



WIT & WISDOM®

Wonderful Wit & Wisdom

Makenna Grimbilas

Wit & Wisdom might not be that fun or exciting as you think but your teacher's heart is in the right place. Now you may be wondering what do you mean by "Your teacher's heart is in the right place?" What I mean is Wit & Wisdom can be all those emotions, but it does educate you on your writing. It also helps your grammar when you write and build your knowledge and your experience with writing in the future.

Wit & Wisdom is a newer program for all the teachers and students. When I was in third grade, Wit & Wisdom was a new program for everyone. I learned a lot! I learned how to write paragraphs with a topic sentence, a hook, evidence, elaboration, more evidence and, you guessed it... more elaboration and then finally your conclusion! You can test your writing skills, learn more about the writing process, and get help with brainstorming.

Another thing I did last year that some students might not know is that instead of our teachers teaching us a whole lesson, a Wit & Wisdom teacher would teach us. They would read the stories to start us off or we would watch a video of a Wit & Wisdom teacher teaching a lesson. They would read to us or teach us about a story and what we just learned. So what I'm saying is that instead of our teacher teaching us the whole lesson we would watch a Wit & Wisdom teacher. They would teach us about writing a paragraph, tell us what

we just learned, what it means, and how and why it is important. We would also learn about what the essential meaning is.

Wit & Wisdom is a very complex and advanced program. It is still considered new to the teachers. This is because they are constantly upgrading and some teachers are going to Professional Development to learn more about Wit & Wisdom. That's cool, right?!

In conclusion, Wit & Wisdom might not be that fun but your teacher's heart is in the right place and it will help you a lot in the future!

Specials

Sophia Pouliot



Do you know that we see Specialists every day of the week? The "specials" at Amesbury Elementary School are music, art, gym, library and technology. Every "special" is 60 minutes long and each student attends. Amesbury Elementary has five specialists to teach the students from kindergarten through 4th grade.

Mrs. Ramos specializes in art, and she teaches us shapes, lines and colors and how to create with a variety of materials and techniques. We use different tools, like brushes, scissors, glue and more! This week I made a winter scene. The physical education



specialist is Ms. MacLane, who teaches us to use our muscles through lots of different exercises and activities! All of them involve movement, but I do have a favorite... I love playing dodgeball in gym! In our Library Special, Mrs. Peg reads stories and helps students check out books. This week I watched a video about Greek mythology that was really interesting. When I asked her what her favorite part of this special was, she said that her favorite part of special is when she gets to share a new story with us! Our new music teacher is Mrs. Long. She teaches us the beats and rhythms of music. We're learning about notes, and how music is written. We've even been able to record a fun dance we did together! We get points for doing well in class, and I love getting points because that means my class can earn a party! The technology teacher, Mr. McBrien teaches students how to be technology problem solvers and critical thinkers. We just finished coding a two-player game where we designed every part of it! When I asked him what his favorite part of the special was, Mr McBrien said that he enjoys seeing students build skills that help them to create wonderful things and when my students really understand what the special is all about. When I asked him how long he had been teaching, Mr McBrien said that he had been teaching for almost 25 years. I asked him what he did before being a specialist and he said he used to sell stuff.

These educators help young people learn. Specials are fun and you don't realize you are learning! Do you know that while you are in Special your teacher is prepping for what you learn next? While my class and I are at a

Special, my teacher is preparing for the morning meeting. Each special is an important educational and fun part of every student's day!

Tyler: Who's Tyler?

Trey Hamilton



Tyler has a very important job here at AES. He is our night-time custodian for AES (Amesbury Elementary School). A custodian is someone who helps make the school work, including fixing things, painting and cleaning. It's like cleaning your house but instead of cleaning your house you're cleaning a whole **school**. That may sound very hard and it is. It's very hard to clean a whole school. What do custodians use to clean schools? Well they use tools like "wheeled carts" or buckets to clean inside schools and for the garden they use weed whackers, hedge trimmers, push mowers and back pack blowers to clean the garden. Every night Tyler makes a walk through the school bathrooms and checks all paper towel dispensers to make sure they are all full. He also checks the doors and windows to make sure the building is secure for the night. Additionally, he checks the soap bottles and sanitizers to make sure they are not empty. After that he makes sure the building is locked and helps anyone that needs help. He also maintains the building by checking if there's any leaks in the building, like



