



Amesbury Middle School

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Michael Curry
Principal

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May 9, 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The end of the school year is upon us and I'd like to review a few procedures that need to happen before the last day of school.

1. **Lost books** – If a student has lost a book/textbook/library book they should have brought home a Lost Book Form which states the replacement cost. This money is due by **June 1st**. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Amesbury Public Schools**. The form with check attached should be returned to the teacher who sent home the form. If money is not paid, students will not be allowed to participate in field days. If the book is found later, you may request a refund.
2. **Lunch room charges** – If you owe money to the cafeteria, please pay as soon as possible. Starting June 1st, there will be no charging. If paying by check please make check payable to the Amesbury School Lunch. Payments should go to the AMS cafeteria manager. If lunch room charges have not paid in full by June 1st, students will not be allowed to participate in field days.
3. **Field Days** – Dupere Field Days are scheduled for June 5th – sixth grade, June 6th – seventh grade, and June 7th – fifth grade, and June 14th – eighth grade. It's a good idea to have your child wear sunscreen and they may bring a water bottle to school if they wish. Parents are welcome to come by and watch field days. They will begin approximately at 8:15 a.m. each day. Any unpaid charges must be paid by June 1st in order for students to be allowed to participate in field day events.
4. **Clubs & after school programs** – The last day for after school clubs is **June 8th**. The last day for Homework Club is **June 7th**.
5. **Supply lists for 2018-2019** – Supply lists for the next school year will be coming out shortly and will be posted on the AMS website. Each grade has its own supply list.
6. **Next year's teams** – By the 2nd or 3rd week of August, we will send a BlackBoard Connect telephone message to your home announcing the team and homeroom your student(s) will be in for the upcoming school year.
7. **Last day of school** – The last day of school is June 21st. It is a half-day, with a **10:50 a.m.** dismissal.
8. **AMS summer hours** – The AMS office will be open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We will be closed Fridays.

We wish you a safe, healthy summer and look forward to next year.

Sincerely,

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Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th Grade Students:

I would like to take this opportunity to make you and your student aware of some important information and dates regarding our end of the year plans at AMS. Please note the following dates/activities:

June 14 Field Day – sunscreen & water bottle recommended; parents are welcome to come by and watch

June 21 8th Grade Promotional Ceremony – 6:15 p.m.
Farewell Dance – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Students and parents/guardians should arrive at the school promptly at 6:00 p.m. for a 6:15 p.m. promotional ceremony being held in the performance center. Only students who have met the academic requirements for promotion are eligible to participate in the ceremony. Eighth grade students will be expected to report to the performance center no later than 6:00 p.m. to prepare. The ceremony will last approximately 30-40 minutes.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, students will leave the performance center and attend the Farewell Dance in the cafeteria from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The dance is not a semi-formal. Any eighth grade student may attend the dance as long as they are in good standing with meeting all end of the year obligations such as lunch charges, library book returns, lost book fines, detentions, etc. by June 1, 2018. Also, students that have not met these obligations will not be allowed to attend field day on June 14th.

The teachers, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Randall and I all look forward to sharing these events with you.

Sincerely,

Michael Curry
Principal

Dear Parents,

The AMS 7th and 8th Grade bands, choruses, and all Melody Club will be taking a field trip to **6 Flags NE** in conjunction with the **Great East Festival Wednesday, May 30, from 8:30am-8:00pm**. This year, AMS will serve as a host school for this festival, so these AMS groups will perform for festival judges right here in the PC on Friday, May 25. Each group will be adjudicated by a panel of judges who will provide feedback on each performance and issue the group a plaque. This is a great way for the students to show how far they have come and to show off their plaque to the community. These students have worked very hard over the past few years at AMS, and they deserve to share their music while also having fun! Both of us, as music faculty, will need to be here as site coordinators for the festival performances, so our field trip is taking place on a separate day.

The total cost for the trip is \$50 per student. Payment is due to Mrs. Kimball or Mr. Fijalkowski by May 11 along with the permission form, below. We understand that the cost may be a concern for some, but we do not want that to be a reason a student is unable to attend. If the cost is a problem, please send us a note or email and we will try to work something out.

We will leave AMS at 8:30am on May 30 for Six Flags NE, and will return home around 8:00pm. A more detailed itinerary is available on the attached "What to bring" form. We are also in need of chaperones to come with us. **Please let us know if you would like to be considered for chaperoning, and have an active CORI on file with the schools.**

Thank you for your support!

