



Superintendent's Corner

Gary S. Reese, Ed.D.
Superintendent

June 21, 2018

I can't believe that this school year has finished ... and my time in Amesbury is coming to an end! This will be my last week in review communication as Superintendent of Schools. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank some important people and to reflect on my time in Amesbury.

First and foremost, I want to thank my leadership team for their hard work and support during my time in Amesbury. I am most proud of the work that this team has facilitated during the past couple of years with regards to curriculum development and embedding social emotional learning competencies into the curriculum. This work has been recognized locally and nationally. I am also proud of work that we have undertaken to increase parental engagement and to highlight best practices in teaching and learning. We still have improvements to make, but I feel the district is heading in the right direction under the leadership team. All of our work could not have been realized without the dedication of our central office support staff.

Our teaching staff is phenomenal. They come to work every day to meet the complex and ever-changing needs of our students. They look for ways to challenge them both academically and socially, but also to provide scaffolds and supports to promote their success. They help our kids to become problem solvers, critical thinkers, and to learn how to engage with our school and community. They consistently go above and beyond to meet the needs of each child and for that I am most thankful.

This year was particularly challenging for budget development, and it continues to present the leadership team with opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogue about our schools and forces us to make difficult decisions regarding funding programs. I want to acknowledge the hard work of the leadership team and school committee to think outside the box and establish cost savings measures that have minimal impact on students and their families.

I would also like to acknowledge Mayor Gray for his support both during the past few years, but more importantly this year. He had the faith in me and the leadership team to do what we know and what we're trained to do in the best interest of Amesbury. Thank you Mayor Gray for your confidence and mutual professional respect.

I'd also like to thank the school committee for their support and guidance. While we didn't always agree on how things should be handled, they caused me to reflect on how we can do and be better in Amesbury. They pushed me to improve my practice as an administrator and to continue to push my staff in similar ways. While I appreciate each of them for the ways in which they helped me grow, I'd be remiss if I didn't specifically acknowledge Mr. Peter Hoyt. Mr. Hoyt's patience and support has meant so much to me. I value his input as a former school based educational leader in Amesbury and now as a school committee member.

This past year has been a difficult year for me personally and professionally. My life shifted giving me reason to do some personal reflection and growth. Decisions aren't always as easy as one would think. I want to thank the staff who supported me as an individual and encouraged me to do what is best for me as a person and as a professional. While I recognize my decision to move on created some 'hiccups' in our plans for Amesbury, I also know there are great staff who can fulfill those aspirations and goals.

Interim Superintendent Selected

It is my pleasure to announce that Mr. Jared Fulgoni has been named by the school committee as the interim superintendent for the upcoming school year. Mr. Fulgoni is currently the assistant superintendent of schools for the Haverhill Public Schools.

Pictures of the Week



AES Grade Four Celebration



CES Grade Four Celebration

Amesbury Youth Recreation Summer Catalog has been posted... check it out at:

https://www.amesburyma.gov/sites/amesburyma/files/pages/2018_summer_catalog_master_0.pdf

Thanks again to this wonderful community for your support of me during my time in Amesbury!
This has been a wonderful three years! Enjoy your summer with your families!

Gary



**PROJECT
DISCOVERY
2018**

**A SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAM
AT WHITTIER TECH
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
ENTERING GRADES 6, 7 AND 8**

**Session 1: July 9-19
Session 2: July 23-August 2**
Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. until 12 noon

Free transportation is provided by Whittier Tech.

**Register online: <https://whittiertech.org/vacation-camps>
For more information, call 978-373-4101, ext. 254**



JOPPA FLATS Summer Camp

in Newburyport

OUTDOOR FUN & NATURE EXPLORATION
for Campers Ages 6 to 11!

Learn more and register at
massaudubon.org/joppaflatscamp.



discover • explore • be outside

One Plum Island Turnpike • Newburyport, MA • 978-462-9998

Camp scholarship funds available



Friend-ship Form

Our Mission

The mission of the Friends of the Amesbury Public Library, as a volunteer organization, is to support the Library and staff, to enhance the resources and services of the Library, and to enrich our community. We focus our attention on the local and extended community of library patrons and accomplish our mission through collaboration, fundraising, allocation of funds, and sponsorship of programs for the community.

