infection/germ control should always be practiced.

Warmly,

KristenLynch, RN, BSN, NSCN

<http://www.cdc.gov/pneumonia/atypical/mycoplasma/about/fast-facts.html>

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/walking-pneumonia.html?view=ptr&WT.ac=p-ptr>



STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH
Wednesday, December 7th for AES

Show our teachers & staff how much we appreciate all of their hard work!
Please help with our *Winter Wonderland 2016 STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON*.

Please contact the AES Luncheon Chairpersons with questions on how you can help or return the slip below:
Elizabeth Cooper at cooper2726@comcast.net or Jennifer Pearson at jbpearson21@gmail.com

Food and raffle donations will be accepted at the school on the morning of the luncheon.

Please remember, no NUT/SHELLFISH products may be in any foods.
The buffet is set up in the hallway where children may come into contact with it.

PTO Staff Appreciation Lunch
Winter Wonderland
Wednesday, December 7th, 2016

Please check if you'd like to volunteer your time to help:

Set-up 8:40-10:30 _____

Serve 10:30-12:30 _____

Clean-up 1:00-2:30 _____

Please list item you'll donate:

Soup or Salad _____

Entrée _____ (chafing dishes available & crock pots welcome)

Dessert for Lunch _____ Cookie Swap for Staff _____

Raffle Donation _____ (gift cards, gift baskets, flowers etc.)

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Thank you!
Elizabeth Cooper and Jennifer Pearson



PTO AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM **REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTORS!**

The Amesbury PTO is looking for instructors for the 2016/2017 After-School Enrichment (ASE) Program.

Share your hobby, passion, sport, craft, talent, or special skill with our kids by teaching a one-hour class, once a week for 4 weeks!

WINTER Session Dates: JANUARY 23RD – FEBRUARY 17TH

SPRING Session Dates: APRIL 3RD – MAY 5TH

- ASE classes are held one day per week for the 4-week session.
- Classes for Grade 1-4 are held from 3:15pm-4:15pm .
- Classes for Kindergarten only are held from 1:45pm – 2:45pm.
- Make-up classes (for weather, early release days or holidays) are scheduled during the week after the formal session ends.



ASE instructors earn a stipend of \$45 per class (\$180 for 4-week session).

Deadline for WINTER Instructor Proposals: Monday, December 19th
BUT – We are thrilled to accept proposals for future sessions now as well!

Please include the following information in your proposal:

- Instructor's name
- Name of the class(es) you'd like to teach
- School at which the class will be held (CES or AES)
- Grades (K-4) eligible to enroll in the class
- Day(s) of the week on which you'd prefer to hold the class(es)
- Maximum class size (all classes must have a minimum of 10 children enrolled in order to run at \$45/class stipend rate)
- An estimate of materials/supply costs, if you will need to purchase any for the class (for items the students will make and bring home or eat during class); these are reimbursed
- Description of class



Have an idea for a class but have questions about logistics or how the program works?
Feel free to contact Jen Clark at AmesburyASE@gmail.com

Send proposals by Monday, December 19th to: Amesbury ASE@gmail.com

Please note: All instructors must have current CORI form on file.

All class submissions are subject to approval by host school administration and PTO. Instructors will be notified ASAP of approval of submissions or additional information requirements.

Regional Fill-A-Cruiser

Saturday, Nov 19

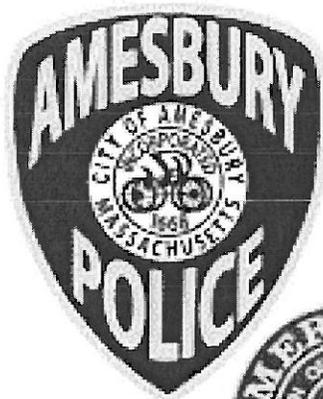
9am-3pm

We're working with *Our Neighbor's Table*
to Fill-A-Cruiser with non-perishable food items to help
the less fortunate this holiday season.

"MOST WANTED ITEMS"

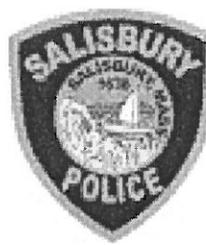
Tuna, baked beans, meat soups, canned meals

Shampoo, soap, deodorant & toothpaste



DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT:
STOP & SHOP, 100 Macy Street
with WNBZ 106.1 FM with a live broadcast

DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE AT THE
FOLLOWING LOCATIONS



Merrimac Police Salisbury Police W. Newbury Police
16 East Main St 24 Railroad Ave 401 Main St



Amesbury Brownie Troop #79111

Is hosting a food drive for Our Neighbors
Table at Vermettes this weekend

9-3 on Nov 19+20.

Items they can use: canned items- tuna,
chicken, fruit, veggies, soups, chilis, pb,
instant soup or rice, pasta, snack bars.

Any other non-perishable food items.
Please help our local food pantry. Also
toiletries are gladly accepted.



There will be a PTO meeting Wednesday the 30th of November
at 6:30 P.M. in the CES cafeteria.

Please come by to find out about up and coming activities the
PTO is involved in, children are welcome.

Please send any agenda items to Tom Cassidy
(tomcassidyaps@gmail.com)



Sea Festival of Trees

Wednesday, Nov. 23 | 5-9PM



AMESBURY NIGHT AT SEAFESTIVAL OF TREES

For Amesbury Students + Residents

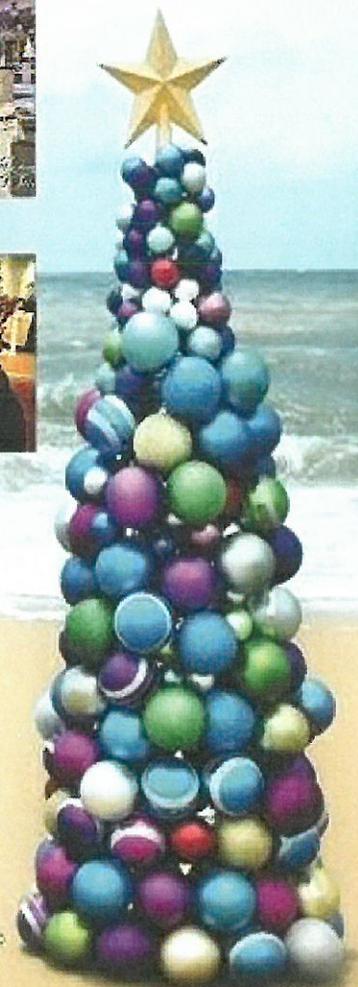
Discounted Admission

\$3/person for students, families, and Amesbury residents. Show proof of residency or school ID.

Complimentary Hot Cocoa!

Experience Holiday Magic

- 150 Sparkling Trees + Designer Wreaths
- New England's Largest Gingerbread House
- Seaside Ice Rink + Skate Rentals
- North Pole Café, Gift & Candy Shoppe
- Lucky tree raffle winners can go home with a tree and up to \$1,000 in gifts!



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See Full Schedule of Events at SeaFestivalofTrees.com



AMESBURY HOLIDAY PARADE

December 3, 2016

STARTS AT 3:30

GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER AND REGISTER
ONLINE @ www.amesburyholidayparade.com

THEME - TOYLAND

PERHAPS A SPECIAL VISITOR FROM THE NORTH
POLE!

LOTS & LOTS MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON!

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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KATE CURRIE- CURRIE.KATHERINE76@GMAIL.COM

WE WILL BE NEEDING VOLUNTEERS FOR DAY OF
THE EVENT!

