

## Principal Nolan's Newsletter:

October 17, 2020 Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are so excited to welcome our K and 1 students back on Monday! Cohort A 8:30-11:15 Cohort B 12:15-3:00

All remote classes in Kindergarten and first grade will follow the above cohort schedule.

Drop-off begins at 8:30 and 12:15. Students should not arrive before 8:30 or 12:15.

Our Special Education students who have been attending ½ day will extend their day to 1:30 this week!!! Great job. You guys are doing amazing. Along with all of our teachers!

All students should arrive at school with a mask on and remain 6 feet apart. Teachers have planned mask breaks for students throughout the day.

#### Morning Drop-off:

- Kindergarten students will meet in the area next to the preK playground. Right next to the car drop-off. Students should look for their teacher and stand on a yellow circle in front of their teacher.
- First grade students in Mrs. Casali's Class and Mrs. Nash's class will meet under the tent. Students should walk over to the tent using the sidewalk and sit in a chair in their line.
- First grade students in Mrs. Kimball's class will be directed to Mrs. Kimball in the front of the building and students will stand on a yellow circle.

Staff will be outside to assist students and parents. This is a new routine so it may take some extra time to get used to but it is necessary to keep all students and adults safe. If something does not work we will reevaluate. I ask that we are all respectful to each other and that if there is an issue you are welcome to call the office or email me.

- Drop-off and Pick-up Procedure
- Families will be expected to place their child's last name in view in the passenger side window. Some families were able to pick their signs at the school. If you do not have a sign, no need to worry. A staff member will be outside at dismissal handing them out to families in need of a sign.

#### **AES Families**

## News, Reminders, and Requests:

- All dismissals and/or absences should be emailed to <u>aes-notes@amesburyma.org</u> and cc your child's teacher
- APS School Lunch Information
- Each year the PTO sponsors a Boosterthon fundraiser in order to raise money for AES and CES. This year we will do a Dance-A-Thon and the event will be virtual!
  - o Dance Fit Overview
  - o Boosterthon Dance Fit Video
- A Note From Our Nurses
- Specials (Gym, Art, Music, Library, Technology):
  - Kindergarten and First grade students will begin to have specials asynchronous the week of October 19, 2020

### **Important Dates:**

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  - Cohort A 8:30-11:15
  - Cohort B 12:15-3:00
- 10-21-20
  - Early release for students/PRT Day for Teachers
  - o Boosterthon Kick-off
- 10-26-20 First day of school in-person for Cohort A in grades 2-4
- 10-29-20 First day of school in-person for Cohort B in grades 2-4
- 11-4-20 Dance-A-Thon Virtual Event

## **CES Families**

## News, Reminders, and Requests:

- Students who have school chromebooks should bring their chromebooks to school on the days they have in-person instruction
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I hope you have a wonderful weekend! As always, if you need to contact me you are welcome to email me at <a href="mailto:shannon.nolan@amesburyma.org">shannon.nolan@amesburyma.org</a>.

Sincerely,

Shannon Nolan, Principal AES

## Notes from the Nurse:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12okvxmCkr2aWpvVjvWGCJAJIIUVaZxt\_/view?usp=sharing

Amesbury Holiday program: Need help for the Holidays?

https://drive.google.com/file/d/15uZzCttoH5xxF2Z380iTDwm02Lb0jfui/view?usp=sharing

## **Amesbury Public Schools**

## What type of Covid Test is required for the Amesbury Public School Community?

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, and Staff:

In the event you are advised to obtain a covid test relative to your school involvement, please make sure to get a PCR molecular test instead of an antigen rapid test- see below.

\*RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIAGNOSTIC COVID-19 TESTING: To evaluate individuals for current infection, a molecular diagnostic test to detect the presence of the virus by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or other nucleic acid amplification methodology is the gold standard and is the preferred test type. A second method to detect the presence of viral proteins is a diagnostic antigen test.

Although these newer diagnostic antigen tests are faster to run, they are less sensitive and less specific and antigen test results must be confirmed by a molecular test.

The following three locations offer molecular tests:

- 1. Convenient MD Newburyport 978-225-6607
- Anna Jaques Hospital Newburyport 978-463-1000
- CVS 2 Lafayette Road Salisbury 978-462-1303

For more details and to view a lovely colored graph explaining covid test differences, please click the link below.

Copy of covid19-testing-final-508-July.pdf

Thank you and kind regards,

Amesbury School Health Services

## A message from PTO:

Hi Parents and Families,

I hope you're doing well! I wanted to make sure you are looped into the FUN fundraiser we are hosting for our school, called the **Amesbury/Cashman Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser**!

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for Chrome Books and School Supplies. We're excited to be raising funds for these necessary items! *Though students are learning in-person & remotely, ALL STUDENTS are very much a part of the school and this program*. Tomorrow we'll start learning a character lesson each day through the character theme, Sports City Now! Each day features a REAL kid-athlete that plays with character.

Below is a link to watch with your students at home. You'll be able to get daily updates on <u>funrun.com</u>, so be sure to register TODAY, if you haven't already!

https://vimeo.com/440773919/29054d27ec

#### AND HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL:

- 1. Register your student(s) on funrun.com.
- 2. Share your donation link with extended family and friends from funrun.com.
- 3. Give a donation if you are able to.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our school. Have a great day!





# Immunizations Mandatory for Kindergarten Entry per Ma.DPH

An updated physical with immunizations may be scanned/emailed to School Nurse at <u>kristen.lynch@amesburyma.orq</u>

5 doses of DTaP
4 doses of Polio
3 doses of Hep B
2 doses of MMR/Varicella
1 dose Influenza (by 12/31/2020)

<u>DTaP</u> = Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis <u>MMR</u> = Measles, Mumps, and Rubella <u>Varicella</u> = Chicken pox Virus

## \*Don't Wait, Vaccinate

For more information, contact your health care provider or the MDPH Immunization Program:

\*Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Program https://www.mass.gov/doc/immunization-requirements-for-school-entry-0/download



# ALL STUDENTS are entitled to FREE Breakfast and FREE Lunch From now until December 31, 2020.

- ✓ You can pick them up on Mondays and Wednesdays at Amesbury High School
- ✓ Go to the side parking lot next to the side entrance to the tent
- ✓ This will be a "Drive thru" pick up only
- ✓ Please do not park your cars, you will be able to drive up to the tent, be handed
  your meals and then proceed to drive along the back of the school to exit.

- ✓ You may pick up your meals between the hours of 11 am 12:30 pm
- Monday pick up will include 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches, Wednesday pick up will include 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches.
- ✓ Can't pick it up? No problem! Have a grandparent or a friend get it for you—we just want children to be fed
- ✓ Home delivery will not be available at this time



## Fundraiser for Amesbury High School Grad Night Tuesday November 3, 2020 Election Night!



Flatbread Restaurant, Amesbury Millyard

(978) 834-9800

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

5 pm to 9 pm

Take Out Orders Only

Cast your vote then help AHS Grad Night raise some dough!

Proceeds support AHS Grad Night's mission to provide safe, substance-free, all-night, fun-filled surprise(!) activities to students in the senior class of Amesbury High School every year on graduation night.



Choose Wisely!

