

A LETTER FROM MR. HARRINGTON

Hello AMS parents and students!

We feel the excitement of our elementary staff and K-5 students as they have been back in school and in person learning since the beginning of January. Along with that, I am feeling even more excited as our staff plans for the return of our students this second semester. I know it feels like an eternity since our AMS family has been in school but it is on the horizon and in sight! We are working on all the logistics of getting staff and students back into our building safely. I have met the past two weeks with parents during "Coffee with the Principal" to answer questions and begin to talk about the details of our opening.

As it stands, students will be back in two Cohorts, with periods 1-6 each day.

- Cohort A on Monday/Thursday
- Cohort B on Tuesday/Friday
- Wednesdays will have Hawks Nest in the morning with teacher office hours the rest of the morning and afternoon.
- I will go over all of this on Tuesday, February 2, in the Welcome Back to School Webinar.

Our counselors have been working diligently on our master schedule and balancing of classes. Please know that some students' schedules will change for 2nd semester to accommodate our in person schedule.

First semester will end on Friday, February 5. We have built time in during our Hawks Nest to support students who need to get assignments turned in and their grades up to passing. **Again, if your student has not been invited to Hawks Nest, they DO NOT need to attend, EXCEPT the Wednesday morning Nest at 8:35.** We will have a week in review out on Monday morning.

We have plans for our incoming 6th graders and new students to AMS to get an opportunity to tour

our school with our 8th grade WEB leaders. 6th grade will be on Wednesday evening and 7th/8th grades on Thursday evening. Invites and details have been sent to those families. There is still a lot of planning in the works to have our staff ready for this launch. I appreciate all of your patience and support!

Below are updates for the month of February:

- **Tuesday, February 2nd-** Parent/Student Welcome Back to School Webinar: Details for the Reopening of AMS 6:00-7:00 pm. Zoom link to follow.
- **Wednesday, February 3rd-** 6th grade AMS tour with WEB Leaders (**in-person & student only**) 5:00-7:00 pm
- **Thursday, February 4th-** New 7th/8th grade student tour of school with WEB Leaders (**student +1 family member**) from 5:00-5:45 pm.
- **Friday, February 5th-** End of 1st Semester.
- **Monday, February, 8th-** New Semester starts. 6th grade 3rd quarter electives start.
- **Monday, February 15th-** No School in observance of Presidents Day

I want to give a huge thank you to our AMS custodians, Doreen Rogers and Clarence Newman. They have been working hard to get our school ready for our students and staff. And a big thank you to our office staff, Aimee Rudge, Ashley King, Monique Starkovich, and Teresa Edwards who have been organizing, planning, and communicating with our families! Our staff have been meeting and working on professional development to best serve our students with this new schedule. I am thankful for the staff we have at AMS; we are all fortunate to have them serving our students! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at pharrington@asd103.org

Patrick Harrington/ AMS Principal

PTSA NEWS

National School Counseling Week is February 1st-5th and we want to give a huge SHOUT OUT to our awesome dedicated counselors at AMS! Mr. Flynn and Mrs. Newall have been working countless hours, getting ready for our students to get back into the building. Thank you for all of your hard work!



What does a Middle School Counselor do? Here's just a short list of how they help!

- Academic skills support
- Organizational, study and test-taking skills
- Education in understanding self and others
- Coping strategies
- Peer relationships and effective social skills
- Communication, problem-solving, decision-making and conflict resolution



Please JOIN! Your membership matters now more than ever!

Membership is \$15/person or \$45/family. Your membership helps support many of the programs benefiting students at the Anacortes Middle School! **To get signed up today, visit:**

<https://www.anacortesptsa.com/>

→ Join us for our next general membership meeting on Thursday, February 18th at 6:30pm. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link!

