

Message from Mr. Harrington...

We have had a great start to the school year! The pace of school is starting to pick up: we just completed the first quarter to the 2017-18 school year! I want to thank all the parents for their hard work in getting their students ready for the middle school, especially our 6th and 7th graders! There is so much to be thankful for with the transition to a 6-8 middle school! I have not yet had a grand total for our fundraiser, but it was seemed to be a success based on the students turning in the "Coup" ons! We will be camping out in the front of AMS on Friday, Nov. 3, and collecting food for our local food bank...stop by, drop some food off, and visit with the AMS staff!!

I want to send out a huge thank you to our PTSA, especially Kristen Lujan for a very successful "Dare to Be Scared Blackout Bash". We had just under 500 students dancing, racing in the obstacle course, playing basketball, going through a haunted library, and trying to get out of an "Escape Room". Our ASB Leadership also contributed many hours of their time to make this a huge success! Go, Hawks!

Our ASB Leadership class will once again honor our Veterans on November 9th with a Veteran's Day Assembly. It will take place in the afternoon at 1:25. If you would like to attend, please check into the office before it starts!

Our Fall Conferences are set for November 20 and 21. Our conference schedule is as followed: evening conference on Nov. 20 (4:30-7:30 pm) and afternoon conferences on the 21st (12:00-2:35 pm). This is an arena style conference. All staff will be located in the Commons. Parents will pick up a progress report first

You should have received your student's SBAC (Smarter Balanced) scores from last spring. If you have any questions regarding this information, please call and we will discuss the scores with you. We will be meeting with your student to go over their scores and what they mean if they did not meet standard.

- **No School- Friday, November 10-Veterans Day**
- **Early Release Nov. 20, 21, 22**
 - **Evening Conference Nov. 20 from 4:30-7:30 pm**
 - **Afternoon Conferences Nov. 21 from 12:00-2:35 pm**
- **No School Nov. 23 and 24- Thanksgiving Break**
- **All early releases are at 10:45 and class schedules for each day will be period 1-6 with abbreviated periods.**

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

Patrick Harrington, AMS Principal
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IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 10 - No School
Veterans Day
Observed

Nov. 20-21
Early Release
Conferences
(Evening the 20th,
Afternoon the 21st)

Nov. 22
Early Release
No Late Start

Nov. 23-24 -No School
Thanksgiving Break

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 1st – AMS PTSA
Meeting is @ 7p
at the AMS Library.

Nov. 3rd – AMS Staff
Camp Out &
Non-Perishable Food
Drive Location: AMS
front parking.
Drop off your donations
from dusk to dawn and
say "Hello".

Nov. 4th – The Seahawk
Choir Boosters Mattress
Fundraiser.
Location: AMS

Nov. 16th – Dec. 5th–
AMS Library Scholastic
Book Fair
Open school days from
7am-3:20p

Education for Social Media and Devices

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 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 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.

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 will give you a ton of information on how to safe guard 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, School Resource Officer

Thank you parents, students, coaches, and advisors for making AMS such a busy and fantastic school. We just finished up Cross Country, Girls' Soccer, and Fall Golf. Over 140 students were involved!

One thing I am very proud of is the fact that of the seven coaches for these sports, six of them are teachers here! We have an incredibly talented and caring staff at AMS.

Coming up next is Boys' Basketball and Girls' Volleyball!

Go, Hawks! Mr. Perkins
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AMS Sports 

Counselor's Corner

AMS Counselors

Shawn Flynn (Students w/ Last Names A-L)
Renaë Newall (Students w/ Last Names M-Z)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

For the first year, Anacortes Middle School is coordinating the Christmas to Remember project. We understand that the holidays can be quite stressful financially and we are offering an opportunity for families to receive help with Christmas presents for their children under the age of 18.



If you are interested in having your child/children be a part of this program we will need your response absolutely no later than Friday, November 18th. The link below will take you to an online survey that will help us gather the information we need from you. Please take time to completely fill out the form. The more information you provide, the easier it will be for Santa to pick out something special for your child. Think of their favorite TV shows, activities, sports, hobbies, color, games, etc., and feel free to list them on the form. If gift cards are listed for teens, please list some of their favorite stores to shop at. If your child will be returning the form, make sure it is sealed in an envelope and addressed to the AMS Counseling Center. Please understand that we need your response by this date in order to provide gifts for your child/children. We are hoping to accommodate everyone, but if we do not receive your form by November 18th, we cannot guarantee a sponsor for your child/children.

