



The Amesbury Public Schools' Newsletter

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“SPRING IS COMING” EDITION

It has been just a little over a year since the birth of this newsletter which ran the very first week in March, 2020. So much has happened that we could never have envisioned since its inception: We shut down schools, went remote, wore masks, gave out lunches, hoarded toilet paper, cancelled prom and sports, and had a different kind of graduation complete with a parade throughout the city. We partially re-opened schools and learned the words like hybrid, asynchronous vs. synchronous, social distancing, hot spots, flattening the curve, PPE, and nasal swab. We learned to Zoom and how to wash our hands. It has been hard on children, families, and staff, but through it all, everyone has seemed to adapt and persevere.

But, to quote Marvin Gaye, *“Change is Gonna Come!”*

The vaccine is here...right here at AHS



Football is back! Not the usual season but it's okay!
And this week they beat Hamilton-Wenham at Landry



And our students will begin to return full-time!

AES & CES will be back April 5th

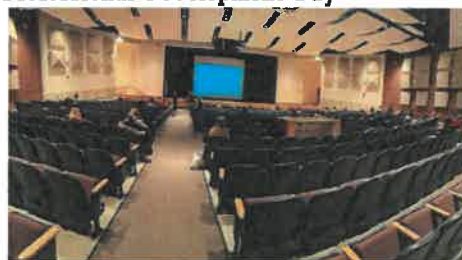
AMS and AHS will return on April 26th.

This is the best news we've had for a year.

Yes Marvin, *“Change is Gonna Come!”*

In this edition, we will see how some teachers “thought outside the box” to help students celebrate winter and shed the seasonal doldrums. We will explore the process of choosing a new principal and how students were included to add their voices to the choice. We will see how ST Math is being incorporated in elementary schools, all thanks to a Penguin named Jiji. We are going to prove not all heroes wear capes, some wear green vests and work at a health clinic on a weekend for a flu shot! New babies, a student who began her own business, and much more!!

And we want to thank AEFI for providing the Chromebook covers for teachers' new devices that were given out on the Professional Development Day



Teachers socially distancing on Professional Development Day



Sarah Luz, Emily Crannell and Abby Murphy show their covers.



Cathy Mamakos and Ann Spaulding are about to get theirs.

AMESBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TRANSPORTATION

For the remainder of the 20–21 school year, Amesbury Public Schools will not be charging bus fees. If you would like for your child to take the bus to and/or from school, the student must be registered. Please use this link: <https://schools.amesburyma.gov/> to register your children for the bus.

You will be required to have your student's ID number available to register. Once students have registered, bus passes will be disseminated to the student's schools. It is very important that each student be registered.

Students are required to wear masks at all times on the bus. Students will be expected to sit in their assigned seats. Buses will be sanitized between routes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joan Liporto @liportoj@amesburyma.gov or 978-388-0507.

HOW TO PICK A MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

1. INTERESTED PARTIES SUBMITTED THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION. FIVE CANDIDATES WERE SELECTED.



2. CANDIDATES WERE THEN INTERVIEWED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISING MEMBERS THE COMMUNITY AND STAFF.



3. THE COMMITTEE CHOSE TWO CANDIDATES, AND EACH ONE MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE AMS STAFF.



4. THE CANDIDATES THEN MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE AMS STUDENTS, WHO MADE UP THEIR OWN QUESTIONS.



Keith Welch attended the forum and brought along his mother, School Committeewoman MaryAnn Welch, so he could hear for himself and offer his opinion!

5. FINALLY, THE CANDIDATES MET THE COMMUNITY, BOTH IN PERSON AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND VIRTUALLY. THE AUDIENCE POSED QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES, AND AT THE END OF THE SESSION, THEY WERE ASKED TO FILL OUT AND SUBMIT A FEEDBACK SURVEY. MRS. McANDREWS MET WITH EACH CANDIDATE SEPARATELY. THE ORIGINAL COMMITTEE RECONVENED AND GAVE ITS RECOMMENDATION TO MRS. McANDREWS, WHO WEIGHED THEIR DECISION AND THE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO MAKE HER FINAL DECISION.

Thank you to the selection committee: Moderator, Dr. Lynn Catarius, Adam Denio, Mark Rinaldi, Dan Fijalkowski, Moira O'Mullane, Katherine Gately, School Committeewoman Kate Currie, Community Members Nikki Raffenetti, and Marci Butler.