Dan Fijalkowski, Band Director

Johanna Kimball, Chorus Director

DETACH AND RETURN BY MAY 11 BELOW THIS LINE, WITH YOUR \$50 PAYMENT

___ By signing I understand that my child will need to complete a Pass/Fail assessment reflecting their knowledge of the festival repertoire they will perform, and represent AMS with a positive, responsible attitude during their spring concert and festival performance in order to attend this field trip.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

___ **Yes**, I would like my child to participate in the field trip on May 30th. I am enclosing the medical form as well as \$50 (cash or check made payable to Amesbury Middle School)

___ **Yes**, I would like my child to participate in the field trip on May 30th and I am interested in chaperoning.

___ **No**, my child will not be attending the field trip on May 30th.

Parent signature _____

E-mail address and cell phone number (if interested in chaperoning) _____

Great East Festival Field Trip 5/30/18

Itinerary:

Students arrive at school **ON TIME** as they usually do and report to **HOMEROOM FOR ATTENDANCE**

7:47- Meet Mrs. Kimball and Mr. Fijalkowski in the cafeteria

8:30 – Depart for Six Flags NE (possible bathroom stop on Mass Pike)

10:30/11:00- Arrive at Six Flags New England

5:30 – Students go back to busses

6:00- Depart for Amesbury Middle School (one bathroom stop on Mass Pike)

8:00/8:30pm – Arrive back at AMS

*Please respond to the Remind App. Invitation you will receive prior to the trip so that we can text you about our arrival time back in Amesbury

Cell phones and Internet Accessible Devices:

We do not allow student cell phones or any devices that connect to the internet on this trip. This rule is in place because of the safety risks that these devices present. Your children will be in the presence of chaperones at all times, and we hope that spending the day with friends without being “wired” will be refreshing as they interact with each other and enjoy the trip without texting or posting. Not having student cell phones on this trip also takes away the risk of these items being lost or stolen while your child is on this field trip. All chaperones will have cell phones and students will be able to use them to call home if necessary. Please also see the instructions in Mrs. Kimball’s email regarding the “REMIND” texting option.

What to wear and bring:

- Comfortable shoes for walking and appropriate dress for the weather (we are going RAIN OR SHINE!!)
- Sun screen/hat/sunglasses
- Bagged Lunch (to be eaten on the bus so please avoid peanut products)
- Money for dinner before boarding buses for Amesbury

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY

AMESBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PERMISSION SLIP FOR FIELD TRIPS/ACTIVITIES

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PERMISSION SLIP

(If student is under the age of eighteen (18))

1. I, _____ give permission for _____
Print Parent/Guardian Name A Minor Child (student's name)

To participate in the following voluntary field trip activity of the Amesbury Public Schools to:

6 Flags New England (Location of trip), on Wednesday May 30 (Date of trip) 8:30am - 8:00pm

2. Chaperone to student ratio 10:1 Cost of trip \$ 50.00
(for field trips only)

3. I hereby represent that I am the custodial parent and/or guardian of _____, and have full legal authority to execute this Permission Slip 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 Permission Slip and understand its contents. I execute this Permission Slip voluntarily.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____ Return form to: _____
(Signature) (Teacher in charge of trip)

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: _____

6th Grade MFA Field Trip

Location: Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115

Dates: Tuesday, June 12th BLUE TEAM

Wednesday, June 13th RED TEAM

Time: Leave AMS @ 7:50 am. Leave MFA @ 12:30pm. Return approx. 1:30 pm

****PLEASE BRING A BAG LUNCH**

Cost: \$20 per/student. Due: June 1st

Dear Parents and Students,

The 6th grade field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts is sure to be an excellent, interdisciplinary experience for students and parents. This trip will provide a unique focus on Ancient Civilizations and the art work they created. "This tour offers an overview of the Art of the Ancient World collection at the MFA, including works from Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome. Students will look closely at artifacts from various ancient cultures, including sculpture, metals, and ceramics."

Students and chaperones will be arriving at the museum around 9:20 am for a 9:30 tour. Following the tour, students and chaperones will have time to explore the museum **in their groups** from 10:30-11:45. Students will then meet outside the museum to enjoy their **BAG LUNCH**, weather permitting.

If any parents or guardians are interested in chaperoning, please contact your child's homeroom teacher, Mrs. Olsen or Mrs. Bernardoni before MAY 25th. Simply sign and send in the bottom of this letter, or send us an email. We need chaperones!