[Survey for interested families](#)

(Hard copies of surveys are available in the AMS Counseling Center)

If you are interested in sponsoring a child or family in need, please click on the following link for very important instructions.

[Instructions for sponsors](#)

The names of the families and children are kept confidential from those purchasing the gifts. Each child will receive a couple of clothing items and 2-3 small toys, depending on the age of the child and your suggestions. You will receive the gifts wrapped and addressed "From Santa," since children do not know they are a part of the program.

Gifts will need to be picked up by the end of the school day on Monday, December 18th. You will be contacted the week prior for a reminder. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the AMS school counselors:

Shawn Flynn (360-503-1240; sflynn@asd103.org) or

Renaë Newall (360-503-1198; rnewall@asd103.org)

Sincerely,

The AMS Counseling Staff



Anacortes Service Clubs Honor AMS Students

Kiwanis looks for students who show strong progress in citizenship, community involvement, and academic improvement, but may not commensurate with their achievements.

**Kiwanis September
Student of the Month**
Eli Hankey

**Kiwanis October
Student of the Month**
Henri Ermi



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

**Soroptimists October
Student of the Month**
Samantha Dzmanowicz



Students of the Month

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

Maureen Mack
Teacher: McChesney

Genevieve Kochel
Teacher: Holboy

Nyah Haney
Teacher: Kirby

Evan Baldwin
Teacher: Chase-Stapleton

Macy Mong
Teacher: Chase-Stapleton

Hawk Pride Awards

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

Travis Laisure
Teacher: Kudlacek

Zoe Roberson
Teacher: Kudlacek

Gavin Lang
Teacher: Graham

Freddie DePaulo
Teacher: Perkins

Kate McFarlin
Teacher: Perkins

Mia Willoughby
Teacher: Morgenthaler

Angela Luevanos
Teacher: Swapp

MJ Boza
Teacher: McChesney

Ellie Vorel
Teacher: Cooper

Hayden John
Teacher: Cooper

Emma Thomsen
Teacher: Bickley

Miles King
Teacher: Bickley

**Aleena
Aipperspach**
Teacher: Kirby

Anacortes Middle School Builders Club is holding a *Support Your Veterans and Service Members Contest/Raffle*. All middle school students are encouraged to write a letter or draw a picture to thank a veteran or service member. Students can enter as many times as they like, each time they hand in a letter or work of art they will receive a raffle ticket, there will be nine raffle prizes. The best letters or art will be judged by merit and six will receive grand prizes! The contest ends on November 7th. Prizes will be awarded on the 8th. See the display case across from The Counselor Center for more details and to see prizes!



AMS PTSA Minutes - October 4, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Kristen Lujan, Kate Metcalf, Vickie Ellis, Briana Brooke, Jennifer Winters, Amanda Cardinale, Taya Gray, Stacy Pierce, Sarah Nichols, Shannon Miller, Jonny Chase, Erin Wilmot, Patrick Harrington

APPROVAL OF

- **SEPTEMBER MINUTES** – Vickie Ellis makes a motion to approve September’s minutes. Briana Brooke seconds the motion. All approve. September minutes passed.
- **STANDING RULES 2017-2018** – Jennifer Winters makes a motion to pass the 2017-2018 standing rules. Sarah Nichols seconds the motion. All agree. Standing Rules for 2017-2018 passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Kate Metcalf – Operating Spirit Wear as a fundraiser. We have earned \$600 for Spirit Wear. PTSA put that money towards the chaperone expenses for Camp Orkila. \$1000 has been sent to AHS for the class that just moved up. This line item will appear in October’s budget. There will be another round for Spirit Wear in Spring. Possible spirit wear round in November for holiday gifts.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Patrick Harrington – First month has been fast. Good start. Kids are doing great. **Camp Orkila** – Great 3 days on Orcas Island. Weather didn’t affect the kids. I liked kicking off the year with Orkila. Allowed kids to meet new friends. Teachers liked the Principal attending.

Fundraiser – kicked off on Friday, 9/29. Thomas with Great American did a great job getting kids hyped.

Dance – 10/26 (Thursday) – currently no committee lead. Kristen Lujan’s vision is more of a social vs. a dance. Neon night has been decided for the first dance. Briana Brooke will help with the dance. Island Smoothie will come and serve. They give 40% of sales back to the school. New name for the event, Neon Bash.

