

A LETTER FROM MR HARRINGTON

Spring is here (well at least for part of the week!) I'm not sure where the year has gone but we are beginning our final descent towards June. I want to give a shout out to the work our PTSA has done this entire year! They have really worked hard for our staff and students; we are truly grateful for our parents who are part of this organization.

We are starting our SBA testing in April/May and finishing at the end of May/first of June. We sent out the testing schedule last week via email. **If you did not receive it, please contact the main office.** We have scheduled make ups for any student who may have missed testing, but please encourage your students to be here during the regularly scheduled dates.

As we enter into the last few weeks of school, it is important to remind everyone that it requires extra effort on the part of students, staff, and parents to keep our students focused and continuing to work hard until the last day of school. **Please remind your student that these last few weeks are very important to their grades, and therefore important to their academic placement for next year!**

When we look at end of the year grades and academic achievement, that extra bit of effort can favorably influence difficult decisions about individual student placement for next school year. We encourage students to stay after school and meet with their teachers to get that extra help. Students should take advantage of this great opportunity to get their work completed on time!

I also want to **remind parents that drop off is in the upper parking lot in the back.** I have noticed an increase of parents dropping students off in the front parking lot. We are trying to keep the front clear for bus drop off! We will continue to ask students to remind their parents to drop off in the back. Thank you!

Some important dates to remember:

- **May 24th** is an early release at 10:45am
- **May 27th** is Memorial Day (no school)
- **May 28th IS** a school day! (Snow day make up)
- **June 19th is 8th grade Moving Up at 6:30pm at Rice Field in Seahawk Stadium** and the 8th grade dance is immediately following the Moving Up ceremony. *More details will be available once the date gets closer. Student dress has come up as a topic by many parents. We encourage our students to dress their best for the ceremony. We do expect students to still follow the dress code so that each outfit is appropriate for a school function.*
- **June 20th** is the AHS graduation at 3:00 at Rice Field in Seahawk Stadium.
- **June 21st** is the last day of school! Students will be dismissed at 10:45.
- **June 28th** is the last day the Middle School office will be open. It will reopen in August.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please call me at 503-1230.

Patrick Harrington

A MESSAGE FROM MR PERKINS

Hello AMS Families,

It's May already! While Spring and sunshine are here, we still need all students staying focused through this month of testing and other important academic endeavors. We greatly appreciate your support at home!

Here are some past and upcoming events you need to know about:

- Congratulations to the always terrific AMS Drama Club! Their production of Fame Jr. was outstanding. A full run of acting, singing, and dancing is quite the undertaking. Many thanks to Julie Wenzel, Molly Robbins, Carole Leander, and Ros Huntley for their efforts.
 - Our AMS Boys Soccer team is having a winning season! Coaches Ramsdell and Zavala have their charges playing at a fever pitch upon the pitch!
 - ; c`ZghUfgi d`cb`AcbXUnžA Um* h` and there is still room for a few 6th, 7th or 8th grade students to join! See Coach Schelling for details or sign up in the attendance window.
- AMS track again will be hosting the league finals. This meet will host eleven other schools on **K YXbYgXUnžA Um&&`Uh' .\$\$`UhH Y` \][\ `gW cc``fUW`** "We are looking for volunteers to help with this 3 hour meet. Let Mr. Perkins know if you could help.
 - **G5 6 5 `gdcfHg`d\ ngjWJg`k]``VY` []j Yb`Uh5 A G`cb`K YXbYgXUnžA Um &` h` "** These are good for two years and awfully convenient. My thanks to AHS Athletic Director Erik Titus and SABA for providing this service to our athletes!

Lastly, please continue to monitor your child's phone and computer use. The occasional bullying issues we have to deal with mostly start with some sort of communication by phone or computer. Also, a child who still has access and is connected to the internet after bedtime shows up the next day tired, cranky, irritable, and unengaged for learning.

Thank you for making AMS such a great middle school.

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PTSA NEWS

Happy Spring!!!!

We have been busy at AMS throughout this school year and want to take this opportunity to thank our committees for all of their hard work! Here's just a few of the projects they have been working on:

- **Helped fund** Mrs. McCartney's 8th grade Science class with their lunchroom composting start up program. We are excited to hear their report at our May General Membership meeting!
- Our **Think Before You Throw Program** has morphed into a much needed food sharing program. The students are doing a great job of sharing their uneaten lunch items and reducing the food waste at lunch time.
- The **ShamROCK** dance was a hit! There were lots of fun activities and concessions to keep the students busy and as always, we couldn't have done it without our amazing chaperones, AMS Staff, and Leadership students! **Thank you!**
- **Cookie Friday!!** Otis Spunkmeyer cookies are **available Fridays** at lunchtime- 2 cookies for \$1
- Sponsored a **very successful snack drive** for our students! We found that many teachers were buying snacks for their classrooms out of their own pocket and we wanted to help alleviate that by providing snacks for those hungry students. **Thank you to all who donated!!**
- Our Hospitality committee treated our teachers and staff to **"Sweets and Treats"** on Friday, March 22nd, with a spread of Jalilah's Shamrock cookies, other yummy goodies, and Starbucks coffee!
- Monthly General Membership meetings! Our next General Membership meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30pm** in the AMS Library. Please join us!
- The **Hawk Newsletter** bringing you the most up to date information on what's happening at AMS!