Why Support the Friends?

The Library receives limited municipal funding for programs, which is why our goal is to raise money for the many programs that serve thousands of Amesbury residents annually.



Friends Funded Library Programs

Museum Passes

Programs for Adults, Children & Teens

Summer Reading Programs

Author Visits

Genealogy Programs

Library Supplies & Furnishings

YES! I want to be a Friend of the Amesbury Public Library. I know my membership supports programs, materials, and services for all library patrons.

I/We are JOINING RENEWING Sign Up Date _____

Short Story \$10 Novel \$25 Bestseller \$50 Biography \$100 Publisher \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Don't miss out, get news and events by email! We do not share any of your personal information.

Please make your **tax-deductible contribution** online at www.amesburylibrary.org/friends or send a check payable to Friends of the Amesbury Public Library with this membership form to:

Friends of the Amesbury Public Library
149 Main Street
Amesbury, MA 01913

Membership lasts one year from date of signing up.

The Friends of the Amesbury Public Library is a registered 501(c)(3) organization in Massachusetts. Donations are tax deductible as allowable by law. #04-3104159



amesburylibrary.org/friends

Join Us!

We welcome anyone who would like to give their time, talent, or treasure.

As a Friend, you can be as involved as you want; from joining and making a donation, to attending our monthly meetings and volunteering.

- Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month at the Library, 7pm •
(we do not meet in July and August)

I would like to VOLUNTEER to help with... (circle any you would like to be contacted about)

Book Shop • Fundraising • Cookie Walk • Membership • Special Events

149 Main Street, Amesbury, MA 01913

FOLLOW US ON



Friend-ship Form

Our Mission

The mission of the Friends of the Amesbury Public Library, as a volunteer organization, is to support the Library and staff, to enhance the resources and services of the Library, and to enrich our community. We focus our attention on the local and extended community of library patrons and accomplish our mission through collaboration, fundraising, allocation of funds, and sponsorship of programs for the community.

Why Support the Friends?

The Library receives limited municipal funding for programs, which is why our goal is to raise money for the many programs that serve thousands of Amesbury residents annually.



Friends Funded Library Programs

Museum Passes

Programs for Adults,
Children & Teens

Summer Reading
Programs

Author Visits

Genealogy
Programs

Library Supplies
& Furnishings

YES! I want to be a Friend of the Amesbury Public Library. I know my membership supports programs, materials, and services for all library patrons.

We are JOINING RENEWING Sign Up Date _____

Short Story \$10 Novel \$25 Bestseller \$50 Biography \$100 Publisher \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

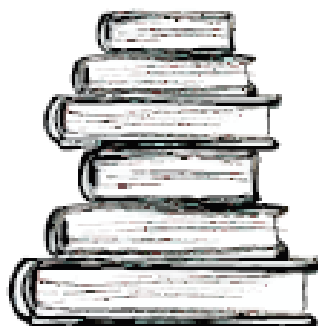
Don't miss out, get news and events by email! We do not share any of your personal information.

Please make your **tax-deductible** contribution online at www.amesburylibrary.org/friends or send a check payable to Friends of the Amesbury Public Library with this membership form to:

Friends of the Amesbury Public Library
149 Main Street
Amesbury, MA 01913

Membership lasts one year from date of signing up.

The Friends of the Amesbury Public Library is a registered 501(c)(3) organization in Massachusetts. Donations are tax deductible as allowable by law. #04-3104159



amesburylibrary.org/friends

Join Us!

We welcome anyone who would like to give their time, talent, or treasure.

As a Friend, you can be as involved as you want; from joining and making a donation, to attending our monthly meetings and volunteering.

+ Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month at the Library, 7pm +
(we do not meet in July and August)

I would like to VOLUNTEER to help with... (circle any you would like to be contacted about)

Book Shop • Fundraising • Cookie Walk • Membership • Special Events

149 Main Street, Amesbury, MA 01913

FOLLOW US ON



Our Neighbors' Table Summer Lunch Program Registration Open

Our Neighbors' Table is now accepting registrations for the 2018 Summer Lunch Program. This program will offer extra groceries each week to families in need living in one of the twelve communities we serve. The groceries will be designed to assist families in providing healthy breakfast, lunch, and snacks for their children during the summer months. The program is geared towards children in all grades.

