

May 29, 2018

Dear 8th Grade Parents:

The school year is rapidly drawing to a close and we wanted to update you on end of the year activities.

June 7

- We will start **collecting laptops, textbooks** and handing out **Yearbooks** to students who have purchased them. Students who do not turn in their computers or books will be fined for the books. (Fines follow the student to the high school if they are not cleared up at the middle school.) If your student has purchased a Yearbook, they will receive it when they turn in their laptops and textbooks.

June 12

- **Moving Up Rehearsal** will take place at Rice Field at Seahawk Stadium from 12:30 to 2:05. Students will be dismissed from there. Please encourage them to bring light backpacks that day because they will be taking them to the high school.
- **Moving Up** takes place at Rice Field at Seahawk Stadium. Students can assemble in the plaza at Veterans Memorial Plaza before the ceremony. The ceremony starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. Please have your student there no later than 6:15. Student attire should be clean, neat, and appropriate for the ceremony. The ceremony should conclude between 7:30 and 8:00. Students who do not participate in the ceremony will not be able to attend the Moving Up Party. Only AMS 8th grade students will be allowed to go to the party.
- Immediately following the ceremony, the **8th grade Moving Up Party** will be held in the Anacortes High School Commons. This event is sponsored by the PTSA and there will be no cost for the dance. The party is over at 10:00 p.m. Please pick up your students promptly.
- We do not require **tickets** for the Moving Up Ceremony. However, please limit your invitations to eight people per family. If you know that your student will *not* be participating in the Moving Up ceremony, please call the middle school office and let us know (293-1232).
- A **photograph** will be available for minimal purchase as students receive their awards. O'Connor Photography will provide this service because parents and guests are not allowed on the track and field areas.

June 13

- AMS and our PTSA are planning an 8th grade field trip to **Birch Bay Waterslides**. Students will be responsible for a portion of the trip. Please see attached permission slip. ASD will provide transportation to and from the slides. More details in the attachment.

June 14

- This is the last official day of school. Students will be dismissed at 10:45.

Please take time to talk to your student about the importance of continuing to do their best during the last few weeks of school. Each day and every assignment is important to their overall grades. Frequently we see students make poor choices during the last weeks of school. Students who are failing 3 or more classes are in jeopardy of not going through the Moving Up Ceremony. Students who are suspended from school may lose the privilege of participating in end of the year activities. Again, we want the last few weeks, days, and even hours of the school year to be safe and orderly for our students.

Sincerely,

Patrick Harrington,
Principal

Mark Perkins,
Assistant Principal

Kevin Schwartz
Assistant Principal