



ABINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL **MARCH 2019 PARENT BULLETIN**

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1 Yearbooks are available for purchase online

March 4-8 International Week

March 6-11 AMS Student Book fair

March 7 Early Dismissal – 11:10 a.m. Breakfast/lunch will be served.

March 11 PTO Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

March 11 AMS Book Fair Family Shopping Night 5 pm - 7:30 pm

March 12 Trimester 2 Marking Period ends

March 15 Grade 6 Music Selection Form Returned to Classroom Teacher

March 14-15-16 AHS Drama Club presents "Grease"

March 22 Trimester 2 Report Cards Distributed

March 22 Spring Portrait Day – **ONLY** students who want photo taken will be photographed - portrait envelopes in main office

March 28 Signed Trimester 2 Report Card Envelopes Due Back

March 29 Early Dismissal – 11:10 a.m. Breakfast/lunch will be served

Kids Heart Challenge News

The Wellness Department is happy to announce that AMS raised \$2,030.00 for the American Heart Association. The staff versus student basketball game was very exciting and a great addition to our Kids Heart Challenge. Although the students were ahead of the staff many times throughout the game, it ended with a staff victory with a score of 86-80. *The student team consisted of:* Jake McSharry, Josh LaPointe, Michael Reilly, Adam Libby, Kevin Lopes, Hannah Tirrell, Mary Klein, Sarah Flanagan, Dorothea McGrath, Isaiah Ricketson, Joe Venuti, Andrew Dunlop, Mike Deveney and Hunter Maxwell. Congratulations also to Ryan Carterman for winning the foul shot/speed shot in the grade 5 & 6 competition. A special thank you to our school community for rallying to support the AHA - Every dollar goes to saving lives. Way to go AMS!

STUDENT COUNCIL – PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Abington Middle School will participate in Pennies for Patients to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Containers will be placed in classrooms and in the main office on Friday, March 1st. Donations of loose change will be accepted until the end of March.

PROJECT 351 CLOTHING DRIVE

AMS 8th grader and Project 351 Student Ambassador Hannah Tirrell is coordinating a Cradles to Crayons clothing drive from March 18th-April 5th. Cradles to Crayons collects new, like new, or gently used children's clothing sizes 0-20 and adult sizes small and medium. Cradles to Crayons also collects children's shoes sized 0 -13 and adult shoes sized 1-10. Collection boxes will be located in the AMS Cafeteria. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

AMS GUIDANCE/MUSIC NEWS

Please be aware that all Grade 6 students have received their **Grade 7 2019-2020 Music Selection Form**. All Grade 6 students should return their signed Music Selection form to their classroom teacher by March 15th.

AMS GUIDANCE NEWS

In mid-March, 8th Grade students will be starting the course selection process for Abington High School. Mrs. McDermod will be meeting with all 8th Graders and will review the course selection process. 8th Grade students will be given the Grade 9 course offerings for the 2019 - 2020 Abington High School Program of Studies. Students are asked to review this book and consider elective courses for Grade 9. 8th Grade teachers will be recommending students for English, Math, Science, History and World Language courses based on academic grades, MCAS scores, upcoming placement tests (Spanish only) and course requirements.

In early April, all 8th grade students will meet with Mrs. McDermod and Guidance Counselors from Abington High School to discuss and make their elective selections. Course selection and academic level placements will then be sent home for parent/guardian review and signature. Mrs. McDermod is available to help any student or parents/guardians that may have questions.

Order Your Yearbook Today!

Yearbooks are available for purchase from now until *April 28, 2019*. Simply go to www.coffeepond.com, click on the "Order Yearbooks" button and then select "Yearbooks". Type in the password "**amsyearbook**" and choose "**on-line order**." 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 an Abington Middle School 2018 - 2019 Yearbook!

AMS BOOKFAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school March 6th through March 11th! Students will be shopping with their classes during the day, but we are also having a Family Shopping Night on March 11, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Book list flyers are going home with your students with tips to consider before you visit.

Happy Reading - AMS PTO

AMS Celebrates International Week 2019 March 4th – 8th

All students are treated to a week of informative and fun activities during International Week.

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB

The Abington High School Drama Club will present the hit musical, *GREASE*, on March 14th and 15th at 7:30 pm, and March 16th at 2:00 pm in the AHS/MS Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for students/senior citizens and \$14 for adults. Tickets are available at the door or in advance online at www.ShowTix4U.com.

AMS Spring Portrait Process – Date: March 22, 2019

In the past, every child had a photo taken for Spring Portraits and a packet was sent home for you to view. Lifetouch will **only** be photographing your child if you want their photo taken.

The Spring Portrait Program will work as follows:

Your child/children **will only** be photographed if you send in the envelope filled out with your payment on March 22, 2019, unless you order your portraits **online** at mylifetouch.com – enter AMS Picture ID **MV228064Q0** beforehand. Portrait envelopes will be available in the main office if you choose to have your student photographed.

If you have any questions, please contact the main office at (781) 982-2170.

RETURNED PROGRESS/REPORT CARD ENVELOPES

Parents/Guardians please sign and have your child return their Trimester 2 progress/report card envelopes no later than Thursday, March 28th to their homeroom teachers.