And thank you to these very special students who asked thoughtful, self-generated questions like these:

- **What are the first three things you will focus on if you are hired as the new principal?**
- **How will you stop bullying at our school?**
- **For many students school, is the place where they socialize, because we haven't been in school for a while, how will you help students when we return to school?**
- **Will we still have clubs?**

The process of choosing these students who would interview the candidates was as follows:

- ✓ **Each team of teachers was asked to select 5 names of students.**
- ✓ **That group of 40 students was contacted and asked if they would participate.**
- ✓ **Of that 40 students, 21 said "Yes." ALL of these 21 showed up on time, on a day when they didn't have to be in school.**
- ✓ **The students who were chosen were: Jackson Dixey, Katelyn Cronin, Felix (Julius) Guterrez, Lucinda Nachtygal, Mason DesRosiers, Katherine Bigos, Paige Testa, Norah Primack, Cecelia Wagner, Corinne Welling, Lyvia Busch, Truman Yee, David Maloney, Samantha Bender, Elle Holmes, Ginger Brisson, Khloe LaCasse, Mairead Tetreault, Charlotte Costigan, Dominic Beane, and Mia DesRosiers.**

Please help me welcome our new Amesbury Middle School Principal, Mr. Jarred Haas! You will be hearing much more about him from Mrs. McAndrews.





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**Amesbury
Educational
Foundation, Inc.**

Another sign that Spring is coming. It is again time to think about AEFI's biggest event, the **Hall of Honor**. Here is AEFI's President, Patty Hoyt, to tell you about it.

AEFI's famous **Hall of Honor** will be back on Friday, May 7! Like everything, the 2021 event will be different this year, but it will still be a memorable celebration for the three honorees who were selected in 2020. They include Former Educator, Beverly Peeke, Former Student, Dr. Jackie Bastien, and Friend of Education, Florence Kennedy. **Hall of Honor** celebrates Amesbury's citizens who have made significant contributions to education, sharing their stories with students and the public.



Hall of Honor will be focused on inducting these three wonder women at a 7:00 pm ceremony in the AHS Auditorium. No banquet, silent auction or announcement of Spring Grants will be included. Attendance will be limited to invited guests with seating appropriately spaced according to guidelines. However, the event will be recorded so everyone can view.

AEFI has not forgotten its other mission: To provide funding for schools. Watch for further news later this Spring. Visit the AEFI website aefionline.com or join the AEFI Facebook page to stay informed.

TEACHER ANTICS



Just to prove how rough the pandemic has been on all of our teachers, these three ladies turned 100 overnight!!

AES Teachers Marianne Curry, Sue Gonthier, and Diane Naughton were celebrating “100 Days in School.”

(At least we certainly hope that's what this was!!!)



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More Teacher Antics

Winter Carnival at AHS....teachers want to have fun. “Let’s show the kids how it’s done!” Great sports!!!



Mrs. Thibodeau, Ms. Crannell and Dr. Ricci—looks more like “slush shoes”

Ever wondered what a High School Guidance Counselor does or what the difference is between an Adjustment Counselor and a Guidance Counselor? We saw this sign outside the guidance office and got to wondering...so we asked. Thank you MaryBeth Exner and Rachael Dobbs for clarifying the difference. These folks have been a “virtual” godsend checking in with our students this year. Please see the following pages for some important information, especially helpful for current and incoming AHS students and families.



Sue Saurman
Kerri Coen

Rachael Dobbs
MaryBeth Exner



“The purpose of a guidance counselor is to guide and advise students throughout their four years of school.” – MaryBeth Exner

- 1. How many students do you have as a case load typically each year?**

175

- 2. How often do you see each student typically in a year?**

I see them a couple of times or more, depending on the needs of the student.

- 3. What other reasons besides helping them select their classes might you see them for?**

Guidance Counselors are advocates for students. We identify issues that affect school performance such as attendance rates. We work with students to develop skills such as organizational and time management abilities and effective study habits. We help students create plans to achieve academic and career goals. We collaborate with teachers, administrators, and parents to help students succeed. We come up with creative learning plans to provide opportunities for students. We work with community agencies to provide assistance to students and families as well as working as liaisons to provide internship opportunities to students.

- 4. Would you just check in with someone if you think they are having a bad day?**

All the time! We check in with students if they are having a bad day. Sometimes teenagers just need an advocate and someone to listen to. We are here for students and we are always willing to help them out. Usually if a student is upset about something that has gone on in their life, after they have talked it out and relaxed a bit, they are able to look out their problem and just need that guidance to reassure them that what they were feeling was real. Students in most cases then can look at their own issue and, with guidance from their counselor, can problem solve. We like to check in with students even when they're having a good day to congratulate them on success on an assignment, a presentation, or co-curricular activity in school and out.

- 5. Do you really get attached to some students?**

Building relationships is extremely important to guidance counselors. Being honest with students and developing a trust with them is a large part of our work. We are passionate about our school community, and the relationships that we have developed sometimes last for years as students progress through their lives. Receiving a note from a student updating me on their life after high school makes our days brighter. Hearing from students solidifies that we do make a difference in our students' lives.

- 6. Has the function of your job changed over the years? Is it easier or harder with the advent of the computer age?**

The job has changed somewhat - Computers have made it easier and streamlined the process for communicating with students and parents. For students, applying and researching colleges have helped students and made it easier for them to research and apply. Teenagers remain the same over the years and experience the same emotional and social challenges of growing up. The pandemic has definitely created an increase in mental health issues for students.



