

Message from Mr. Harrington

We are almost one month into the second semester and will begin our planning for the transition of students into the next grade, preparation for the SBAC and MAP testing, and Spring Conferences. We will start testing in May. I will have a detailed SBAC schedule out to all parents soon.

We need to remember to encourage students to keep working hard and focus on doing well in their current classes. We encourage those students who did not do well at the end of the first semester to buckle down during the second semester to demonstrate they are ready for the move to the next grade level. It is also important for students to advocate for themselves and meet with their teachers before or after school to get help on materials that they are struggling with. Our teachers are very good about being available to students for that extra help but students need to communicate this with their teachers. Parents, you can help by talking with your students and encouraging them to talk with their teachers!

High school counselors will be down to talk with our 8th graders in Bloc class this month to begin registration for high school. Our 7th to 8th grade transition will also be taking place with course descriptions and registration happening this month also. The counselors have a detailed outline of this in this issue.

Dates to remember for this month and next:

5th Grade Parent Meeting

March 13- 3:00-4:00 AMS Library

March 15- 6:00-7:00 AMS Library

6th Grade Parent Meeting

March 13- 6:00-7:00 AMS Library

March 15- 3:00-4:00 AMS Library

8th Grade Parent Meeting Class of 2021

March 7 6:30 @ AHS

School Play "The Hobbit"- March 13-25

Spring Break-April 3-7

Spring conferences April 20, afternoon and evening

As Spring approaches, I want to cover a few topics that come through the middle school office periodically- **Cell Phones**-students can bring cell phones to school but they need to be turned off and put in their backpacks. Phones will be confiscated and held until the end of the day if the rule is being abused. The second offense will result in parents coming in to pick them up.

Visitors- please check into the main office before going on campus to meet with teachers or conduct your business. We will issue a Visitor Pass through our Raptor system so all adults know you have checked in.

Dress Code- with spring in sight, the clothing again becomes an issue with all students. Please remind your students that they need adequate coverage of the body, which include not wearing short skirts or shorts, shirts that reveal midriff or cleavage, and pants that do not cover undergarments. Please refer to the handbook for more details. Students will be asked to change into appropriate clothing or wear their PE shorts.

We have enjoyed a great year so far and look for second semester to be just as enjoyable.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please call me at 293-1230.

Patrick Harrington-Principal

PTSA NEWS

- Thank you to Sky Bates for her WEEKLY dedication to Friday cookie sales and to those who brought in February Birthday Cupcakes! On the last Wednesday of each month, students who had a birthday get a cupcake. These goodies are enjoyed by all.
- Thank you also to the February Dance volunteers -- everyone had a fun time!
- Take advantage of the last spirit wear order for the 2016/2017 school year. There are order forms in the office as well as included at the end of this newsletter. If you'd like to see samples, the display case has a good showcase of styles and logo options. Please return a completed form with payment to the office by March 10th. Make checks payable to AMS PTSA. Payment must be included with order. We are hoping to get orders to you before Spring Break. Questions?? Call Karman Paul 360-941-5477 or Libby Digweed 360-610-9291. For additional sizes, styles, and prices please call Pacific Design Screen Printing 588-0455 or visit 1004 M Avenue - Corner of 10th & M. Either Judy or Nancy will be happy to help you.

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

GREETINGS, HAWKS!

Spring is approaching! Soon there will be our spring sports of Track, Boys' Soccer, and Golf. Get involved, make new friends, get fit, and have a blast doing it! Listen to the bulletin, check our website, or stop by the office for information on fun stuff to do at AMS.

Wrestling and Girls' Basketball are winding up their seasons. Great experiences were had by all. Congratulations to all of you and thanks for making our programs so stellar! Athletes, be sure to thank your parents and coaches for their commitment to you!

Eighth graders need to start thinking and learning about where they will be in a few short months...that would be at the High School. Don't be silly and think AMS and AHS aren't closely related. We talk daily to each other and we talk about YOU! Are you ready for high school? Are you doing your best now so when the high school looks at who you are and where to place you...are they seeing your best? Don't take this lightly. Work hard the rest of the year.

Seventh graders - what we do with you depends on what you have done this year. Work hard, plan for after high school education or training now by doing your best at AMS!

I am proud of what our school is doing. I want to thank the students, parents, and staff for their efforts.

Mr. Perkins

Go,
Hawks!

