



Amherst Middle School Weekly Email

May 17, 2019

Calendar

May 20: NJHS Meeting afterschool, elections	June 5: Grade 7 Field Trip, Loon Mountain
May 20: School Wellness Fair, 6pm	June 5: 6th Grade Greek Olympics
May 22: 5th and 6th Grade Chorus Concert, 6pm	June 6: 6th Grade Greek Plays, BBQ, Tug of War
May 22: MV Shadow Day	June 6: 5th Grade Field Trip to Canobie Lake
May 24: 8th Grade Chorus to SAU and Wilkins	June 6: Track and Field Awards Night, 6pm
May 27: No School, Memorial Day	June 7: 6th Grade Greek Plays
May 28: 8th Grade Celebration at Launch, 5-8pm	June 7: SHS Graduation
May 29: Jazz Band to Wilkins Field Day	June 10: Last Day for 8th Grade Students
May 31: AMS Band in Town Memorial Day Parade	June 10: 8th Grade Graduation, 6pm
June 3: Amherst School Board Meeting at SHS, 6pm	June 11: Step up 9:30-10:30am, for grades 4-7
June 4: Late Start, School begins at 9:25am	June 11: Last Day for AMS 5th, 6th, 7th Grade Students
June 4: Baseball, Softball, LAX Awards Night, 6pm	

Fun Fridays at AMS

May 24: Red, White and Blue

May 31: Crazy Hair or Hat Day

June 7: Hawaiian or Tropical Day

School Wellness Fair

Join us with your student on

Monday May 20, 6-7pm

AMS Café

Plans for the 2019-2020 School Year

If your 5th,, 6th, or 7th grade student will not be at AMS in the fall, and you haven't let us know, please email us at ams@sprise.com

If your eighth grade student will not be at Souhegan High in the fall, please notify Souhegan High School at Souhegan-HS@sprise.com

We have the courage to care!

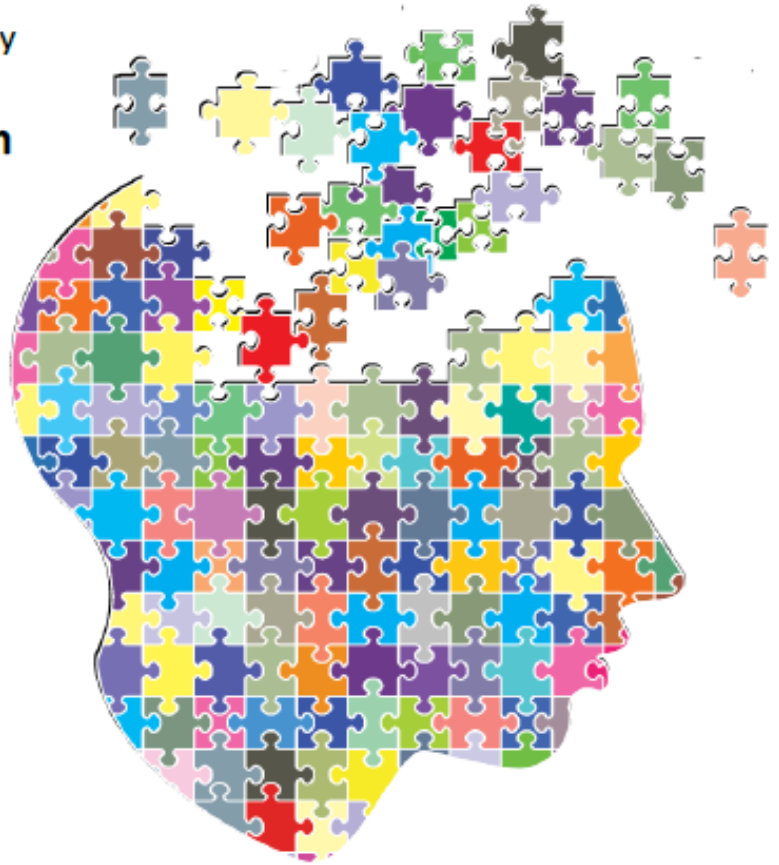
School Wellness Fair

Open to Amherst Students and Family

Monday, May 20th 6-7:00 pm

Amherst Middle School Cafeteria
14 Cross Road, Amherst

Amherst School District is committed to teaching the whole child. Join us with your student to learn more about the learning and opportunities that are happening in the elementary and middle schools. Visit various booths providing information and hands on activities in the following areas:



Tips for creating healthy boundaries with social media



What are Social Emotional Competencies and what is Second Step



Tips for integrating Positive Parenting Techniques in your daily life



Protective Factors: Learn about the sport teams, clubs, and other extracurricular activities offered to students



Interactive Corner: Explore books, board games, and writing exercises to encourage communication



Encouraging Healthy Habits: How to create healthy routines for sleep and eating

Welcome to the Wonderful World of 5th Grade Math!

Students in fifth grade are working to wrap up several units as the end of the year approaches. They have been multiplying and dividing fractions as well as working on all four operations for decimals. It is a great opportunity to look around and point out where you see decimals and fractions in real life!