"The School Adjustment Counselor provides social and emotional support to all students."

- Rachael Dobbs

1. What is the difference between a guidance counselor and an adjustment counselor?

Guidance counselors provide: College and career readiness, scholarship opportunities, resume building, guidance on military enrollment/interest, internship and work study opportunities, schedule changes, registration, etc.

The school adjustment counselor provides social and emotional support to all students. If any student is having an issue that is interfering with their ability to be successful or function in the classroom, then a teacher or student may refer to me.

2. Do you need further schooling to become an adjustment counselor?

Yes, you have to earn a Master's in counseling, psychology, mental health counseling or anything else covered under that umbrella. In addition, pass required tests through the state, in order to become a licensed school adjustment counselor.

3. What drew you to the field?

I spent a lot of time in the mental health field and substance abuse field. I provided outreach, wrap around, and case management services to many communities in the North Shore. Travel was starting to become a lot, and I found myself always in the car. I knew I enjoyed working with children, adolescents, and their families, so I shifted my job search to working in the schools.

4. Do you have a regular caseload that you see each day or at regular intervals?

Yes, I'm assigned to students who have an IEP with a social and emotional goal. In addition, I also have students who have 504 plans who may need additional emotional support. That being said, you do not have to have a formalized plan to access the school adjustment counselor. I'm available to assist all students who attend the high school.

5. Do you become really attached to students and worry about them on weekends?

This past year has been difficult, but a year where I have started to be more aware of the importance of my self-care and boundaries. Of course I think about those students who are struggling and need a lot of support. But, in order for me to assist, support and guide them five days a week, I need to take care of myself on the weekends and reset. I need to have strong boundaries. But, yes, it is hard to not think of my students. I just need to make sure it does not consume me and take me away from my own family during my off-work hours.

6. Do you find yourself interacting with parents as well as teachers and staff?

What really helps the students to be more consistent in taking care of their mental health is communicating consistently with teachers, staff, admin, and parents. When everyone involved with the student is aware of "the plan," they can remind and reinforce what we are working on in our sessions. On the flip side, it is helpful to get feedback from teachers and families as to what is working and what is not working so that we can adjust the plan or our focus when necessary.

7. What is a truly rewarding outcome of your association with a student?

Seeing students being able to work through a situation by utilizing the coping skills and strategies they have identified as helpful to them. Also, hearing from teachers and families of the progress the student is making.



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What is Happening with the Arts During COVID-19?

Apparently a lot!! The latest update from Susanne Meyer, AHS Theater Arts Teacher!

MUSIC
MAKES THE
WORLD
A BETTER PLACE

Elective classes such as **Piano Lab** have been very popular at the high school. Students are learning to play piano from home and in school. This has been a wonderful opportunity for students to make music, to be creative, and to take a healthy break from other academics and computer screen time.



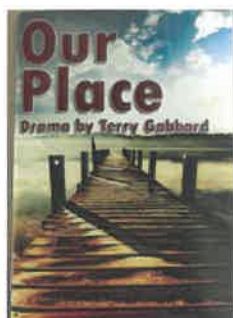
Senior Elianna Larnard learning piano in the AHS Piano Lab Class

Other popular AHS electives:

Band, Chorus, Guitar Lab Music Theory, Music Technology, and Music in Film

AND...

The AHS Drama Club has started rehearsing the play “Our Place” by Terry Gabbard. Stay tuned for information about upcoming performances!

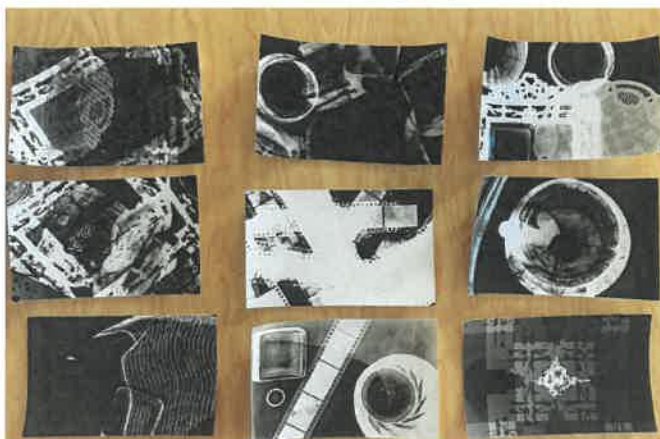


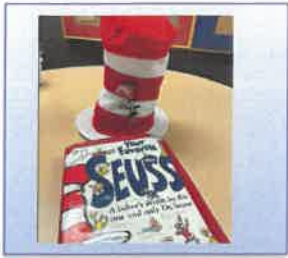
And Mr. Ryan Jackson, AHS Art Teacher, is proud to display some of his students' works.