water leaks in the classrooms or gym. He also worked with Mr. M at Salisbury Elementary, which is why he came here to AES when there was an opening. What else does this very busy man named Tyler do? He also helps anyone who needs help at night fixing something in their classrooms. If asked, he will also take care of any tasks he is capable of doing for the teachers, which is really helpful. (FUN FACT.) He also owns a landscaping company and works there during the days, Monday through Friday, but fortunately, we have him here at AES at night!

Thanksgiving Past & Present

Ruby Kobel



Most people have heard the story of the Native Americans and the Pilgrims and how they bonded over the first Thanksgiving. But back then they had not heard of Coronavirus. Coronavirus has been abbreviated to Covid 19, and Covid 19 made us change Thanksgiving. Last year we were not really able to have Thanksgiving; we could not see anyone or do anything. The most we could do was see the people we live with. I was only able to have Thanksgiving dinner with my immediate family. The pandemic made us all a little crazy from being cooped up for over a year.

I remember my last normal Thanksgiving, when I went to my

cousin's house. We made chicken and they made turkey. I was able to play with cousins, but last year, in the middle of Covid 19, Thanksgiving was not very fun. I was able to spend time with my family but again, only the family I live with. This year was a lot better. I think that people need to appreciate all of their experiences with each and every holiday. So if your plans for something go haywire, then just remember this time in history and how hard it was and is for every single person.

In conclusion, this was a very hard time for all of us. My mother said she loved our Thanksgiving in 2020. I thought it was all we could do. I have to admit I had a very good time. But still I missed having all those people at my house talking to my cousins. But most of all, I missed having Thanksgiving dinner with my cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. Covid is terrible. It took so much away but it also gave us a new perspective on what we have and what to be thankful for. So instead of trashing Covid be thankful for all you have. I mean this thing is about Thanksgiving so I kinda have to say that.

Learning about Legos

Jace Landry



Legos are colorful bricks that kids and adults get excited about building. I love Legos because you can do anything with them. I've been



building with Legos for at least 5 years and there's still so much more to do. After school I do Legos whenever I have free time. When I build them there are so many more colors than you think like pink, blue, orange, black, green, purple, and many other colors.

There are different types of Lego sets. Lego Technic sets have tons of moving parts and are amazing. Imagine a big piece of Legos flying in the air; yeah it's crazy. Small pieces, big pieces, it all works. If it doesn't you can always ask for help or try again. Imagine building a model, and then being able to play with it because it has moving parts! Trust me, it's hard. I've been doing it for a long time. If I had to say they're probably 1580 pieces in one set for a car. It's complicated, but FUN; trust me!

With Brick It, when you don't know what to build you can download the app on your iPad, which includes step by step directions. It's pretty cool that by just taking a picture of a bunch of Legos....voila! Just like that, it comes up with a bunch of pictures that you can build, like people, ladybugs, cars, all sorts of stuff. Now you can build what you want. Even with a few pieces you can still build. Yeah, it's crazy!

Ms. McLean Makes History for Amesbury Soccer Team

Luke Babcock



You might know Ms. MacLean as the Amesbury elementary school PE teacher but what you may not know is that she made history for Amesbury's soccer team. The soccer team hasn't gone to the playoffs in 28 years but when Ms. MacLean came in and they got in the playoffs and she made history. It was awesome. Did you know that the soccer team plays at the high school football team's field. Ms. MacLean is from Amesbury and she played soccer in Amesbury. The reason she came to coach boys soccer is because 2 years ago the job was open for it and she applied for the job.

She went to college at UNH and she started coaching at Seacoast United. Ms. MacLean says that her favorite part about teaching P.E. at AES is teaching kids the same things her gym teacher taught her when she was in school because she loved Gym when she was a kid. She also coaches skiing in the winter when soccer is not being played. Interestingly, she once thought about quitting sports in first year of high school but she stuck with them and now she loves sports, especially soccer. Ms. MacLean inspires many people including me. One more thing is her best memory of being in school; her first year of high school she won a championship game with her soccer team. Ms MacLean is an amazing coach and a great P.E. teacher!



