



Superintendent's Corner

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School Committee Meeting

In case you missed Monday night's school committee meeting, here are some highlights:

- The Bridges Program Presentation: Students and staff from AES, along with representatives from the Senior Center and some seniors, presented to the school committee about the Bridges program that they had been involved with during this school year. Through this program, students and seniors had the opportunity to work together, share, and learn about one another. Both the students and the seniors spoke about how much they enjoyed participating in the program and the seniors expressed interest in coming back next year!
- New Policy: GCAA – Athletics and Coaching – The school committee approved a new policy around the ways in which we hire, evaluate, and retain coaches in our athletics program. This policy will help to improve transparency about the process.
- Acceptance of Scoreboard by Amesbury Little League: The school committee accepted a donation of a scoreboard from the Amesbury Little League which was placed in the CES Upper Field. We appreciate the support of our community groups.

Regional Prevention Initiative

The City of Newburyport received a grant to initiate a collaboration between Triton, Georgetown and Amesbury. This grant will fund a full time position to serve as a coordinator to assist in the creation of Positive Youth Development committees in the Greater Newburyport area. Through this grant and the development of a committee in Amesbury, we will work as a community to identify supports that students have in place, as well as action steps to reduce high risk behaviors. As we learn more about this opportunity, I will provide additional information.

Math on the Merrimack

Ms. Regis at the high school has started up her Math on the Merrimack program in collaboration with Lowell's Boat Shop. This program was originally established by Ms. Regis with the support of the Amesbury Education Foundation, through the receipt of a grant. Through this program, students are exposed to real world mathematical applications as they learn about and have an opportunity to boat on the Merrimack River. A special thanks to Graham MacKay for his assistance and support of this program.

350th Celebration Committee

Did you know that Amesbury will be celebrating its 350 Anniversary next year? A committee has been established to develop a number of activities throughout the year that will highlight what makes Amesbury such a special place to live and visit. Watch for more information to come!

Be well and have a great weekend!

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