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Each year during the first week of March, the Amesbury Public Schools celebrates “*Read Across America Day*,” which morphed from Dr. Seuss’s birthday where only his books were read. But since it has become “*Read Across America*”, they have expanded the program to include all books.

Ordinarily in a non-pandemic year, our schools open their doors and invite guest readers to read their favorite stories to our children, but alas, as is the case with so many other events this year, this seemed impossible!! But not so fast!! Undaunted, Mr. McBrien, the AES technology teacher, figured out a way, so he invited guests to read their favorite stories via Zoom; on their computers, on their phones, tablets, wherever technology could take us!! (Mrs. McAndrews even enlisted the help of Russ Munroe and Tony Noon from the *Community TV* studio and invited a couple of colleagues to join her.) Folks would then send their finished products to Mr. McBrien, who would upload them so teachers and children could choose their favorites.

It all worked out splendidly. Thank you to Mr. McBrien, the guest readers, Mr. Munroe, and Mr. Noon. “Necessity” is most certainly “the mother of invention!”



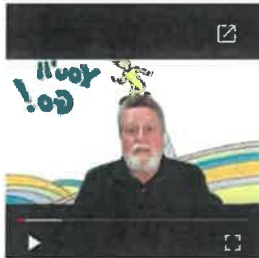
Mayor Gove

Guest readers: Mayor Gove,
Adrienne Lennon, Mel Webster, Maryann Welch, Abigail Jurist-Levy
Elizabeth McAndrews, Lyn Jaques, Carol Bartlett, Thomas Farrell
Mrs. Ramos, Mrs. Mosher, Mrs. Froncki and Mrs. Stuart



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Municipal Councillor
Adrienne Lennon



School Committee member Mel
Webster



School Committee member
Maryann Welch



School Committee member Abigail
Jurist-Levy



RAA 2021 Elizabeth.mp4

Superintendent of Schools
Elizabeth McAndrews



RAA 2021 Lyn.mp4

Director of Teaching and Learning
Lyn Jaques



RAA 2021 Carol.mp4

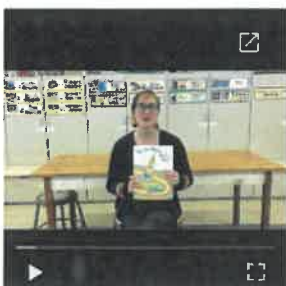
Carol Bartlett
Central Office Superstar



Horace Mann's own Tom Farrell



Russ Munroe &
Tony Noon



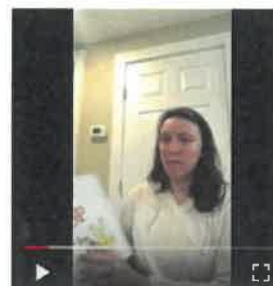
Mrs. Ramos
AES Art Teacher



Mrs. Mosher
AES Music Teacher



Mrs. Froncki
AES Paraprofessional



Mrs. Stuart
AES Paraprofessional



Lyn Jaques



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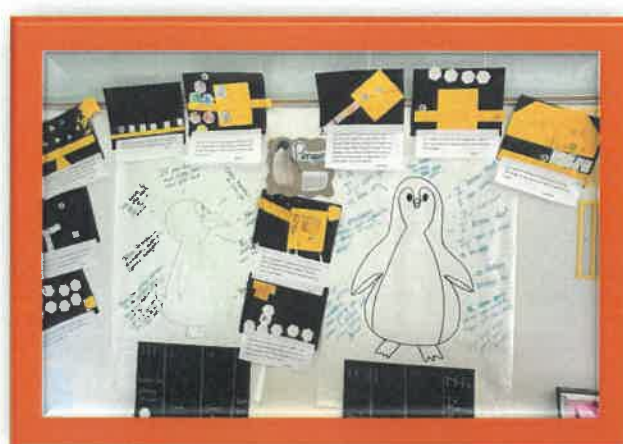
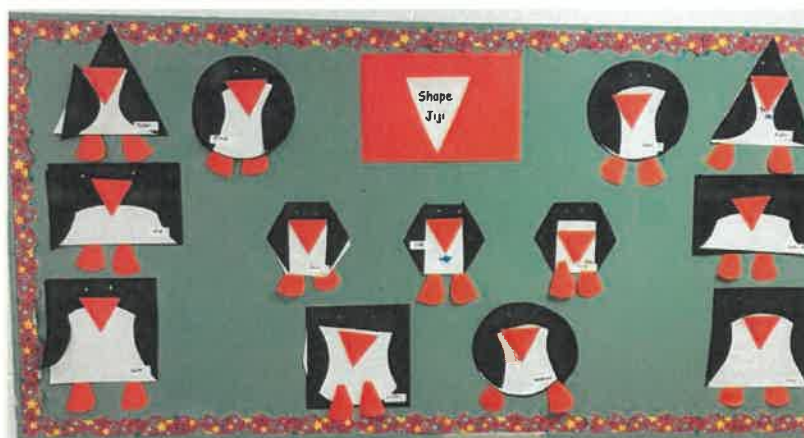
Who is Jiji the Penguin?

