



## **ABINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWS**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 19 - 23 Winter Vacation

February 26 School re-opens

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Good Afternoon,

I would like to thank the Abington Middle School PTO for their continued work in providing our students with enrichment opportunities. Recently the PTO allocated funds for each grade level to use for enrichment purposes. To this point we have booked the Museum of Science's StarLab, an interactive exploration of the sun, moon and visible planets; The Chain Gang Science Program, discussing food chains, biomes and ecosystems; Valerie Tutson for Storytelling, recounting the role of Africans in Colonial America and Illstyle and Peace, the history of hip hop promoting positive attitudes and reaching your goals. Earlier this week, eighth grade students were able to view a performance of Romeo and Juliet, in part funded by the PTO. There will also be additional presentations that will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks. These presenters and visiting programs provide an opportunity for our students to see their learning come to life and experience the real world applications of the skills and knowledge that they are gaining in the classroom.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Matthew J. MacCurtain  
Principal

## **Spring 2018 ELA/MATH/SCIENCE MCAS Dates**

### **Grade 5**

Session 1 - April 3<sup>rd</sup> ELA

Session 2 - April 5<sup>th</sup> ELA

### **Grade 6**

Session 1 - April 10<sup>th</sup> ELA

Session 2 - April 11<sup>th</sup> ELA

### **Grade 7**

Session 1 - April 12<sup>th</sup> ELA

Session 2 - April 13<sup>th</sup> ELA

### **Grade 8**

Session 1 - April 24<sup>th</sup> ELA

Session 2 - April 25<sup>th</sup> ELA

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### **Grade 5**

Session 1 - April 26<sup>th</sup> MATH

Session 2 - April 27<sup>th</sup> MATH

### **Grade 6**

Session 1 - May 1<sup>st</sup> MATH

Session 2 - May 2<sup>nd</sup> MATH

### **Grade 7**

Session 1 - May 3<sup>rd</sup> MATH

Session 2 - May 4<sup>th</sup> MATH

### **Grade 8**

Session 1 - May 8<sup>th</sup> MATH

Session 2 - May 9<sup>th</sup> MATH

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### **Grade 5**

Session 1 - May 15<sup>th</sup> SCIENCE

Session 2 - May 16<sup>th</sup> SCIENCE

### **Grade 8**

Session 1 - May 17<sup>th</sup> SCIENCE

Session 2 - May 18<sup>th</sup> SCIENCE

*Week of 21st - 25th MAKE-UP*

## **Academic Center for Enrichment (ACE)**

If your child has signed up for the after-school ACE program and passed in their consent form, the following **Session 3 (Monday and Wednesday) ACE** dates in **February** are 2/12, 2/14, 2/26 and 2/28 from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Library Media Center (LMC).

## **HOOPS FOR HEART**

Donations have been coming in for "Hoops for Heart" to support the American Heart Association. Students have been learning about how to take care of their hearts and to share heart healthy messages with others. Students can either collect donations (fundraising envelopes have been sent home) or set up a personal fundraising page online at [www.heart.org/hoops](http://www.heart.org/hoops). Students will be participating in basketball games and activities during this event. Please support the AMA as these donations go to research, medications and surgeries that can save lives.

## **BEFORE SCHOOL GYM WITH MR. GORMAN**

Students are invited to join Mr. Gorman in the gym before school for fun, games and casual/non-competitive activities from 7:45 a.m. to 8:10 a.m.

Grades 5 & 6 will be held on *Tuesdays*.

Grades 7 & 8 will be held on *Thursdays*.

All students must sign up in the **main office during lunch** each week in order to attend.

## **GUIDANCE NEWS**

The PCC deadline has been extended to **February 28th**. Applications are available in the main office. More information can be found at <https://pccasp.org/>

## **Order Your Yearbook Today!**

Yearbooks are available for purchase from now until March 1, 2018. Simply go to [www.coffeepond.com](http://www.coffeepond.com), click on the "Place an Order" button and then select "Yearbooks". Type in the password "amsyearbook" and you will then enter the yearbook ordering page. Once there, simply complete the order form. Yearbooks are \$20.00 each and will be distributed to students the last week of school.

Don't miss your opportunity to purchase the first ever Abington Middle School Yearbook!

## **Looking for Yearbook Photo Submissions!**

The yearbook club invites students, parents, staff, and community members to submit photos for the yearbook. Some ideas are sporting events, dances and other school social events, candid photos at home or school, throwback photos with friends, community events, or anything including students from Abington Middle School. These photos will help bring the yearbook to life! Please make sure the content of your photographs are school appropriate.

### **To submit photos online:**

**Email to:** [amsyearbookphoto@gmail.com](mailto:amsyearbookphoto@gmail.com).

Please include in your email the names of students in the photos, their grades, and what the photos are from (ex. play, dance, football game, etc.)

It is that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is *April 1, 2018*.

## **HILLIARDS CANDY BAR FUNDRAISER - 8th GRADE PHILLY TRIP**

Pick up candy the week of February 12th after school in the main office.

***\*Students will be notified when candy arrives.*** Once your box of candy bars is sold, you keep \$40 for the cost of the box and you keep the remaining \$40 to go toward your 3<sup>rd</sup> payment for your trip. ***\*\*You keep the money to pay toward your final balance.***

***Do NOT return money to the school. \*\****

## **GIRL TALK**

"Girl Talk" is an after school group for 7th and 8th grade girls who want a safe space to discuss important topics and build self-esteem. Girl Talk will meet Tuesday afternoons from 2:55 p.m. until 3:40 p.m. If interested, have your child go to the main office to speak with Ms. Alfred.

## **LOST & FOUND**

We have quite a collection of sweatshirts & jackets in our lost and found. Please ask your child to check in the AMS office for any missing items. All items will be donated February vacation. Thank you.