How to participate: Pre-registration is mandatory and will be accepted on a rolling basis until all of the slots are filled.

How to pre-register? The registration process is easy. To register, simply phone Our Neighbors Table at 978-388-1907 and tell our receptionist that you'd like to register for our Summer Lunch Program. Our receptionist will take your name and contact info and that's it, you are registered. With the help of ONT staff, you will need to fill out a simple application upon your first visit to pick up your summer lunch items. There isn't a financial requirement to be eligible to participate in our Summer Lunch Program, however, priority will be given to families whose children are eligible to receive the free or reduced meals programs through the Public School System.

When does the Summer Lunch Program run? July 5th through August 25th

Where to pick up your groceries and at what time? At Our Neighbors' Table, on Wednesday from 12pm – 3pm, Thursday from 3pm-6pm or Friday and Saturday from 9am-12pm.

To register, please call Our Neighbors' Table at 978-388-1907

SUMMER PROGRAMS at NECC FOR KIDS & TEENS

July 9 - August 3 | Haverhill Campus

College for Kids

STEM Academy



Ages 7-13

Ages 13-16

NECC's College for Kids is an engaging, active summer learning program featuring classes in Science, Engineering, and Math (STEM) as well as Arts and Adventure. We welcome grades 2-4 (Juniors) and grades 5-7 (Seniors).

The STEM Academy is a unique program for rising 7th through 10th graders who will explore the many exciting areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math for 4 weeks this summer. Imagine having the opportunity to check out all these programs in one summer experience. Students will be on a college campus, meeting faculty, learning about STEM and meeting other students with similar interests.



Transportation offered from/to NECC's Riverwalk location in Lawrence for an additional fee.



For more information, contact Alicia lola at college4kids@necc.mass.edu or 978-556-3332

AMESBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HORRORS



Presented by

Amesbury Community Theatre

Directed by Rugie Yerely Music Direction by Andrea Liacor

June 22 at 7pm

June 23 at 2pm & 7pm

June 24 2pm

The Byfield Community Arts Center

7 Central Street, Byfield MA

Ticket Sales 978-518-7752

Reserved \$15

General \$10

How can you help stop child hunger this summer? Fill bags and fill bellies!

Did you know that **1 out of 8 local children is at risk for not having enough food?** For more than **2,400 children** living in our region summer means no school - and no school breakfast and lunch.

Our Neighbors' Table is proud to provide wholesome, nutritious foods that children will eat through our **Summer Lunch Program**. In 2017, Our Neighbors' Table provided **388 kids** with healthy breakfast, lunch and snacks through the Summer Lunch Program. This is a **100% increase** in kids served from the previous summer and we expect the program to grow even more in 2018.



How can you and your kids help?

Our Neighbors' Table is excited to announce that kids can now support the Summer Lunch Program with **Fill Em Up Bags!**

This a wonderful opportunity to instill the value of community service and helping others in your children. Kids will decorate their **Fill Em Up Bag**, then ask friends and family to help fill the bag. The goal is to **collect \$25**, which would provide breakfast and lunch to a child for a whole month! The donations they collect will directly help their peers who may be struggling with hunger.

Visit kids.fillempfest.com for more information or to get started.



Questions? Contact Lesley at lesley@ourneighborstable.org or 978-388-1907 x26.

www.ourneighborstable.org



AND

AMESBURY YOUTH RECREATION

PRESENT...

AMESBURY GIRLS SUMMER CLUB TENNIS!

WHEN: EVERY MONDAY, 3pm - 5pm (2 hours). One five-week program.

WHERE: **AHS tennis courts.** Please arrange for safe and timely transportation.

WHO: ANY CURRENT AMESBURY RESIDENT AND/OR STUDENT, WHO IS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN -4TH GRADE. (Program MAX is 12!)

WHY: This program is designed for elementary school **female** athletes who are interested in/serious about playing girls tennis at Amesbury High School, in the future. This includes players of **ALL** levels (Beginners – Advanced)! The program is skills-based and allows players to evolve their tennis game to a higher level of play.