Jiji is a 3-foot-tall penguin on a journey through the world of **ST Math**. You help **Jiji** overcome obstacles by solving math puzzles. The goal is to get **Jiji** across the screen by solving the puzzle. If **Jiji**'s path is blocked, you have to figure out what went wrong.

What is ST Math?

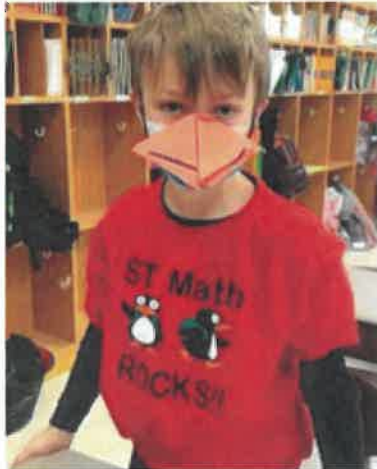
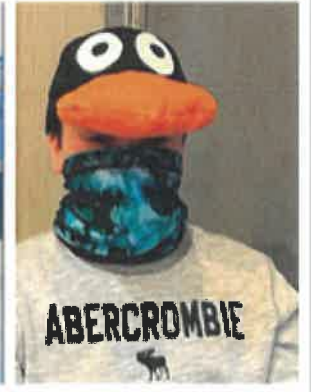
It's a PreK-8 visual instructional program that leverages the brain's innate spatial-temporal reasoning ability to solve mathematical problems. **ST Math**'s unique, patented approach provides students with equitable access to learning through challenging puzzles, non-routine problem solving, and informative feedback.

With **ST Math**, students build deep conceptual understanding, and schools see proven, repeatable results.

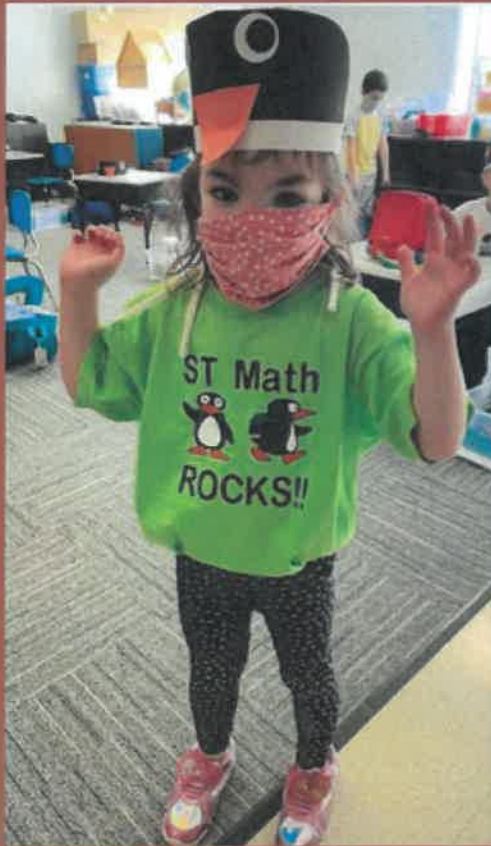


On March 4th our schools celebrated Jiji Day. Children were all decked out in their Penguin finery, some had STEM tee-shirts, some brought in their stuffed penguins. AES & CES even had a special visit from Jiji (Thank you Pia Froncki and Julie Mitchell and Megan Hoyt). The little ones were thrilled. Looks like teachers got in on the fun too!!! Great way to end the week!!! The next two pages contain photos from their celebration. As you can see, Jiji is a Rock Star! And speaking of Rock Stars...Ms. Jen Donais, Math Coordinator, did a great job promoting this event. Thank you all for your spirit!!

CES & AMS Jiji Fans



JIJI STOPS INTO AES FOR A VISIT



WE DID IT!

Amesbury Public Schools has hit ONE MILLION puzzles on ST Math! 😊 We will be celebrating this amazing accomplishment next week on Tuesday, March 30th OR Thursday, April 1st. See more celebration details below:

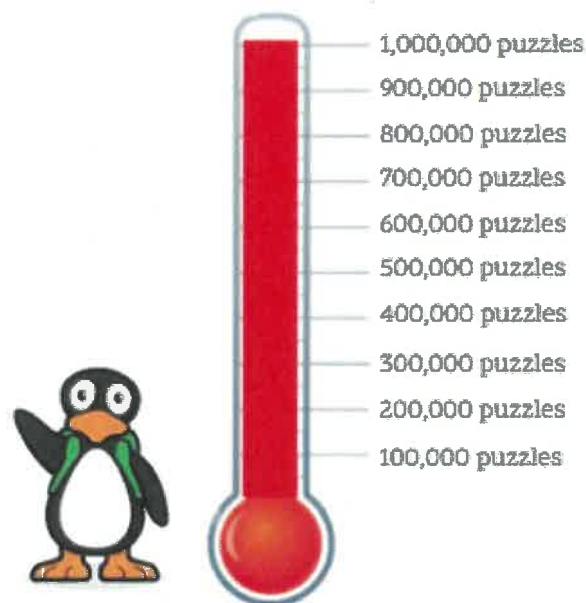
Themed Celebration: "You are One in a Million"

-Students on that day can dress up as if they are one in a million-- dressing in a way that reflects what makes them unique.