Sports in Amesbury

By Trey Hamilton Luke Babcock



Today we will be talking about the different sports in Amesbury Massachusetts. How many sports are there?

Soccer

Soccer is a great sport for running and ball control. What is ball control? Well ball control is when you control a soccer ball or a ball with your foot or your feet. Anyways, what do you need to learn about soccer to play it? Well you need to know lots of stuff like how to walk, run and there's a lot of stuff to learn and places like defense or striker, mid defense and goalie. Why are those places important? They do a lot to win or lose a game. Well defense is where you protect the goal. What is the goal and how do you win? You win by kicking the ball in the goal and the defense needs to stop that from happening. What is mid defense? Mid defense is when you stay in the mid of the field and protect the mid of the field and striker is the best one ever. As a striker you have to get the soccer ball and take it to get a goal with mid defense. Mid defense is like backup for the striker. As a goalie you have to protect the goal and don't let anyone get the ball in the goal. That's all for soccer and reasons why you should play it.

Tackle football

Ready, set, hike! Let's get ready to talk about tackle football.

Tackle football is a great sport. You can get injured, but there's a 20 percent chance that that will happen. But if you want to play you have to be tough to play. Personally I played for the Amesbury Jets. It was a lot of fun but you have to be prepared. I had lots of fun and made lots of friends. One of the most important things you need to know about football is that a touchdown is 6 points, then you can try for a two point conversion. Another thing you need to know is that you can't grab face masks, if you do it's a foul. The team in Amesbury is called the Amesbury Jets. Tackle football is fun and if you want to join, go for it! It's fantastic and all of the coaches are nice. That's all for tackle football let's head on over to flag football.

Flag Football

Ready, set, hike! "Flag football". Flag football is one of the best sports in the world. I have played 5 seasons. I am on a team right now, and we are called the "Raiders". You know if you live in Amesbury, Newburyport, or Newbury, there is a flag football league called "Seacoast United". Many teams play in the league; there are also different towns that play. There are different positions you can play like wide receiver, QB, that's the player who throws the ball to the wide receivers. Then the wide receivers catch the ball and try to get into the end zone. If they get in the end zone they get 6 points. If the other team gets your Flag you can't keep running into the end zone. Also if you get a first down, it's First Down going to 4th down. Also at 4th down you can risk it to get 1st down. This is how you play Flag football anywhere, and even in your



backyard. If you don't play then we think that you are really missing out!

Our New School Principal, Who is He?

By: Delia Lanik



Have you met Amesbury Elementary's new cool Principal? His name is Mr. Montanari!

According to Wicked Local, Mr. Montanari used to work at Salisbury Elementary.

I interviewed Mr. M, "Do you know anything about the new school?" I asked and he said, "The new school is going to be a work of art, and I'm very excited! " He said with a bright smile.

I asked him if he had ever worked at any other schools, and Mr. M said that he had taught 4th and 5th grade at the Stanly School in Swampscott Mass. Recently, Mr. Montanari worked as a principal at Salisbury Elementary.

When I asked him what his main goal for the school year was, he said that his main goal is to bring students and staff together through the days of the school year. Here at AES, he works with a building coordinator, not a Vice Principal. When I asked him if he had ever had a Vice Principal, Mr. M replied that in Salisbury he had a Vice Principal, Amesbury Elementary's former Principal, Mrs. Nolan. She actually reached out to Mr. Montanari, encouraging him to apply to Amesbury when she was leaving. He applied and

Amesbury ended up offering him the top job in the school, which he accepted.

"We are sorry to see Shannon go but we are very, very excited to see the skills and contributions that James will bring to Amesbury Elementary," said Amesbury Superintendent Elizabeth McAndrews, in a recent Daily News story. According to the Daily News, Mr. M said his past 16 years have been "a wonderful experience." So, if you run into Mr. M in the halls or downtown, be sure you say hello and give him a warm welcome!