SPORTS - Volleyball and Basketball is about to start (Winter sports)

Soccer, golf, and cross country have been going well.

Intramural has been a success.

Clubs – Builders Club, Hawk TV, Playwriting, fitness, Art Club – all clubs are up and running.

Conversation – 6th Grade laptops going home? Looking at possibility. Concerns are being left up to the Principal. In mid-October a survey will be sent out to 6th grade parents asking about their thoughts. New covers will be provided and parents will have to pay the \$30 insurance fee.

Grading Period ends on 10/5. Grades available on Skyward.

Safety Aspects – All Anacortes schools have crash bars (locks for doors). Saves about 5 minutes when in an emergency scenario. Instead of searching for keys. All teachers, staff, substitutes, volunteers, will be able to lock down a room, and get students to safety. The funding was from a bond that the district received. Maintenance was a huge help installing all of the crash bars.

No school on 10/27 (Staff Development)

Patrick Harrington is on Twitter. AMSPRINCIPAL7

7th and 8th Graders – Community Service requirements are 3 hours a year (6 hours total prior to moving up). Counselor has forms, or they are available online. 6th grade hours will be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **FUNDRAISER HAS STARTED**
- Fundraiser ends on 10/13.
- Cookies will be delivered 2-3 weeks later.
- Kids can accept money as a donation instead of purchasing something from the fundraiser. Write DONATION on the item line. It does count as an item (1 item).
- Counting money starts after fundraiser ends.

CUPCAKE WEDNESDAY – Taya Gray – Went well. Tons of birthdays for August and September combined.

NEWSLETTER – Student of the Month?

LEGISLATIVE – Taya Gray went to the district meeting. Student Leadership was inspiring. T. Gray felt lucky to be part of the district. Superintendent discussed test scores. AMS scores are doing well. But the superintendent said it is more important to teach students to have joy. Kristen Lujan will forward any AMS news to Taya Gray to report at future district meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:56pm

NEXT MEETING: 11/1 @ 7pm

BOOK FAIR!



Our Fall Scholastic Book fair is just about upon us!

Running Thursday, November 16th-Tuesday December 5th, we'll be open school days 7am-3:20pm, during afternoon and evening conferences, and special hours on the 1/2 days (see library website for 1/2 day open times). This will be a great opportunity to find Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers, all while supporting your school library! Volunteers are needed and appreciated in the AMS Library for book fair!

Please contact Dyana Fischer at dfischer@asd103.org or call 360-503-1250 to sign up.

Thank you!

**The Seahawks Choir Boosters
3rd Annual Mattress
Fundraiser
Sat., Nov. 4th (10am - 5pm)
@ Anacortes Middle School**

Need a new mattress?
Stop in and Shop at our Mobile
Mattress Showroom!

30 New, Name Brand Styles to Try -
Gel, All Memory Foam, Inter-spring,
Latex & More...

SPECIAL MEETING of COLLEGE OUTREACH

Thursday, November 9th

**6:30-7:30 Jennifer Borge, Regional Admissions Director, Embry-
Riddle Aeronautical University**

7:45-8:30 Financial Aid 101, or: Starting Early

Location: Anacortes High School Library

Joint meeting for middle and high school communities

We are excited to have the regional admissions director for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Jennifer Borge, as our guest from 6:30-7:30. She will discuss Embry-Riddle specific topics—degree programs, career outcomes, admissions process, campus life, but will also discuss more general college application topics—application timeline, how to be competitive, selecting a degree program, college “fit”, questions to ask an admissions counselor, scheduling a college visit, etc.

This is a golden opportunity to both learn about a very unique university and also ask an admissions professional about any aspect of the admissions process. Please come prepared with your questions! Following the ERAU presentation we'll have a short break and then a session on Financial Aid 101, or What You Need to Know to Get Started.

RSVP is not required, but would be appreciated, so we have a rough head count to find the right sized place to hold this special meeting.

Questions? Suggestions? Shoot me an email!

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College Outreach Coordinator
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PTSA NEWS

Dare to be Scared Black Out Bash was a huge success with 475 students attending.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped. Please keep in mind we have 3 more of these events that we will need help with. Thank you all for your willingness to help - these events happen because of you.

Friendly reminder, all volunteers must apply every year to receive clearance prior to volunteering at any event. You may apply online.

Link:

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NDU4OmVuLVVT>

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Thank you,
AMS PTSA



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