-Take a "One in a Million" picture

-Flipgrid prompt you can do with students about how long it takes to get to a million.. <https://flipgrid.com/562693a8>

Can Amesbury make it to ONE MILLION Puzzles?



Each year when we have a group of new teachers, there is a *New Teacher Induction Program* where new teachers get to meet as a group monthly in hopes they can connect and share their experiences. But with COVID, everything has been remote. Lyn Jacques, Director of Teaching and Learning, thought it would be important to get them together, socially distancing, to have a team building event where, hopefully, some in-person bonding could take place. So Lisa Estabrook, AHS Librarian, organized an event at The Board & Brush, and it appears we have a very crafty group of new teachers! Everyone had a great time, and it was fun to get them all together! (Thank you to AHS student Maddie Sanchez who works at B&B....what a patient, efficient, wonderful helper!!)

From Top to Bottom:

Karen Burtnett, Courtney Moore, AHS student/helper Maddie Sanchez

Left to right

Kristan Robicheau, Kerri Coen, Lisa Estabrook

Samantha Standing, Sarah Vanerin, Maddie helping Karen Burtnett





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HOW GREAT IDEAS ARE BORN

Math Teacher Barbara Leary said at a faculty meeting "If we want to get kids out of their COVID depression we had better have fun activities every day when we can." Kerri Coen (guidance) took Leary up on it. The "Fun Committee" was born! Rachel Dobbs, Kerri Coen, Sue Saurman, and Leary decided to have snacks for the students twice a week. Leary tapped into her sources, including Amesbury Youth Funding, to get money to do this. Students are offered cookies and ice cream sandwiches. As usual, Jeanne Sheehan has been a big help with this. (We're going to need more money to continue through May if anyone wants to donate.)

THEN Leary got the inspiration to have a Winter Carnival outdoors. The Student Advisory Council (SAC), which has been working on trying to do something about student depression, agreed to sponsor it and help. For years SAC ran an indoor Winter Carnival in late February, so this made sense. Deans Danielle Ricci and Glen Gearin were totally on board and supportive.

Leary wanted faculty to run the games so the kids who helped set it up could play. She was shocked to get 32 staff members to volunteer. Nearly 100 students showed up. They seemed to be having fun. In fact, the teachers and staff were having a great time too. They had a lot of events - basketball shooting, a ball toss game, ice bowling (frozen water bottles for the pins), a scavenger hunt, snow painting, snowshoe races, egg toss, hot chocolate and snacks as well as the sledding.

Afterward, a senior who hasn't said a word to Ms. Leary in two years came up to her and said how much fun he had and it would be great to do something else. Well, saying that to her is like throwing a dog a bone. So, she and SAC members are in the process of organizing a spring event with different games. We're not 100% on the date yet, but it will be before April vacation (Probably April 14th.) After vacation, StuCo is talking about having an outdoor rally-type event.

This has been a depressing year for kids, and the whole point of these events is to inject a little joy into a bad situation. Thank you Ms. Leary (and the Fun Committee), for caring (and for your pictures) and to the other folks who shared their photos as well. Stay tuned!!!



Basketball



Sledding



Ice Bowling



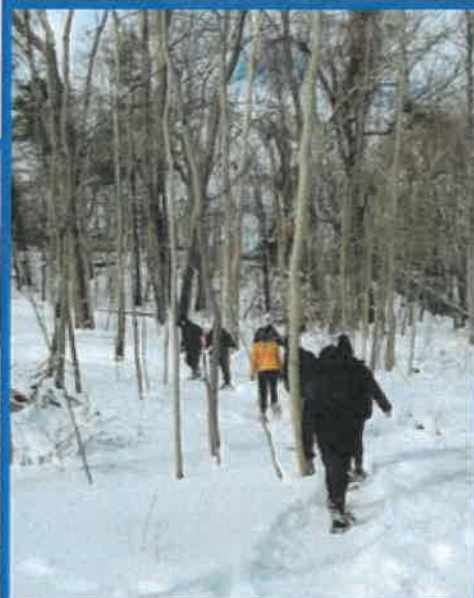
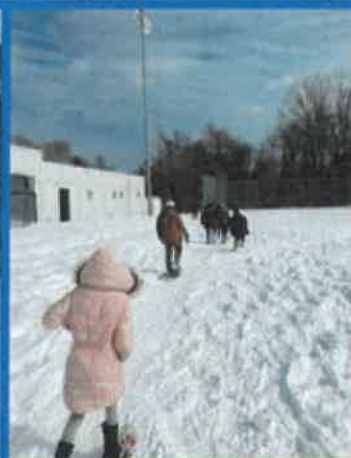
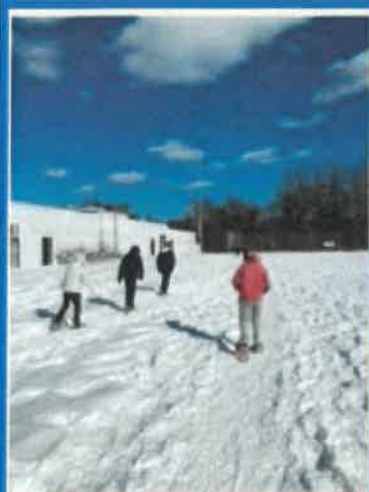
Snow Shoeing