Please return the **Permission Slip and required FEE by June 1st** to your child's homeroom teacher. Also, please note that **NO CELL PHONES** will be allowed on this trip. Thank you for your support in enriching our students' education!

Best,

Kate Bernardoni- bernardonik@amesburyma.gov

Susan Olsen- olsens@amesburyma.gov & the 6th grade Teams!

I _____ am interested in chaperoning the 6th grade field trip to the MFA on _____. I Have/Have NOT been CORIED by the Amesbury School system.

^ please circle one

Signed: _____

AMS PAG Gift Cards

AMS PAG is having a year long gift card fundraiser. You buy gift cards at their **face value** and AMS PAG generates funds to use for field trips, etc.

Attention 8th Grade Parents Disney Gift Cards are available for the trip.

Some of the cards and what PAG will make:

Visa or AmEx 1.5%	Disney 3%
Chili's 11%	Kohl's 4%
L.L. Bean 18%	Michaels 4%
Stop & Shop 4%	Marshalls/TJ Maxx 7%
Outback Steakhouse 9%	Lands' End 14%
Sam's Club/Walmart 1.50%	Ninety-nine Restaurant 13%
Cabela's 11%	Best Buy 3%

It's easy!

1. Log into scripzone.com by using your new or existing id and chose **AMSPAG** (no space) as the Group/Team.
2. Choose payment method.
 - **By paying to the group coordinator (cash or check) AMS PAG receives the % listed for each retailer. To generate more \$ for our kids choose this option.**
 - By paying by credit card AMS PAG receives 3% less than the % listed for each retailer.
3. Chose the gift cards you want.
4. Pick the delivery method. Pick-up at AMS or send home with children.
5. Send your cash/check in an envelope marked "PAG Gift Cards" with your child into school or bring it into the office yourself. **Checks payable to AMS PAG.**

Orders and payments must be received by 2:30PM
Friday, May 18, 2018

Pick-up will be at the AMS Office or sent home with your child.

For questions contact Michelle Sanchez at mhsanchez@comcast.net

Seeking Substitute Nursing Coverage for all Amesbury schools

- Valid license as a professional registered nurse in the state of Massachusetts (BSN preferred)
- Pediatric/adolescent health experience preferred, not required
- School nurse experience preferred, not required
- BLS/CPR certified
- \$125.00/day
- Must complete a CORI check and fingerprinting (small fee charged)

For all inquiries, please contact Rita O'Neill, RN,
at oneillr@amesburyma.gov

SWEETHEART DANCE 2018
FOR GIRLS IN GRADES K - 6
(AND SOMEONE SPECIAL IN THEIR LIVES)
WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY MAY 11, 2018
AT THE
CASHMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
From 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
THIS YEAR'S THEME WILL BE:
“DANCING UNDER THE STARS”

Tickets are \$25 per couple
(\$30 at the Door)
\$5 per extra child

You may purchase online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-sweetheart-dance-tickets-44916556630>

Hockmeyer Studios will be there to take photos which you may purchase online!





Amesbury High School Grad Night

Please join us on
Wednesday, May 16th from 5:00-9:00 pm
Flatbread Pizza ~ 5 Market Square ~ Amesbury

Flatbread will donate a portion of
all dine-in and take-out pizza sales to
Amesbury High School GRAD NIGHT!



Grad Night provides an All-Night, Substance Free
and SURPRISE event immediately following
Amesbury High School's graduation each year.

*"We congratulate the graduating class of 2018
while we strive to keep them safe!"*



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.



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

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Summer Reading Programs

Author Visits

Genealogy Programs

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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

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AMESBURY MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY GROUP

End of School Year

Volunteer Appreciation and Adult Social

at....



Wednesday, May 23rd at 7 PM

Sloppy Joe Wednesday & Signature PAG Cocktail will be available for purchase.

Open to all AMS parents/guardians

If you volunteered at any PAG event this year, first cocktail is on us!



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.ourneighborstable.org for more information or to get started.



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

www.ourneighborstable.org



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



Spring Sing Concert – Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00pm in the PC

Featuring: Grades 5-8 choruses and Melody Club

Spring Band Concert – Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00pm in the PC

Featuring: 5th-8th Grade Bands and Jazz Band

Save the Date!! 7th and 8th Grade Band and Chorus field trip to 6 Flags NE

Wednesday, May 30, 8:30-6:00pm

Parent Chaperones Needed!!!

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