COST: \$100.00 per student - athlete

SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Begins: Monday, July 9th

Ends: Monday, August 6th

*Monday, August 13th is a make-up day, if necessary.

Scheduled days: JULY: 9, 16, 23, 30 AUGUST: 6

Note: Additional make-up dates/times (if necessary) are at the discretion of the Instructor.

Program is conducted by Amesbury Girls Tennis Coach, Brett A. Manoloff, with assistance from tennis coaches within the Amesbury system. Guest appearances by members of the AHS Girls Tennis Team!



REGISTRATION: Must be performed at www.amesburyrec.com .

GoGirlGo!

Girls Inc. of the Seacoast Area is calling all girls
ages 9-11!

- ◆ Do you want to create your own roller coaster?
- ◆ Do you want to do hands - on fun STEAM experiments?
- ◆ Do you like soccer, tennis and more fun physical games?
- ◆ Do you want to learn about powerful women in the sports field?

**girls
inc.**®

Girls Incorporated®
of the Seacoast Area

Jeanne Geiger
CRISIS CENTER

Date: Monday, July 16th - Friday, July 27th.

Does not include the weekend

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Location: Adelynrood Conference Center
46 Elm Street Byfield, MA 01922**

Cost: \$225 for both weeks. Scholarships available

**All must pre-register and send registration and
permission slip to:**

**Danielle Littles, Program Director, Girls Inc. of the
Seacoast Area**

2 Harris St., Newburyport MA 01950

978-465-1268

dlittles@girlsincseacoast.org

Please contact Danielle for more information



Girls making a roller coaster during the STEAM summer program



Girls playing soccer during the Sporting Chance program

Thank you to our 2017/2018 Sponsors!

Boards & Company

Organo
PROPERTY SERVICES

RE/MAX
ON THE RIVER

AMESBURY
JETS
YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Sign-up today for the 2018 season and experience the fun, teamwork, and dedication that only comes through youth football and cheering.

\$150 registrations costs includes helmet, pads, uniforms and cheer gear
www.amesburyjetsfootball.org



HEADS UP
FOOTBALL



Amesbury SEPAC

Special Education Parent Advisory Council



Our Mission: to work for the understanding of, respect for and support of all children with special needs in the community. We...

- *Promote a network of parents of children with special needs and provide the forum to share information*
- *Advise the Dir. Of Student Services and School Committee on operations and development of special education programs, parent and teacher training needs, and help develop policy*
- *Promote communications between SEPAC members, local, State and National organizations, councils and groups*
- *Promote communication and programs within the community to encourage understanding, acceptance and inclusion.*

How do I become a part of the SEPAC? Membership is open to ALL. To become a member, attend a meeting/event or contact our Secretary Miranda at miranda.gualtieri@icloud.com

How will I know about SEPAC events? A SEPAC pamphlet will be distributed in Fall2018. You can also check us out on:

Our Webpage: <http://schools.amesburyma.gov/amesburypublic.cfm?subpage=1506828>

Our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/amesburysepac/>

The Amesbury Public Schools Polys

Please Take our Survey

Go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/KFNYXR7 (or use the QR code below) to complete our 3-minute long survey. The survey results will be used to plan on 2018-2019 SEPAC events which will include trainings, socials, support groups, and meetings.



SEPAC Co-chairs: Mary Jepson & Maryann Welch

Register Now for ASA Summer Soccer

Registration is now open for 2018 ASA Summer Soccer. The ASA Summer Soccer program is a co-recreational summer program for players aged U6 through U16 (generally kindergarten and up).

Register or learn more at <http://amesburysoccer.com/summer-soccer>.



Dates and Format

ASA Summer Soccer will have a modified format with more focus on games.

Saturday Mornings Skills & Scrimmage: 8:30 and 9:45 AM times

- 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/5

5 Weeknight Games: Day of Week to be determined for each age group; 5:30 & 6:30 PM

- Weeks of July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6

How to Register

Visit <http://amesburysoccer.com/summer-soccer> OR Register at the Fields

- Early registration fee is discounted to \$50 until July 4.
- After July 4 the registration will be \$75.
- \$10 discount per sibling
- Summer Reversible Uniforms cost \$20; you may use previous ASA summer soccer uniforms. Any player needing socks can request a new pair from any summer staff member.
- We offer confidential financial aid; to request financial aid please fill out the registration and select the 'pay offline' option.