When AHS decides to have a winter carnival and the temperature turns 50 degrees...think that will stop them?
NO!!! They had a ball!! Sledding, tobogganing, painting snow, and just being together! Thanks, Leary, for your hard work!





AMS Phys. Ed Class during a Pandemic? What a perfect time to socially distance on snow shoes along the Brad Ford Trail!! Thanks Mrs. Burke, Mr. Alley, and Mr. Baril. I am sure this was quite an experience for a lot of them!!



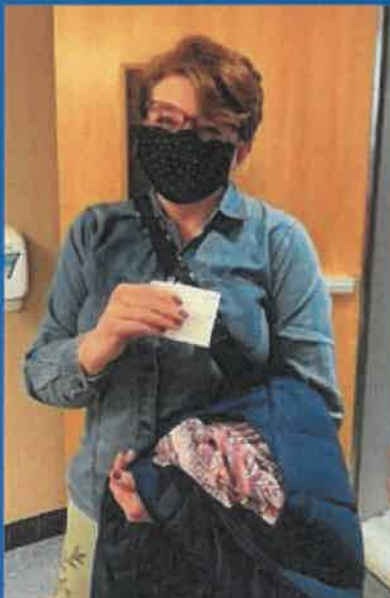
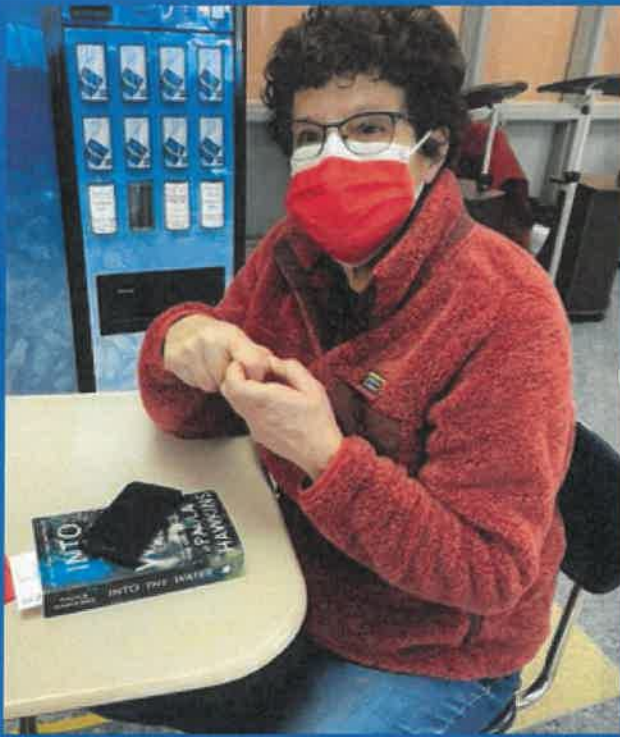


"THEY'RE NOT THROWING AWAY THEIR SHOT!!!!"

JUST A FEW OF THE STAFF MEMBERS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO GET A VACCINE!!



And these staff members were able to get their shots too!!! We are getting there!!!





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We have two new babies in the Amesbury Public Schools' Family!! Meet Beatrix Bixby born to Farah Bixby AES Secretary, and her husband, Sean. (And her proud Aunt, Sarah Centric, AHS Phys. Ed. Teacher!) Miss Beatrix will join her sister, Cambria, to keep these parents very busy!! Congratulations to all!



And this little one is Nolan Fournier, born to his overjoyed parents CES Para, Erin Dignard Fournier, and her husband Phil! He also has a proud grandfather, Dave Proulx, an MPFT at Cashman. We hope Nolan is sleeping this peacefully through the night very soon!! So happy for you all!