SHS Librarian to Visit 8th Grade ELA Classes

On May 21, Sarah Kunyosying, Souhegan's Librarian, will speak with 8th grade ELA classes in the library to discuss the summer book selection for their required reading.

Ask your 8th grader about their options!

Technology News

Technology continues to flourish at AMS. Grades six through eight classrooms are fitted with a laptop cart, and grade five students have one cart per team. Students continue to use technology in their content curriculum classes and are also doing lots of coding in their computer skills classes. Coding helps students develop their critical thinking and problem solving skills. Plus its fun and engaging!

Library News

Ask your student how their reading is coming along. Are you a reader? Not sure what to read next, perhaps a children's literature novel! We add brand new titles to our collection every week. New books are on display, on their own shelves, under the big wall mural that says NEW. Come in the library door near the fifth grade wing to look around our space. You, too, are welcome to checkout a book for yourself or your child using their library account. Maybe you could read it together or pass it on to your child. We also have many CD audiobooks that you could listen to in your car.

8th Grade Graduation

8th grade graduation is on Monday, June 10. This is also the last day of school for 8th grade students.

- o The graduation ceremony begins at 6pm; students should be in their seats by 5:45pm. The ceremony typically lasts for about one hour. Graduation is followed by a dance for 8th grade students only until 9pm.
- o The ceremony will be held on the lawn behind the school if the weather permits; in this case, there will be no limit on the number of guests each student may bring. In case of inclement weather, we will hold the ceremony in the gym. We ask that no more than three guests attend per student. We will NOT issue tickets, we simply ask that all comply with this limit. We will send an email and post the location of graduation on our website as soon as possible during the day of graduation if the weather is at all questionable.

DRESS: we ask that students dress in a manner which is appropriate for the occasion. In recent years, girls have worn dresses or skirts/blouses and boys have worn slacks or nice shorts with a collared shirt. We ask that the guidelines for dress outlined in the student handbook be used when selecting dress for the evening.

DANCE: The dance immediately follows the graduation ceremony in the AMS café until 9pm. This is a dance for our 8th grade students only. Students who do not attend the graduation ceremony will not be permitted to attend the dance. There is no admission fee.

8th Grade Celebration

Parents are once again sponsoring a celebration to mark the end of the 8th grade year for students. **All 8th graders are invited to attend the end of year celebration at Launch Trampoline Park in Nashua. The event will be from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28th. Tickets are \$25 and include 2 HOURS OF JUMP TIME, \$5 GAME CARD, PIZZA, DRINKS, DESSERT, LAUNCH SOCKS, PHOTO BOOTH, COTTON CANDY MACHINE, ARCADE AND BOARD GAMES!**

ALL STUDENTS are REQUIRED to have a waiver signed by a legal guardian in order to jump. WAIVERS MUST BE SIGNED, PRINTED AND HANDED IN TO THE FRONT OFFICE WITH A \$25 CHECK BY FRIDAY, MAY 25. NO ELECTRONIC WAIVER. WE MUST HAVE HARDCOPY WITH PAYMENT. Paper copies of waiver are available in office if needed.

This is a drop off/pick up event.

Please see the attached Flyer and LAUNCH liability waiver.

[FLYER](#)

[WAIVER](#)

This is not a school sponsored event, thank you to the eighth grade parents for organizing this celebration!

QUESTIONS: jill.Powers@me.com

Project Graduation Needs Volunteers

SHS Graduation is coming up quickly which means the PTSA Project Graduation is also right around the corner! This night for our newest alumni is a safe, drug-free, fun night that gives our kids one last chance to hang with their class and get home in one piece. This night cannot happen without the help of volunteers. Please look at the link below and see where you can help--we know it can make for a long Saturday :) Also, please forward to anyone you know 11th grade and below. (Senior parents can't work the night of Project Graduation).

This is a perfect time for you to learn what Project Graduation is if you don't already know and a time to pay it forward. When your student is a senior you will be able to go to sleep that night knowing you will see your new graduate safe and sound at 0500 pick up at the high school!

Please help sign up and help spread the word--this part needs many hands!

<https://signup.com/go/fdjwqjy>



Are you interested in getting more involved?

The PTA runs smoothly with a team of volunteers, and we would love to have you on our team! No experience needed- we'll train you!

Committee chairs (or co-chairs!) are needed for the following:

Ice Cream Social, Family Nights, Reflections, Son Event, Spiritwear at C-W, Business Membership, Hospitality, Publicity, Welcoming, Graphic Design

Detailed information explaining each position: <http://amherstnhpta.org/committee-positions.html>

Thank you for considering serving!

AMS is looking for some classroom resources. Do a little spring cleaning and donate any of the below to the kids at AMS! Items can be dropped to the AMS office (Attention Amanda Rogers). House and car keys, hotel key cards, used gift cards, transparent tape, duct tape, and masking tape.

The latest newsletter is available at this link- <http://amherstnhpta.org/newsletter.html>

amherstptanh@gmail.com OR www.amherstnhpta.org



Spring Flyers

Old Home Day

New Troop 7

Amherst Patriots

Amherst Town Library May Events