<http://amesburysoccer.com/summer-soccer>



Amesbury Soccer Association (ASA) is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to providing a fun, safe and healthy environment for boys and girls to enjoy in-town recreational and competitive travel soccer. In 2018 we continue on a journey to bring quality soccer fields to our city and we are looking for help in two big ways - donations and volunteers. For more information: <http://www.amesburyfieldsforkids.org/>

The ASA Summer Soccer program is not sponsored by any school and is available to all players from area towns.



Amesbury Soccer Association Travel Soccer Evaluations Register Now

All players currently in grades 4, 5, 6, 7 that will play travel soccer next fall or spring on Grade 5/6 or Grade 7/8 teams must register and participate in player evaluations.

Player Evaluations: Wednesday, June 6th, 2018 for all players currently in grades 4, 5, 6, 7.

Anyone with a conflict that cannot attend June 6th must attend the make-up session on June 8th. Evaluations will be at Woodsom Farm Fields

It is the goal of ASA is to place players on the team that is most appropriate to that individual's experience and development level. To support this goal, player evaluation sessions are held each June. These are NOT "tryouts." All players who register for the travel program will be placed on a team.

- Attendance is required for all players interested in Fall 2018 and/or Spring 2019 Travel Soccer that will be in grades 5-8 next year. Evaluation score is the primary basis for team placement.
- Players who are currently in grade 3 do not need to participate in evaluations.
- Players need to [register online](http://www.amesburysoccer.com/travel-soccer-evaluations) to participate in the Evaluation <http://www.amesburysoccer.com/travel-soccer-evaluations>

Wednesday, June 6:

5:00p to 6:15p – GR 5/6 Girls and Boys (Players currently in grades 4 or 5)

6:30p to 7:45p – GR 7/8 Girls and Boys (Players currently in grades 6 or 7)

Friday, June 8: Make-up date for those that cannot attend on Wednesday.

5:00p to 6:15p – GR 5/6 Girls and Boys

6:30p to 7:45p – GR 7/8 Girls and Boys

- *If your son or daughter is injured and cannot participate please notify Director of Coaching, Jeff Davis at jeff@bluewatermtg.com.*

Please make sure you [register for the player evaluations on the ASA website](#).

There is no charge to register for the Evaluation Sessions.

There will be a separate registration for the 2018 Fall Season.

*Registration for evaluations does not register the player for the travel season.

For additional information on Travel Soccer and the Evaluation Sessions, please contact ASA Travel Director, Mike Testa: mike.b.testa@gmail.com



Summer Theatre Camp Information

Amesbury Community Theatre camp is well suited for any child interested in exploring the exciting world of theatre! Come explore your talents and creativity in a fun and encouraging setting, where you will make wonderful friends too!

Oompa Loompa Training Camp (Ages 5 and 8) July 2, 3, 5 & 6, 9:00-12:00

Amesbury Community Theatre is excited to announce a unique opportunity for kids ages 5-8. In anticipation of our production of *Willy Wonka and The Chocolate factory!* We will be offering a kids camp for Oompa Loompa Training. The camp, held at the Studio from 9-12. The kids will learn improve skills using costumes and props, stage direction using theater games and how to create their own Oompa Loompa style. We will talk about audition prep for any student interested in auditioning for *Willy Wonka*. Registration is open via our website and camp will be based on having 7 -10 children attend. Children aged 4 will be permitted at director's discretion. Please call 978-504-0137 for more info. Cost is \$125

Summer Show Camp Program (Grades 5th - 9th) July 9th - 27th Mon-Thurs, 10-3p

Our 3-week extensive acting program is for grades 5-9. The program begins the week of **July 9th and ends the week of July 27th, meeting Monday through Thursday from 10-3PM**. Participants will work on a full book production enabling everyone to participate on stage and/or backstage. Performances will be held for the community July 26-28th. Space is limited in this program and the show performed will be chosen based on the number of participants. Cost is \$350 for the 3-week program. Payment plan options and sibling discounts are available.

Register now www.amesburycommunitytheatre.org/actsummer-camp

Please contact us at amesburychildrenstheatre@gmail.com with any questions.