DECEMBER/JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

These students were chosen by AMS staff
for their academic excellence or
performance in the classroom

DECEMBER/JANUARY HAWK PRIDE AWARD

These students were nominated by AMS
staff for displaying some type of good
citizenship or behavior

OLIVIA KAPP, BICKLEY
DYLAN ROWELL, CHAMBERS
LILLIAN FRASIER, CHAMBERS
ABIGAIL CROSS, COOPER
WILLIAM PRICE, HOLBOY
QUIAOMO YANG, MCCARTNEY
LAYNE DAVIS, MCCARTNEY
CALEB KIDD, KIRBY
ADDYSON CONLEY, KIRBY
BRENDAN CUTTER, KIRBY
ALLISON GEIBIG, KIRBY
FIONA LIPPE, MORGENTHALER

OWEN KENNEDY, BICKLEY
KIRA WADE, CHAMBERS
BALIN SMITH, CHAMBERS
ALEX TULL, COOPER
LORELAI WASSOM, MCCARTNEY
ELIJAH WOODS, MCCARTNEY
CONNOR LAISURE, KIRBY
NATALIE STAVROPOLOUS, KIRBY
SILAS TURPIN, KIRBY
EMI HELLE ALLEN, KIRBY
EVA WANGEN, MORGENTHALER

ANACORTES SERVICE CLUBS HONOR AMS STUDENTS

Kiwanis looks for students who show strong progress in citizenship, community involvement, and academic improvement, but may not necessarily get public recognition commensurate with their achievements.

**Kiwanis
Student of the Month**
Diego Zavala



Soroptimists search for the positive character traits of responsibility, justice, honesty, courage, respect, love, loyalty, and hope.

**Soroptimist
Student of the Month**
Natalie Cardon



Counselor's Corner

Shawn Flynn (A-K)
Rena Newall (L-Z)
Monique Starkovich, Registrar
Dr. Westbeld, School Psychologist

Hello AMS Families and Students!

We are so excited for students to finally return to campus and have the 6th graders begin their middle school campus experience! Our WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) team is organizing an orientation for all hybrid 6th graders, as well as new students to the school.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE:

- **Wednesday, February 3rd from 5-7pm- ALL 6th Graders**
 - **This will be in-person and with your WEB leader from orientation this Fall.**
- **Thursday, February 4th- ALL NEW 7th/8th grade students to the district, from 5-5:45pm**
 - **This will be in person with a WEB leader**

→ More detailed information has been sent out but if you did not receive it or have any other questions, please contact us!



Both counselors will be on campus Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays to assist students directly and will continue to help students and families via Zoom, email, and phone. Email us directly at sflynn@asd103.org or rnewall@asd103.org or call at 360-503-1230.

COFFEE WITH PRINCIPAL HARRINGTON



Grab a cup of coffee and allow Mr. Harrington to answer any of your questions/concerns regarding the reopening of AMS. Click [here](#) to watch past coffee with the principal videos.

AMS CLUBS

AMS is now offering clubs via Zoom!

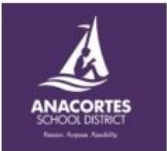
Come join us!

- ★ Art Club on Tuesdays at 2:00
- ★ Yearbook Club on Wednesdays at 1:00
- ★ Drama Club on Thursdays at 1:45



Please email Mrs. Rudge at arudge@asd103.org if you would like to join. This is a great way to stay involved!


CURBSIDE LIBRARY PICKUP



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AMS & AHS

Wednesdays 12:30 - 1:30 PM



- Students can reserve books through the Destiny library app
- Pick up and drop off books at school front entrance

- Log in to Classlink launchpad to access Destiny app
- Search for a print book
- Click Hold
- Student's hold must be placed by 12 Noon Wednesday to be included in that day's pickup
- Confirmation email will be sent from library staff
- Pick up and drop off books Wednesdays 12:30 - 1:30 PM Only



DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MR. HARRINGTON

Don't forget to check out the daily announcements from Mr. Harrington! This is a great way to stay in the know with what's going on at AMS! Check them out [here](#).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY:

- **FEBRUARY 2ND:** REOPENING CAMPUS WEBINAR, 6-7PM (ZOOM LINK TO FOLLOW)
- **FEBRUARY 3RD:** 6TH GRADE ORIENTATION, 5-7PM
- **FEBRUARY 4TH:** 7TH/8TH GRADE ORIENTATION WHO ARE NEW TO THE DISTRICT, 5:00 - 5:45PM
- **FEBRUARY 5TH:** HALF DAY/ END OF SEMESTER
- **FEBRUARY 8TH:** START OF NEW SEMESTER/ IN PERSON LEARNING BEGINS
- **FEBRUARY 15TH:** NO SCHOOL IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY
- **FEBRUARY 18TH:** PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 6:30 VIA ZOOM





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