

Message from Mr. Harrington

This will be the last edition of the newsletter for the 2017-18 school year! It will also be the last year that AMS is grades 7-8 as we transition to the first year of 6th graders at AMS! I am looking forward to this exciting new challenge as we bring 200+ students to our building. We are currently outfitting classrooms with furniture and teachers have already started moving into their classrooms. What an exciting time for our school community!

I'm not sure where the time has gone but school will be out Thursday, June 22. I would like to thank the Anacortes Middle School PTSA and all they have done for our students, staff, and community. We are truly grateful for the wonderful work and time commitment they have shown our school. Our school community is very lucky to have our PTSA!!! I also want to give a huge thank you to all of our AMS staff. They are one of the hardest, most dedicated staff I have worked with. They really make AMS a great place! Thank you!!!

We will be finishing up our standardized tests for the year in June when we complete our MAPS tests. We have completed our SBA and MSP for the year. We will also be receiving SBA results in the next month and will be communicating the outcomes to our parents once we have them in our hands. I also want to commend your students for the effort they showed during the SBA test this year. Students were serious about taking the test and put forth their best effort.

As we roll into the last month of school, we still have a lot of work and materials to cover. It is not a time for

students to feel that school does not count. Please remind your sons and daughters to keep working hard and focus until the last day of school. Students should be arranging with teachers to stay after school to get caught up with missing assignments or tests.

Just a few calendar reminders for June and next year:

June 6 - 6th grade tours of Anacortes Middle School. The AMS Leadership class will help facilitate this tour.

June 12 - Band Concert at Brodniak

June 19 - Textbook turn in before school and at lunch.

June 19 - 5th grade tours of Anacortes Middle School. The AMS Leadership class will help facilitate this tour.

June 15 and 16 - Anacortes Middle Schools STEM SAMPLER

June 20 - 8th grade Moving-Up Ceremony on Rice Field at Seahawk Stadium, 6:30 pm. 8th grade dance will immediately follow at Seafarer's Memorial Park Building and will end at 10:00 pm. More information about this night will follow in a personal letter home from my office.

June 22 - last day of school. School is released at 10:45

July 3 - last day the middle school office will be open. It will reopen in mid August.

August 22, 23, 24 - dates for Open House 2017/18. Specific grade level dates have not been decided but time will be from 6-9 pm. The first day of school is August 29.

If you have any questions, please call me at 293-1230.

Patrick Harrington
AMS Principal

Hello AMS,

As we wrap up another great year of athletics and activities, I want to take some time to thank all the coaches, volunteers, students, and parents for their support! Keeping kids involved in their school keeps them busy, which is always a good a thing. Your efforts for the betterment of our programs and kids is very appreciated.

A note to 8th graders, your fourth quarter grades are what determines your eligibility for fall sports or any summer high school sport related activities, i.e., camps, workouts, etc. Be sure to keep them up!

A note to 7th graders, thanks for a fabulous year! Throughout the summer, think about the new 6th and 7th graders coming in. Two thirds of our school will be brand new and they will be looking to you for leadership and support. Be a good leader and a constant helper.

Have a great summer, stay safe and busy! Do the dishes once in awhile...

Mr. Perkins

Go, Hawks!

PTSA NEWS

- Interested in helping out with PTSA next year? Some positions even work well when shared with a friend! Please check out our Facebook Page [AMS Hawk Pride](#) for more information and a complete list.

For more information, like us on Facebook! [AMS Hawk Pride](#)

Band News

Intermediate & Advanced Band

to Wild Waves - June 10th

Middle School Band Concert - June 12th

Students of the Month

The following list represents students who were chosen by AMS staff for their academic excellence or classroom performance.

HAWK PRIDE AWARD

The Hawk Pride Award recognizes students' positive choices and actions. These students were nominated by AMS staff for displaying some type of good citizenship and behavior. Way to go!