We will be looking to fill committee positions for the 2019-2020 school year. If you would like to find out more about the positions available or have any questions, concerns, comments, please email us at anacortesms.pts@gmail.com.
Like us on Facebook and Instagram!



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS MAY 6TH-MAY 10TH!

The PTSA Hospitality committee will be showing our appreciation to all of the wonderful teachers and staff at AMS **throughout the week of May 6th-10th.**

If you would like to help, please contact Amy Schnabel at amyrsnull@yahoo.com

Counselor's Corner

Shawn Flynn (A-K)

Rena Newall (L-Z)

Monique Starkovich - Registrar Secretary

Heather Malone - School Psychologist

Kara Fox - Counseling Intern

Course Registration for 2019-20 School Year

- **Current 6th and 7th graders will participate in online registration for the 2019-20 school year.**
- 7th grade students have recently completed the process.
- 6th grade students will receive a course selection form around the middle of May. This form will go home for parent review and signature. Students will then be guided through the online registration process by Mrs. Newall and Mr. Flynn.

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1. Talk about the tests at home. Encourage your child to do his or her best.
2. Give words of encouragement. Remind your child that he or she has been preparing for this all year. They are ready!!
3. Have your child get a good night's rest. It is important that your child feels their best.
4. Eat a good breakfast. Students who are full can focus easier and longer than students who feel hungry.
5. Get to school on time. Students that rush to school may start their day with extra anxiety.
6. Make sure your child attends school on the dates of the test.
7. If your child is ill, please call the office to inform the school.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

HAWK PRIDE

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

Carolyn Chambers	7th	Templeton	Zach Weaver	7th	Templeton
Khadija Haidara	7th	McChesney	Henri Maclaren	6th	McChesney
Emily Hackstadt	8th	Perkins	Kyle Mullin	8th	Perkins

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

Erik Parvool-Guzman-March
Kaleb Lamphiear-April



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

Soroptimist Student of the Month

Kellen Murphy-March
Erin Kennedy-April



A MESSAGE FROM OFFICER DOTZAUER

Hello AMS students and families,

In preparation for the warmer weather 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.

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, 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.

Enjoy the sunshine and be safe.

Ofc. Travis Dotzauer

School Resource Officer

NEWS FROM CAREER & COLLEGE OUTREACH

Dear Students and Families,

If you're wondering how to find the \$\$\$\$ to pay for college, whether you're in 6th or 11th grade, the next meeting of ACCO has some tips for you.



Next Meeting: May 20th from 5:30-7pm

Where: AHS Library

Topic: How to Find the Money: Go to College Without Breaking the Bank.

- Understanding financial aid, and your own financial situation, is one of the first steps to making a plan.
- Learn how to find colleges that will increase your odds of getting aid.
- Did you know that the federal income tax return you file during your students' sophomore year will be used to calculate how much the government says you are obliged to pay toward their college costs?
- Bring your parents/students and your questions!

Questions? Email AnacortesCollegeOutreach@ASD103.org

Checkout our Facebook page for more information

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Anacortes College and Career Outreach Coordinator

ORDER MOVING UP LEIS FOR YOUR 8TH GRADER!

Due: May 3rd-No late orders accepted! Turn in at the main office

Anacortes Middle School "Moving Up" Leis Order Form

Order Deadline: May 3rd, 2019
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 to AMS with Payment/Check Payable to:

AHS PTSA - Class of 2020
1600 20th Street
Anacortes, WA 98221

Sponsored by AHS PTSA Class of 2020

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 – Joyce Anderson 360-770-9728

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GRAB YOUR HAWK NIGHT TICKETS!!

Friday, May 17th

Tickets for Hawk Night will be on sale starting
Tuesday, May 14th, 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 Leadership class!**



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SNACK DRIVE FOR STUDENTS



Thank you to all those that kindly donated to the first Snack Drive for Students!

The snacks will be used throughout this year and into next year to help fill baskets in the counseling office and supplement teacher' in classroom snacks.

Special thanks to Sage Petrin who has quietly been managing the day-to-day distribution of the snacks!!!

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