Litter Problem

Sophia Pouliot and Ruby Kobel



The world is filled with litter and it needs to stop. This is awful, our planet is dying and it is all our fault. We can change this, but we will need all the help we can get. The planet will keep getting sicker and sicker until the planet dies. If the planet dies, it would make us have to live on an earth with no resources on it. Animals are getting hurt and honestly people are too. People are sick and in the hospital because they are breathing in smoke, and eating food that has chemicals.

Taking five minutes of your time just to make a change in this world, can make a difference. If you take five minutes just to pick up your trash everyday you can make the world a better place. Ten minutes a day picking



up trash at local places can really help the environment. In Amesbury, woods, and farms in our community are filled with trash. Why can't we just put garbage in the trash?

When I look around, I can see litter almost everywhere. I can see litter on the school playground, forests and other places. There seem to be snack wrappers and broken masks everywhere. I just don't understand why some people cannot just put trash in the trash bin instead of next to the trash bin, or behind the trash bin, but in the trash bin! I guess some humans are supposedly 'too good' to throw away their trash!

I have a question for all of you out there reading this, are you happy with this world as it is? Well if the answer is no then you can change that. Just take ten minutes everyday and pick up trash. I mean unless you want the planet to continue to slowly die over the years. One person can't change the world but at least one person is at least a start. But you want to know something cool? you can be that person! That one person that can start step by step person by person can make this world a better place.

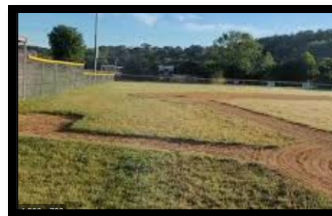
I see litter at the beach, woods, playground, and ponds. I see plastic cups, wrappers, nets, lots of discarded masks and old markers. Please I beg of you to pick up your trash. If you don't you continue to pollute and hurt animals. Our world is a living thing! Please don't be one of those people. Much of our trash makes its way to the ocean, so those animals can get hurt too, like turtles, fish, sharks and dolphins. Of course the best thing is to not litter in the first place, but if we all try to pick up trash, the world will be healthy again. It

will not just be you helping the earth. Lots of other people, including me, will be helping you out. We can all make a difference. So take five minutes of your day in the not so distant future and pick up trash. Like picking up trash for twenty minutes a week. So just pickup trash four times a week five minutes a day and this world will be easier to live in.

One way we can clean up is by taking a few moments of recess to clean up trash and maybe picking a day to clean up. Everyone should help clean up! The community we live in is filled with litter and so is the school. In addition, the communities around Amesbury are also getting littered. This is why we have to clean our community. In order to keep our city and the world clean we have to throw away our trash the right way because if we don't, our world, the only one we have, faces a very uncertain future!

Baseball Fields in Amesbury

Aaron Bigos



Our baseball fields are changing, but did the baseball players have their say? There are 270 kids from Amesbury schools that play little league. I started playing during T-Ball, when I was five. The little league goes up to 12-13. That's a lot of Amesbury kids!

For years Amesbury Little League played on the fields at Cashman. There were two fields, an upper and a lower field. There was also a snack



shack. The best part about the snack shack was the candy. Some years there were tournaments like the little league world series tournament last year. There was also a jamboree every year. It was a lot of fun.

They are now building the new school on the old fields, so the fields had to be relocated. The new fields are going to be at the town park. There will be four fields in Amesbury at the park. According to Mayor Gove the work is going well. If you drive by you will see changes like poles for a backstop fence. There will also be a snack shack so there will be candy at the town park! I am looking forward to the new fields but still angry about losing the old ones. The fields were part of the Little League community. I learned about the new fields, and I talked to my parents and the mayor. I feel that the kids should have had a say, not just the adults. The lesson I took from this experience was to learn as much about an issue and to talk about it.

The Before School Program

Nina Primack



The before school program is amazing. It is so much fun. We get to play on the playground and do activities like drawing, arts and crafts, and even play board games. The lunch ladies make us breakfast. I always get Coco Puffs. I spoke with some of my friends

and family at the before school program to find out what they like about it. William O. likes the before school program because the friends are so nice, likes board games, and he couldn't forget the playground. Rowan D. likes getting pop tarts at breakfast, drawing, and playdoh. And finally my Mom and Miss Kate run the program. They love it because all the kids are so funny and they always have a funny story in the morning for everyone.