Cate (Helen) Ockerman	7th	McCartney	Graham Quitno	8th	Strohschein
Kunthida (Fai) Puengpoh	7th	Perkins	Henry Shaw	7th	Strohschein
Savannah Sparks	8th	Swapp	Bradlee Logan	8th	Graham
Caitlin Brar	7th	Cooper	Katy Flint	8th	Kudlacek
Ayden Swain	8th	Graham	Julia Pierson	8th	Kudlacek
			Cameron Berow	8th	Cooper
			Elle Carlson	8th	Cooper
			Skyler Whisler	8th	Cooper
			Mason Bakke	8th	Perkins
			William Waldrop	7th	Templeton
			Katie Kamp	8th	Swapp
			LizBeth Pena-Rangel	7th	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
May
Hunter Berard



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

Soroptimist
Student of the Month
May
Abby Schnabel



Hello AMS students and families,

In preparation for the summer and our eventual drivers, I have Five Rules of the Road to prepare them for a safe and fun bicycling experience no matter where they are riding.

Rules of the Road for Bikes

Follow the Law

Your safety and image of bicyclists depend on you. You have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers. Obey traffic signals and stop signs. Ride with traffic; use the rightmost lane headed in the direction you are going.

Be Predictable

Make your intentions clear to everyone on the road. Ride in a straight line and don't swerve between parked cars. Signal turns, and check behind you well before turning or changing lanes.

Be VISIBLE

Ride where people can see you and wear bright clothing. Use a front white light and red rear light and reflectors when visibility is poor. Make eye contact with others and don't ride on sidewalks.

Think Ahead

Anticipate what drivers, pedestrians, and other people on bikes will do next. Watch for turning vehicles and ride outside the door zone of parked cars. Look out for debris, potholes, and other road hazards. Cross railroad tracks at right angles.

Ride Ready USING THE a-b-c QUICK CHECK

A -Air. Check the air in your tires.

B- Brakes. Make sure brakes are functioning properly.

C - Chains and cranks. Check to see if cranks need to be tightened and that the chain is free of rust and gunk.

Quick - Look over quick releases that they are locked and facing the rear of the bike to prevent accidental releases.

Check- Take a short ride and to check out that it is working properly.

Have a wonderful summer, make good choices and be safe.

Ofc. Travis Dotzauer

School Resource Officer

Counselor's Corner

AMS Counselors

Shawn Flynn (students with last names A-L)

Renaë Newall (students with last names M-Z)

2017 Summer Session at the Academy. A great way to gain specialized training and earn high school credit. Summer Session is tuition-free!!



Summer Session is open to incoming 9th graders through non-graduated seniors. Students earn a semester credit of Occupational Education (or HS Health) which applies towards your graduation requirements! Multiple Locations, including Anacortes!!

Visit the website for more information

<http://www.nwtech.k12.wa.us>

Or, See Mr. Flynn or Mrs. Newall to obtain an application.

Anacortes College Outreach, Final meeting of the 2016-2017 school year

Thursday, June 15th 7-9 pm, AHS Library

AGENDA

7-8 pm will be an overview of the current environment surrounding college admissions and applications, and is repeated at every ACO meeting. This is important information for **newcomers** to ACO; returning participants may wish to hear it again.

8-9 pm a focus on lists: What are my aptitudes and interests?; What characteristics am I looking for in a college or university?; What colleges meet my needs?. We'll review progress our students have made thus far and reexamine what we are doing this summer, and next year, to further demonstrate our interest and develop our relationship with the colleges we have decided to pursue.

Please come with your questions, comments and students, if they are able to break away from finals!

Questions at any time, either during the meeting or by email are welcome!

REMINDER: This summer Colleges That Change Lives (ctcl.org) will be holding a local college fair, a great opportunity for our students. Thursday, August 3rd, Bellevue Hilton. Program starts promptly at 7 pm with a 30 minute informational session followed by a 1.5 hour fair. Free and open to the public.

Follow us on Facebook at Anacortes College Outreach or send an email to anacortescollegeoutreach@asd103.org to receive timely and relevant emails related to college admissions and applications. Type "subscribe" in the subject line.

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IMPORTANT DATES!

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June 19	Textbook Turn-in/Yearbook Hand-out
June 20	6:30 pm - 8 th grade Moving-Up Ceremony on Rice Field at Seahawk Stadium
June 21	8th Grade trip to Birch Bay
June 22	Last day of school, Early release