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

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

Ryan Horr	Algebra	Cooper	Abbey Schnabel	8th	McChesney
Grayce Garcia	Algebra	Cooper	Jessica Augustoni	8th	Strohschein
Hazel Tanaka	7th	Morgenthaler	Alyssa Digweed	7th	Morgenthaler
Katie Parker	8th	Swapp	Jillian McKelvie	8th	Swapp
Jake Schuh	7th	Harrington	Hunter Berard	8th	Cooper
Victoria Pittman	8th	Harrington	Abbie Goodwin	6th	Cooper
			Lily Randall	8th	Graham
			Thien-an Dam	8th	Graham
			Corbin Sherman	8th	Graham
			Micah Arnott	8th	Perkins
			Izzy Wells	8th	Perkins
			Devan Christensen	8th	Dunham

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
February
Theo Young



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

Soroptimist
Student of the Month
February
Ellie Goodwin



Hello Hawks and Hawk families,

I wanted to revisit social media with our families so, we can all work together to keep our kids safe with a continued dialog and education in the appropriate use of devices and social media.

- Cyberbullying is a form of online peer aggression that is delivered in a high tech way to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group that is intended to harm others emotionally, psychologically, and even physically. Current research is showing that Cyberbullying is the most frequent threat and challenge that youth face today. Cyber bullying can lead to youth feeling afraid to go to school, letting their grades slip, depression, and in worse case scenarios, youth have taken their lives.

- Sexting is the act of sending sexually explicit text messages, images, or video of yourself, usually from one cell phone, computer, or digital device, to another person's cell phone, computer, or digital device. Sexting has increased in our youth for various reasons such as, inability to see consequences to actions specific to sexting, immaturity, peer pressure by a boyfriend/girlfriend, and craving for attention. Youth need to understand that it is against the law to possess depictions of minors naked even if they were sent to them voluntarily. This is a Felony in Washington State.

- Digital Citizenship is one of the most important things a parent can do for their kids in regards to internet and social media use. Parents need to send the message of good digital citizenship with their child, as well as setting clear parental boundaries, expectations, and consequences to their child's online behavior. One way that was suggested is a contract between the child and parent that outlines parent expectations and consequences.

Internet and social media are not to be feared, but need to be monitored and youth must be educated on responsible use.

I highly recommend that devices are not left in bedrooms at night because a lot of the inappropriate activity is done during that time. I also recommend that you know the current passwords that your kids are using, so that if you need to gain access you will be able to.

If you have further questions on helping your student become a safe and responsible social media/internet users, I recommend that you go to personalprotectionsystems.ca and while you are at the site go, "blog", which will provide you with more information. The web site will give you a ton of information on how to safeguard your youth's devices, a dictionary for web based youth language, and monitoring tools for devices that your youth possess. You can also contact me at the Anacortes Middle School or Anacortes High School and I can help you find the information you are seeking.

Thank You,

Ofc. Travis Dotzauer, School Resource Officer

Social Media and Devices



STOCK UP FOR SUMMER READING!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Spring Scholastic BOGO (Buy One, Get One Free) Book Fair is right around the corner! Thursday, April 13th-Tuesday April 25th! Look for the open hours in the April Newsletter...

Interested in volunteering in the AMS Library for book fair, or for ongoing help? Please contact Dyana Fischer at dfischer@asd103.org.

Counselor's Corner

AMS Counselors

Shawn Flynn (students with last names A-L)

Renaë Newall (students with last names M-Z)

Registration time is approaching for the 2017-2018 school year. Here is an overview of some of the registration activities that we are planning:

5th and 6th grade parents will be invited to a parent information meeting to learn about the Middle School on two different dates:

5th grade meeting: Monday, March 13th from 3:00 – 4:00pm and Wednesday, March 15th from 6:00-7:00 pm.

6th grade meeting: Monday, March 13th from 6:00 – 7:00pm and Wednesday, March 15th from 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Both meetings will be held in the Middle School Library. Registration packets should have been picked up by 5th and 6th grade parents at February elementary conferences. Registration forms need to be filled out, signed by parents and returned to the Middle School Counseling Center.

7th grade students will be given registration packets for 8th grade when Middle School Counselors visit their classrooms during the week of March 20th. All registration packets need to be filled out, signed by parents and returned to the Middle School Counseling Center by **Thursday, March 30th, 2017**

8th grade parent night will be held at Brodniak at Anacortes High School on the evening of Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30 P.M.

8th grade students will be given high school course catalogs and a draft scheduling form on Friday, March 17th. High school counselors will visit 8th grade students in their Science classes for 9th grade registration on Thursday, March 23rd and Friday, March 24th. Registration packets will be given to students on those days to bring home for parent review and signatures. Students will register for their 9th grade classes online with the assistance of high school counselors on Thursday, March 30th.

