

AMS PARENT PEEK OF THE WEEK

Official Newsletter of AMS



** Respectful* * Responsible**

Safe* *Kind

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Bikes: We want students riding a bicycle to school. We understand that the craze right now is Ebikes. We have a few fully motorized bikes that students are riding to and from school. We would like to remind students that there is a right way and a wrong way to ride a bike on the road. Bike safety in Maine looks like; you must ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic, riding on the sidewalk is permitted but you must be aware of those walking around you. Cyclists under 16 years of age are legally required to wear an approved helmet. We care for the safety of our students and want to make sure everyone makes it to and from school safely.

iPad use at School: After NWEA testing this week we will allow students who have the iPad and internet use forms signed, to take their iPads home from school. We are still missing 18% of families signing the iPad and internet use form that allows this to happen. We are sending home a YELLOW form for parents to sign who we do not have a record of their signature. If you see this paper in your students back pack please sign it and have it sent back to school asap.

No Smoking on School Property: It has been a State Law for many years that no one is allowed to smoke on School Property. This includes athletic events and at pick up and drop off lines. We thank you for your diligence in keeping with this law.

Important Dates and Information:

- **Tuesday, September 29 - Math NWEA**
- **Thursday, October 1 - Literacy NWEA**
- **Friday, October 2 - School Photo Day for Students (Make Ups December 1)**
- **Wednesday, October 7 - Oceanography Touch Tank and Demo Day for Team Cadillac**
- **Thursday, October 8 - Oceanography Trip for Team Cadillac (first part of team)**
- **Wednesday, October 14 - Oceanography Trip for Team Cadillac (2nd half of team)**
- **Thursday, October 15 - Team Tumbledown to Maine MILL/Lewiston**
- **Thursday, November 19-21 - AMS Fall Play**
- **Tuesday, November 24 - AMS Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **Tuesday, December 15 - AMS Winter Concert (Dec 17 Snow Date)**



AMS “The One Fundraiser!”:

Last Chance!

This is the last weekend.

- All paper packets must be turned in to the office no later than **Monday Morning**.
- Please be sure your student has theirs on **Monday!**

It's as simple as 1, 2, 3! - Register **TONIGHT** at www.ShopFund.com

Make sure you use Group Code: **3NXXK**

DROP OFF AND PICK UP: We are doing a terrific job! Keep it up. Remember that if you pull into the staff parking lot before 7:20 it will be extremely hard to get out of the staff parking lot as busses and parent drop offs out back are priority in the morning. If you need to pick up your students near 1:30 please do not park in the bus loop. 5 families were stuck between buses this week and had to wait until the buses left at 2pm. The loop is for buses.

BUS PASSES:

- If, for any reason, your student will need to take a different bus than the one assigned, they will need a bus pass assigned by the office.
- You or your student must deliver a written note to the office explaining the reason for the change, no later than 11 am. Last-minute requests will only be accepted if it is a family emergency.

School Nutrition:

- To View Our Menu: [CLICK ME](#)
 - To Sign Up for MySchoolBucks: [CLICK ME](#)
 - School lunch forms need to be filled out on PowerSchool in order for your student to be given a lunch number.
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How We Keep Your Student Safe:

We are committed to providing the safest possible environment for our students and staff by taking proactive steps to secure our schools. We want to ensure they have a safe place to learn, work, and grow. To maintain our safety standards and adapt to the societal threat of a violent intruder inside our school, we are adopting ALICE proactive strategies.

ALICE is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. ALICE empowers individuals to participate at their appropriate level using proactive, options-based responses. Our staff is fully trained on the ALICE strategies through online classes and hands-on training with our local ALICE Certified Instructors.

Transportation: If your child is taking the bus this year, we ask that you create an account on Bus Right. <https://www.busright.com/guardians>

- **District Transportation (BUS):** If you plan to use district transportation, you must complete the form in PowerSchool.

Passes:

- Digital hall passes (www.Orangepasses.com) are required if a student is going to any place other than a regularly scheduled class or activity.
- As we value the time we spend teaching your student, all students have 3 minutes between classes to go to the restroom or to fill their water bottles and have a 30-minute lunch in the middle of their day.

Family Engagement Committee (PTO):

SIGN UP TO Join our Family Engagement Committee (PTO) [PTO SIGN UP](#)

We invite you to join our Family Engagement Committee (PTO) and get involved in our school community. The PTO plays a vital role in supporting our students and staff through various events, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated.

- Cultural Celebration Day
- Movie Night
- Game Nights - Cribbage, Chess, Monopoly, D&D
- Celebrations - 8th Grade Dance