

A LETTER FROM MR HARRINGTON AND MR. PIKE

We are about one month into Second Semester and will begin planning for the transition of students into the next grade, preparing for the SBAC and MAP testing, as well as Spring Conferences. We will start testing in May and will have a detailed SBAC schedule out to all parents soon.

We had a close call a few mornings ago as a student was nearly hit in our front parking lot. **Parents, this is a reminder that student drop off is to happen in the back upper parking lot of the middle school. For the safety of our students, please drop all students off in the upper parking lot! Thank you!**

We are reminding 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 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!

We are gearing up for the transition from middle to high school. High school counselors will be down to talk with our 8th graders this month to begin registration for high school classes next year!

I would like to give a shout out to the great work our teachers have been doing of late! **Here are just a few examples of what's happening at AMS:**

- Mr. Guzik, Ms. Robbins, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Bickley, Mr Ruckdaschel, and
- Mr. Rozema worked with 6-8 graders on their semester history projects and delivered a wonderful showcase of projects this month.
- Students created documentaries, websites, performances, and wrote papers to the theme of "Breaking Barriers" in history!
- Some of these projects will be entered into our local competition in March...Good luck to all of those who enter!
- Nate Dunham's first semester Escape Room class had a successful community night. Each of the 7 Escape Rooms were filled with 8-10 participants. Luckily, each group was able to solve the puzzles and escape! We want to thank the Anacortes Rotary for their generous donations to allow students to buy props for each of their rooms!

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 us at 360.503.1230.

Patrick Harrington/Ryan Pike-Principals

AMS SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES



Happy almost Spring Seahawk Fans!

Speaking of Spring, our next and final sports season will start the first week of April.

- Boys Soccer, Co-ed Track and Field and Co-ed Golf will be up and running the first week in April.
- We will announce sign-ups soon! If you are interested please have an updated physical on file along with the sports packet filled out and turned in.

We have had a strong start to our Girls Basketball and Co-ed Wrestling seasons! Come check out one of their home matches/games in March and help cheer them on! Go to [AMS Sports Schedule](#) for the full schedule.

***Did you know there are many ways for students to be involved at AMS?
In addition to sports, we have several clubs, including:***

- ★ Art Club
- ★ Yearbook Club
- ★ Hawk TV
- ★ Robotics
- ★ Magic the Gathering Card Club
- ★ E-Gaming
- ★ Builders Club
- ➔ **All clubs cost \$10 to join**
- ➔ **Check our website ams.asd103.org for club schedules**

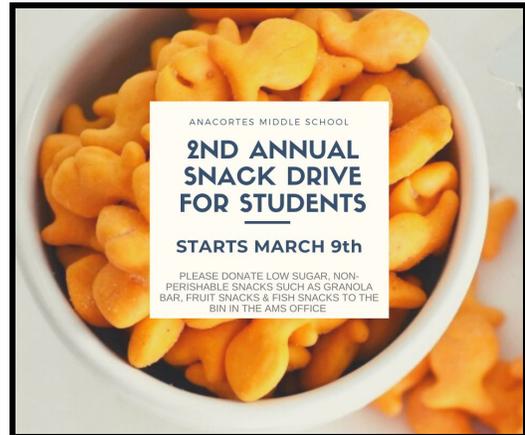
If you have any questions, please contact Aimee Rudge, or Teresa Edwards, our athletic secretary at 360.503.1230.

Go Hawks!!

PTSA NEWS

2nd ANNUAL SNACK DRIVE FOR STUDENTS!

On March 9th we will kick off our second annual Snack Drive at AMS, which helps to fill the snack bins used by teachers and the counseling office to feed hungry students during the day. Next time you are at Costco or Safeway, please pick up an extra box of low-sugar, non-perishable snacks and bring them into the donation bin in the AMS office.



For those that can't come into the office to donate - we have created an Amazon Wish List (<https://goo.gl/PjvUa5>) for snacks that will send & ship to a local business willing to receive & deliver the snacks.

Any questions? Please email Heather Monkman at AnacortesMS.PTSA@gmail.com

Thank you all for your support!