Will I go to college? Can I afford it?

Our school district has a brand new initiative: Anacortes College Outreach!

Anacortes College Outreach

Once a month, students, parents, grandparents of all grade levels, as well as interested members of the community, are invited to join us as we host a series of gatherings to discuss strategies on how to explore colleges and how to evaluate and obtain financial aid. This initiative is especially geared for current 7th-10th graders and their families, though students and family of any grade are welcome to attend.

Over the course of the middle and high school years, this Anacortes College Outreach tutorial will break down the college selection process into bite-sized pieces, and will be presented in a “how-to” manner. At every monthly meeting, time will be allotted to discuss questions that are on students’ and parents’ minds about this increasingly complicated process.

Why start this process so early during middle school? Starting early simply provides a gradual, less pressured, and more informed approach for college bound students. Discover colleges and financial aid opportunities you never knew existed. Explore your higher education options, expand your choices and opportunities, and if necessary make curriculum adjustments in a controlled manner.

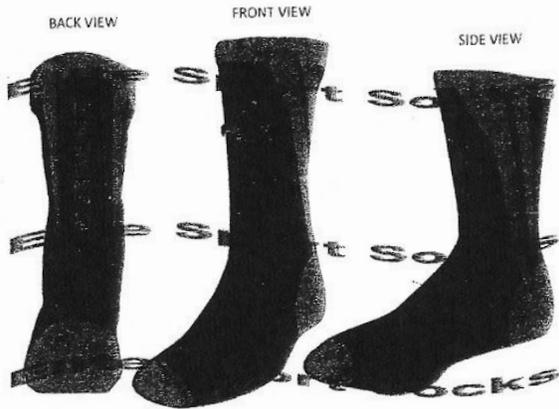
You’ll learn how not to be a “stealth candidate” but rather a candidate who colleges get to know and then want to admit. With more time and less pressure, you can concentrate on the schools that are a better fit for you, and make certain that you are a good fit for them. A critically important part of the “fit” is being certain that a college will provide you with the financial aid that you need. Make the college journey more enjoyable...longer timeline...less stress...more satisfying results.

Please join Anacortes College Outreach for our first meeting on Sunday, March 26th at 1:30 in the AHS library. All are welcome. RSVP is appreciated so we know how much space we need (but come even if you haven’t rsvp’d!).

Questions? Contact Shay at anacortescollegeoutreach@asd103.org

IMPORTANT DATES!

March 3-22	ASD Art Show, Depot Arts Center
March 10	No School -- Staff Development
March 23-24	AHS Counselors to meet with 8th graders
March 28	7 pm -- AMS choir concert, Brodniak Hall
April 3-7	No School -- Spring Break



GET YOUR CUSTOM ELITE SOCKS!

AMS PTSA now has ELITE ANACORTES HAWK SOCKS.
Elite Hawk Socks are available to order!

ORDER FORMS

Student/Player Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Teacher(Bloc): _____ Grade: _____

Please Put Quantity In Appropriate Size Box

	Medium	Large	Total	Price per Pair	TOTAL
Elite Socks				Total x \$28 \$15	
TOTAL					

Sock Size	Medium 7 to 11	Large 10 to 13
Womens US Shoe Size	3-8	9-12
Mens US Shoe Size	4-9	10-13

Please make checks payable to: **AMS PTSA**

**ANACORTES MIDDLE SCHOOL
SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM Spring 2017
VIEW SAMPLES IN THE DISPLAY CASE**



Design 1 Center front



Design 2 Left Chest



Design 3 Large Center Front

Designs 1, 2, & 3 two color print. Purple/Black or Purple/White.



Design 4

Print in Metallic Silver or Purple

Large Center front on T-s and Hoody. Small Left Chest on Ladies Full Zip Hoody.

Ladies T-Shirts: DT6001 (LT) Adult XS - XL. Black, Heather Purple, or Light Heather Grey..... \$15

Ladies Full Zip: LPC7ZH (LH) Adult XS - XL. Athletic Heather, Black or White \$30

Unisex T-Shirts: DT6000 (UT) Adult XS - XL. Black, Heather Purple, or Light Heather Grey \$15

Unisex Hoody: PC78H (UH) Adult S-XL. Athletic Heather, Black or Heather Purple \$25

Item	Design	Size	Color	Name on Back +\$5.00	Price +\$2.00 XXL
UH	2	L	AH	PAUL	\$30

Total _____

Student Name _____ **Teacher** _____

Parent Name _____ **Phone** _____

Parent email _____

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