We try to go outside every morning, and if we do go outside we play on the playground. And sometimes we play fun games like tag pop up tag and more it is so fun. But if it is too cold or it is a rainy day we go to the gym. The gym can be fun because we do things like parachute. The parachute is round, 12 feet wide, has handles on the edge, and rainbow colored. It is best to have 4 or more people holding onto the handles. Then if you lift the parachute over your head and then bring it behind you and sit on it, the parachute makes a mushroom shape. The parachute is fun but you can also do a lot of other things in the gym.

You should sign up your kids. They would love it. It costs \$172 per month for 5 days a week. You can also pay a drop in rate of \$18 per day. Contact the front office at AES to get in the before school program.



Animal Rehab

Mia Manzo



Pets can't always survive on their own, but there are special people to save these animals so they can survive. These special people can actually be regular people, and they help animals by taking them to vets or animal shelters. Some people also take these animals into their homes. Not everyone is right for these animals, and they can't take care of them or they don't take care of them right. They can be rude to the animals and make them unhappy. Did you know that when birds are unhappy they will pluck their feathers and that makes them cold and maybe feel uncomfortable?

Pets end up in shelters because sometimes people sometimes let them go and they can't survive by themselves or they bring them back to the shelters. Different people can adopt those animals. Not only can they make us happy but we can make them happy too. I bet you're wondering what happens to the animals that get let go. So what happens is, sometimes people find them and take them in or they bring them to someone who can take care of them like a friend or a shelter. Sometimes, not all the time, they don't find them and they are out on their own trying to survive. The sad thing about that is they might not survive because they were used to relying on people to bring them food every day. When these animals don't

know how to get food on their own, they could starve to death.

But even though it's sad, we can help keep animals safe. One thing we could do is make sure that we really have a connection with the animal and know everything about the animal and understand it so that we don't have to put them back in the shelter. One of the reasons why we should try to get connected with the animal before you bring it home is because they might get too connected to you and would become upset when you leave your home. Shelters can help make adoptions smooth for both animals and the families who adopt them. I hope you learned about animal rehab and I hope you will help us save those animals!

Special Needs

Wyatt Swindell

What is Special Education? Special Education is "specially designed instruction that addresses the **unique needs** of a student eligible to receive **special education** services" so that the student is able to access learning. Special needs doesn't just mean you have dyslexia or have a disability. My 5 year old brother has a physical special needs called "autism" "and he doesn't really talk. He just repeats stuff from "Little Einsteins" , this learning show he really likes. He can't walk right either he walks with one foot up like he is limping or something. All that stuff is from his autism.

At AES, we have a very special staff trained to help him, and the other students in their program. Lots of people with special needs training went to



college and have masters & bachelor's degrees. Teaching is hard in itself but special needs teaching must be really hard. Each of them chose special needs teaching because they all wanted to work with children. Each of them does their best to understand the children they work with and help them to learn every day. They help students by giving them everything they need all the time and all the space they need.

These are some things that special needs kids might have... autism, dyslexia, adhd, fasd, and ds.

In conclusion these kids will surprise you with what they know, and what they can do. They deserve as much respect as you would give to literally anyone else. Thank you for reading my article and also thank "TheOdd1sOut" by Robert James Rallison for inspiration on one of my sentences.

Practicing Math is Fun!

Ivy Belmont



Practicing math is fun! St Math can be easy and challenging. All the students in AES Elementary except for pre-kindergarten use ST Math. St Math is a fun program for learning a lot of different math skills. The skills are organized by grade level. ST Math is research based, and "ST" stands for spatial-temporal for the scientific approach. All the lessons use visual

learning without words or numbers at the start.

ST Math is Web-based, so you can sign in from any electronic device that can run the app. After you sign in you work to complete puzzles. Teachers may assign students ST Math homework for extra practice, and the goal is 90 minutes a week and/or 60 puzzles in Kindergarten through 4th.