Other PTSA News:

- **The White Hatter was a huge success!** We had tons of positive feedback and want to thank all who participated! For those of you who were unable to make it to the parent forum, here is a link to his presentation <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/parents>
Password to get in is: whitehatter

- **Our next general board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 pm** in the AMS Library. All are welcome! For those who have not joined, it's not too late! Please visit our website where you can pay with a credit card. Your membership helps fund many of the events happening around the school! www.AnacortesPTSA.com

- **The next dance is Friday, March 20th!** Tickets will be on sale Tuesday, March 17th-Friday the 20th, during all lunches. Grab your tickets early-they are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Don't miss a fun evening put on by the PTSA and Leadership Class!

THE HAWK

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FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

FEBRUARY HAWK PRIDE

These students were chosen by AMS staff for displaying some type of good citizenship or behavior around the school

Keira Hines	8th	Robbins	Rachel Hankey	8th	Robbins
Jilian Hunter	6th	M. Moore	Katlyn Bruland	8th	McChesney
			Emilie Cross	8th	McChesney
			Ava Conte	6th	M. Moore

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-Addyson Conley



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

Soroptimist
Student of the Month
February- Jenna Baker



A MESSAGE FROM OFFICER DOTZAUER

Hello Hawks and Hawk families,

I want to visit the subject of social media and devices with you, 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.

Here are some areas for you to think about when your kids have devices and social media accounts:

Cyberbullying is a form of on-line 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 an 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 your child's online behavior. One way that was suggested is a contract between the child and parent that outlines parent expectations and consequences.



The 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 bullying, harassment and inappropriate activity is done during the hours of 8PM and 2AM.** I also recommend that you know the current passwords that your kids are using for their devices and their social media accounts. Check the accounts and devices as part of the contract you have with your child.

If you have further questions on helping your child become a safe and responsible social media/internet user I recommend that you go to personalprotectionsystems.ca and while you are at the site go to, "blog", which will provide you with more information. The web site gives a ton of information on how to safeguard your youths 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 and Go Hawks,

Ofc. Travis Dotzauer

Counselor's Corner

Shawn Flynn (A-K)

Renaë Newall (L-Z)

Monique Starkovich - Registrar Secretary

Dr. Westbeld - School Psychologist

Upcoming 9th Grade Registration!

Current 8th grade students will meet with high school counselors several times during March. They will have an opportunity to learn about Anacortes High School course offerings and will also register for their 9th grade courses.



Here are some upcoming related events:

- **3/9** - Mrs. Newall and Mr. Flynn will be in Science classes to discuss overview of the registration process and provide draft registration forms.
- **3/9** - Parent Night for 8th grade parents who will hear a presentation by AHS counselors regarding the registration process and 9th grade course offerings.
- **3/16 & 3/20** - AHS counselors will meet with students in Science classes to formally go over registration and discuss high school material.
- **3/26 & 3/27** - AHS counselors will meet with students in Science classes to input their courses and begin High School & Beyond Plans.

Please contact Shawn or Renaë with any questions at sflynn@asd103.org or rnewall@asd103.org

ORDER YOUR MOVING UP LEIS EARLY!



Anacortes Middle School



“Moving Up” Leis Order Form

Order Deadline: May 8th, 2020

NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED

Student Name:	Contact Person & Phone #	Message for Student: Please print legibly! (optional)	Fresh Purple & White Orchid Leis \$25	Candy Leis \$15	Total Leis Ordered:	Total Amount:
Sample: John Smith	Betty Smith 360-555-1212	Congratulations John! Love, Mom and Dad	1	1	2	\$40

Return Order Form with Payment/Check Payable to:

AHS PTSA - Class of 2021
1600 20th Street – Anacortes, WA 98221

Sponsored by AHS PTSA Class of 2021

Proceeds benefit safe and sober graduation night events and other AHS PTSA programs

Leis will be available for pick up prior to Moving Up Ceremony

Questions? Please call/text – Amy Schnabel (775) 741-8571

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- **March 13th:** Full school day! Make up from snow day.
- **March 20th-** AMS dance from 6:30-9pm
- **April 3rd:** Last day of school before Spring Break
- **April 6-10th:** Spring Break!
- **April 13th:** First day back from Spring Break
- **April 16th:** Half Day- AMS afternoon/evening conferences
- **April 24th:** Half Day for all students





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