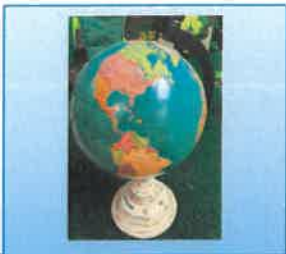
We feel we would remiss if we didn't honor the memory of an amazing woman, Teresa (Terry) Axten, who passed away recently. Terry was invested in all things related to the Amesbury Public Schools. She was an alumnus of AHS, served for decades on the Amesbury School Committee and volunteered in the Cashman School in her daughter Karen Iworsky's classroom. Mrs. Axten was a huge supporter of the AHS Math Team and could be counted on to help at their banquets each year.

Terry was in the first class of honorees for the AEFI Hall of Honor for all she has given to our schools and, of course, then she joined the group. She would be the first one on hand at any AEFI event to make sure all the details were perfect and afterward would take off her shoes, put on her sneakers, and stay until the last dish was done and put away.

Oh, and she just happened to run a business, Terry's Flower Shop, in Downtown Amesbury and raise six children in the meantime!! This is such a loss and she will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy to all of her children and grandchildren and to her many, many friends! We thank her for all she has brought to our community!



Last year Terry, always the AHS cheerleader, cheering on the Class of 2020 as their busses rolled by her house!



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Jazalyn Reader is a senior at the Amesbury Innovation High School. With her love for animals, combined with her entrepreneurial spirit, she started her own pet gear company called “Lemon Drop Gear.” She creates custom collars, leashes and harnesses for customers’ beloved pets and service animals. Each creation is a work of art with personalized sizing, colors and lettering.

Ms. Reader has made gear for weddings and service dog trainers, as well as the pets of the AIHS staff. She has an Instagram account to place an order and showcase her work @lemondrop_gear. Jazalyn will be attending Salem State University in the fall. The staff of the AIHS is very proud of her and her accomplishments.



“Oh...The Places You'll Go”

Congratulations to these three AMS gentlemen. They are the winners of the 8th Grade Geography Bee! Winners received ½ Gallon of Ice Cream from Hodgies, Too! Except the winner, Ty Dore chose McDonalds for a change. His Dad owns Hodgies, Too! Thanks Mr. Joe Costello for facilitating this event.



Third Place - Tyler Tryon



Second Place - Jared Black



Ty Dore – First Place



Kristen Collins of AES is reading the book, “SuperFlex Defeats Braineater” with Ryan Cox, Aiden Sheffield, and Sal Misuraca. The story has to do with Social Thinking!



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“SPRING IS COMING” EDITION

Parent organizations raise funds for things outside the regular schools' budgets. They raise money for teacher appreciation luncheons, bus trips, school supplies, and many other activities.

COVID – 19 has hampered their fundraising activities, but the AMS PAG and Grad Night Committees managed to come up with ideas and both were big successes!

PAG's idea was February Frappe Fridays, and they paired up with Hedgehog downtown, who donated a portion of the proceeds for each frappe or milkshake to PAG. Here are some of their big supporters who stopped by on the last February Frappe Friday event:



Melanie Ayotte had a “To-Go” order



The Parsons twins decided to sip-as-they-go!



AMS Teachers were more than happy to support the cause!!

Then there was the GRAD NIGHT Fundraiser where Jenny's Wedding Cakes Company offered a delectable assortment of treats to celebrate Valentine's Day with a portion of the funds raised going to the GRAD NIGHT Committee. GRAD NIGHT happens on the night of graduation, and students stay up all night and are bussed to various locations for events. In the past, they have gone to Buster & Dave's, Bowling, Chinese Food, Giggles, etc., and those events cost money, so this helps to defray the costs. This year, especially where the Class of 2021 has lost so much because of COVID, parents want to make it really special.



Cakes and Cupcakes and Cookies, Oh My!!



The talented Jenny and her AHS Ooompalooahs



Thank you to the parents who organized this event and to the many, many customers who we are sure had a sweet Valentine's Day! It was a huge hit!

And THANK YOU to all parents who join ALL these groups and help to make such a difference for our children!!!

All-Sports Boosters Flocking Fundraiser!!!

The Flamingos are returning in May!

Don't miss your chance to secretly "Flock a Friend" while supporting AHS student Athletes!

Registration opens in April and the first flock lands in Amesbury on May 1st!

Check out the AHS Boosters website for more info and how to register a local yard:

<http://www.amesburyboosters.com/flocking-fundraiser>

RETURN OF THE FLAMINGOS!

#Flockingamesbury

The Flamingos are on their way back to Amesbury with an expected arrival of May 1st!

Don't miss your chance to secretly flock a local yard with 15 elegant Flamingos!

FLOCKING REGISTRATION OPENS April 1st!

Learn more on our website: [Amesbury Flocking](http://www.amesburyboosters.com/flocking-fundraiser)

Registrations support all AHS Student Athletes!



Flight plan for May is established as registrations are received. Overflow flocks from 2020 are at the top of the list!

****Fundraiser is facilitated by parent volunteers for AHS Boosters and AHS Student Athletes****

Want to join us or volunteer for a night to set up a Flock?

Email us at: sales@amesburyboosters.com to get involved!