JiJi is the ST Math character that leads kids through the program. JiJi is a penguin. A student's goal is to help JiJi move through puzzles. Once you get through a skill JiJi goes into a mountain. After you finish the post quiz inside the mountain, you can repeat the same process with different puzzles. After you complete all the puzzles in the mountain, you take a pre quiz. Some kids don't like ST math but I think it is fun. You might like it even though someone you know might say they don't like it.

St Math puzzles can get sometimes frustrating when the puzzles start out easy and then become harder the further you get into the puzzles. Each student gets two lives initially but if you need more, your teacher can help you with that. If you get to a certain number of tries you can get infinite lives but you have to get at least ten tries. Let's answer some questions. I spoke to Mrs. Elliott and asked her why we use ST Math, and she said... "All students can access ST math. Teachers are allowed to make assignments based on the level of the students". St math gives feedback to students and provides teachers with data that helps assure that students are growing their math skills. ST Math is fairly new to our District and school, but I think it will be around for a while.

The Need For Recycling

Makenna Grimbilas & Delia Lanik



Have you ever wondered what would happen if we stopped recycling? If everyone in the world stopped recycling, so much stuff would be up to our ears in no time at all. You guessed it...trash! Trash builds up in landfills, which are filling up fast around the country. Trash can also end up in the ocean (which is not good), but in order to protect the environment and solve the problem of recycling, we can still do more. We can reduce, reuse and recycle!

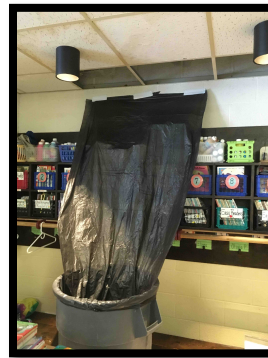
Everyday people throw away things in the trash that don't belong like: plastic water bottles, scrap paper and cardboard. This is a problem, and it needs to stop. There are things that we can do. We can reduce, reuse and recycle. Reducing is when we intentionally buy fewer disposable things. Reusing is choosing to repurpose items, like if we needed to contain something we would choose glass over plastic so we can reuse it later. Recycling is a solution to the trash problem because instead of being thrown away, items are re-created into new items and given a new life. It's ok to throw things away, but only if it CAN'T be recycled. Some things that can't be recycled are like anything food related, toys, used tissues and other things.

Just take a look at most trash bins. They're overflowing! This happens because we don't try harder to recycle.

Recycling is important! When you recycle, it goes to a factory, where it gets sorted. For example, with glass they melt it down, then shape it and make it into new glass bottles! It helps the planet! Trash can also end up in the ocean, and can hurt wildlife, like fish, seals, plants too, even turtles. So we'll always have trash and sometimes we have no choice, but it's not good for the environment. Recycling is VERY important! In conclusion, recycling is good for the planet and good for you too! Why not work with your parents to see if you can recycle more starting today! It is something all of us can do better!

We Need the New School Sooner

Johnathan Boyd



Amesbury elementary school is getting old so we need a new school. Have you ever seen the problems with AES? The floor tiles are lifting up, there are tarps collecting water in the gym, holes in the roof, stains of water in the roof, the school is falling apart! It is not safe for students and not adequate for all of the grades below 2nd grade!

Thankfully, we have a team that helps keep this building together. At



AES we have 2 custodians called Mr. Mike and Mr. Tyler, Mr. Mike has been working here for over 6 years, and he has worked at AES, Cashman, and AHS. He has been on the night shift for 12 years total, but is now our daytime custodian. Mr. Tyler has been working here since Oct 12, 2021. He worked at Salisbury Elementary before he came to AES. Mr. Tyler owns his own landscape company.

DiNisco Design, of Boston, is the firm that has designed our new school, and Foley Buhl Robers and Associates is the engineering firm building the new school. In a story from CTA Construction Managers, Jonathan D. Buhl, P.E Foley Buhl Roberts & Associates, Inc., the structural engineering firm on the project, said, "We are thrilled to be working on this important project for the City of Amesbury and the Amesbury Public Schools. We have been closely collaborating with DiNisco Design on this project since 2018 and we are excited to see the progress that CTA has made in the construction of this new elementary school campus."

The new school is called the Jordan Shay Memorial Lower Elementary School. It will be part of the Amesbury Elementary Schools campus along with the upper elementary school, Cashman Elementary. Jordan Shay is the name of a fallen soldier who graduated from Amesbury high school; he was killed when he was deployed on the battlefield in Iraq. The bridge between Amesbury and the chain bridge to Newburyport is also named in his honor.

I am glad to see this new building coming, even though I won't be able to be in it for any part of my

elementary education. It has been a long process of research, surveys and a series of very difficult decisions that had to be made to build it, but I hope it is a good school for Amesbury students for many years to come.

A Long Way From Albuquerque

Nina Primack



Our new music teacher Mrs. Long came here from Albuquerque, New Mexico. It took her about 3 days to drive here! In music class we practiced a really fun song that we made into a music video! It was so fun. We all had different roles. We had some singers, keyboard players, and even xylophone players cool right. Mrs Long put it on YouTube, so you could go watch it now. We also have a party chart. We can earn points for doing stuff, like following directions and working together. If we earn 25 points we get a party! We play really fun games at our parties. Like ghost and the graveyard, musical chairs, and more fun games. My favorite game is Yetotoram. It is a game they played in Albuquerque.

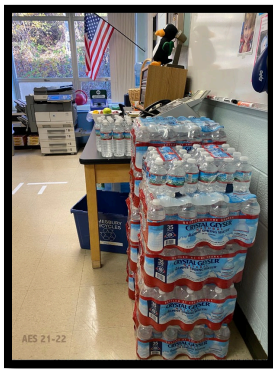
During December, we had Christmas caroling where we sang a bunch of Christmas and holiday songs, like Jingle Bells, Joy to the World, and some more holiday songs. In music we have different leaders every day. If you are a leader you can give points, and



lead all the songs... it is so much fun to be a leader in music. Every 3rd grade class gets to make a song with different kind of candy. It is cool. Here is some examples; if you have a Rollo you stomp, if you see a KitKat you clap, lastly if there is a Milk Dud you snap! It is a great way to learn about composing music. I think it is a good idea! How about you?

AES Drought

Quincy Von Protz



Did you know that the human body needs about 15.5 cups (3.7 liters) of fluids a day for men and about 11.5 cups (2.7 liters) of fluids a day for women? Like most schools, we have water bubblers, but at AES students can not drink from the bubblers because of Covid. They can not use the water fountains because if one person gets their germs on the bubbler then if someone else drinks from the bubbler then that person could get sick. Before Covid, the bubblers were flushed each morning to flush out any contaminants, but because of Covid, they are all closed now. We still need water, so there are now bottles of water in the office if we forget our own bottles or run out, but AES could run out because the school

may not be able to pay for the water and the sponsors may not be able to provide us with enough water to properly hydrate the students. AES is having a water crisis!

Since the students are not able to drink the water from the bubblers, The Lions Club, many parents & Vermettes market have been donating bottled water to AES. Mrs. Julie, our school secretary, hopes that "parents and local organizations continue to be generous with their donations," because according to her our school goes through dozens of bottles of water a day. Multiply that by 180 school days and that could mean we use up to 4,320 bottles of water a school year! It's great that so many parents, the Lions club, parents and Vermettes are supplying AES with water, but unfortunately only a small percentage of the used plastic bottles get recycled, says Mr. McBrien the school technology teacher. So what happens to the other used bottles? Where do they go and what happens to them? The used bottles go into the trash, and into landfills.

Mr. McBrien was really concerned about this problem, so this fall he won a grant to put in hydration stations to refill the water bottles of the students at AES so that the students don't use tons of plastic water bottles that will end up in landfills. He hopes those stations can be installed this winter so that we can use fewer plastic bottles.

All of this means that AES has a water problem. We cannot drink water from the sinks because of Covid, and please do not drink from the water bubblers because you could get sick and possibly get Covid. There are things we can do to fix the problems, but we are in an old building and all of them are



expensive. Hopefully, the new water fill stations will help!

Who is J.K. Rowlings?

By Dahlia Hackim!



Do you know J.K. Rowling? If you don't, I hope this article will give you information on this outstanding author! J.K. Rowling dreamed of being a writer from an early age. She wrote her first book called "Rabbit" about a rabbit she called "Rabbit". When she was eleven she wrote her first ever novel, about 7 cursed gems and their owners. Over the next five years she planned out the famous Harry Potter series.

In 1990, J.K. Rowling was on a delayed train at Kings Cross. She first came up with the idea on that train. She mostly wrote the series in longhand, and managed a huge mountain of notes, many of which were scraps of paper. After the seventh book in the series was published, over 11 million copies of it were sold in the first 24 hours!

The Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows became the fastest-selling book in the New York Times! Isn't that amazing?

The entire series is still very popular to this day! In the Harry Potter series, there were many actors and actresses.

Let's list off the most popular of them! Harry Potter was played by Daniel Radcliffe, Ronald Weasley was played by Rupert Grint, and Hermione Granger was played by Emma Watson. You might also know her from the live action Beauty And The Beast.

There is a rumor going around that J.K. Rowling was homeless before publishing the Harry Potter series, but she was never homeless and she had her daughter by her side. She spent most of her time writing in her brother-in-law's cafe, it's really just a rags-to-riches story if you think about it.

Acting in the Harry Potter films was crazy intense! Sometimes dangerous, David Holmes was actually paralyzed! He was paralyzed in the seventh movie, from the explosion scene. He was told by medics he would be paralyzed from the waist down, for life... It's a very sad story, but David Holmes was glad to be able to be part of the film.

J. K. Rowling also wrote "The Casual Vacancy" and the crime fiction "Cormoran Strike" series, as well as a few more. J. K. Rowling has red hair, and blue eyes She studied at Exeter University, in England. J. K. Rowling has been an amazing author to thousands of people and she was amazing at what she created. And I hope you learned about this all time favorite author, J. K. Rowling.

Extra Curricular Activities

By Ruby Kobel



Many people may not know this but there are at least 3 extra curricular activities in our school. An extra curricular activity is when you go to your school before or after the school



day. I am in three extra curricular activities, Tech Helpers, the Newspaper Club and Student Council. In Tech Helpers, five other students and I help Mr. McBrien, the technology teacher, clean and maintain the equipment in the tech lab. This happens on Fridays. In the Newspaper Club there are fourteen kids including me who get together every Thursday to write our news stories. What we do is we write stories about our classroom, school or town and then we put all the stories into one paper. Once we do that we have the author read the stories they wrote in front of a video camera to create a TV news show. In the Student Council we make fundraisers and other programs to help our community.

Right now we are preparing a food drive for Our Neighbors Table. There are also before and after school programs, technically I think these count but I'm not completely sure. Sometimes these clubs and programs are formed to help teachers with work they can't keep up with, some other clubs are designed for student enjoyment and practice like the Newspaper club. Student council is designed to help teachers make decisions to benefit or change the school. We also put together fundraisers to strengthen our community!

The before and after school programs are designed for parents that can't pick their child up right when school gets out or can't get to school right when drop off goes on. These are the programs my school has made for student benefit and community benefit. My town is trying to help families with how their schedules have to be because of jobs and family problems. These are

some reasons why our town needs extra curricular activities!

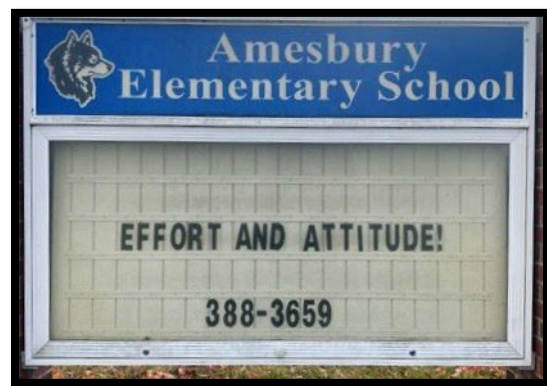
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Hooray! Masks are optional!!!



Hello from Frog Pond!
We had FUN skating!



Can I come here?

Spring is coming!



We did it!!



I wonder...

