

Amherst Middle School Weekly Email

May 31, 2019

Calendar

May 31: AMS Band in Town Memorial Day Parade

May 31: Crazy Hat or Hair Day

June 3: ASB Meeting at SHS, 6pm

June 3: Student Leadership Meeting, 2:30pm

June 3-7: Greek Week for 6th Grade

June 4: Late Start, School begins at 9:25am

June 4: Baseball, Softball Awards Night, 6pm

June 5: Grade 7 Field Trip, Loon Mountain

June 5: 6th Grade Greek Olympics

June 6: 8th Grade, Valerie Tutson Presentation

June 6: 6th Grade Greek Plays, BBQ, Tug of War

June 6: 5th Grade Field Trip to Canobie Lake

June 6: Track & Field, LAX Awards Night, 6pm

June 7: 6th Grade Greek Plays

June 7: SHS Graduation, 5pm

June 7: LAST day for LATE bus

June 10: Last Day for 8th Grade Students

June 10: 8th Grade Graduation, 6pm

June 11: Step up 9:30-10:30am, for grades 4-7

June 11: Last Day for AMS 5th, 6th, 7th Grade

Students

Last Day of School

The last day of school for all 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students, Tuesday, June 11th, is a full school day with our regular 2:19pm dismissal time.

Rising students will "step up" to their new grade and meet all the grade-level teachers and staff. Team/homeroom placements will be made available to parents and students in mid-August via an email to parents. If you have any changes to contact information, please send us an email to ams@sprise.com

The last day of school for 8th graders is Monday, June 10.

Late Bus

The last day for the late bus will be FRIDAY, JUNE 7

PLEASE RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS!



Eighth Grade News



The date for 8^{th} grade graduation is Monday, June 10. This is also the last day of school for 8^{th} grade students.

Some highlights of the last day for 8th graders:

- 8th grade awards ceremony is scheduled at 9:00am (<u>parents will be notified</u> if their student is receiving an award)
- Students will have graduation practice after the awards ceremony
- Whole grade yearbook signing
- 8th Grade will visit SHS from approximately 12:15-1:45pm
- Regular dismissal at 2:19pm

Graduation Ceremony:

- 8th Grade Graduation is held at 6pm followed by a dance for 8th grade students only until 9pm.
- Students should be in their seats by 5:45pm. The ceremony typically lasts for about one hour.
- 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.
- The Kona Ice Truck will be at 8th grade graduation! Treats will be available for approximately \$2-\$5.

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 but the Kona ice truck will be selling treats.

Thank you Planting Club!

One of the beautifully decorated planters on our front stoop thanks to the AMS Planting Club.



FALL SPORTS

Fall Sports at Amherst Middle School include Cross Country (5-8), Field Hockey (A&B), Girls and Boys Soccer and Girls Volleyball.

Fall Sports begin on August 26.

Stay tuned over the summer to our website for information as tryouts and camps.

- Field Hockey Information is available on our website
- Stay tuned for more fall sports news....

Memorial Day Observance

Last Friday, members of the AMS Community gathered out front at the flag pole for our annual Memorial Day Observance. After a few words on the importance of the day, the event featured choral and band performances.









Project Graduation Needs Volunteers

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Project Graduation 2019 begins with setup on Friday, June 7th at 9:00 p.m. and ends the following morning at 5:00 a.m. The PTSA sponsors this overnight party for our newest graduates so they can have a fun, safe, substance-free place to celebrate graduating high school. This year's event will be held at the new Westwood Park YMCA (90 Northwest Blvd).

The PTSA is in desperate need of volunteers! We have two shifts for which you can sign up: 9:00 p.m.-1:30 a.m. or 1:30 a.m.-5:00 a.m. Here is the link: https://signup.com/go/fdiqwjy

12 chaperones are needed to chaperone this event during the last shift. <u>Please</u> take a moment, look at the sign up, and see where you can pay it forward.

Thank you! Lisa Eastland

SHS PTSA President

Amherst Town Library

Avoid the "Summer Slide"---keep your kids reading all summer long!

<u>A Universe of Stories</u> is the theme this summer at the Amherst Town Library. The 2019 Summer Reading materials will be available as soon as school is out and activities and events will kick off on Monday, June 17. The program will run for eight weeks, and will culminate on Friday, August 9th with an Ice Cream Social at the Congregational Church.

Teen Summer Reading---"A Universe of Stories"

Teens are invited to join the summer reading fun. As in past years, we'll offer "book bucks" for every book read and program attended, which may be redeemed for books-to-own or entered into weekly raffles. Miss Lisa and Miss Sarah are challenging our teens to read 350 books. We know you can do it!!

For detailed information about all the summer goings-on at the library for teens and tweens please go on-line to: http://amherstlibrary.org/TeenSummerFun



There is a lot to celebrate! During 2018-2019, the Amherst PTA supported, organized, or had a presence at the following: 4th of July table and performers, Old Home Days, Popsicles on the Town Green Summer Concert, CW Staff Amazing Race, SAU 39 Welcome Breakfast Membership table and raffle, Ice Cream Social, Kindergarten Boo-Hoo Breakfast, Clark Community Playground Build, Room Parents, Art Volunteers, Copy Volunteers at CW,

Grants, Curriculum Enrichment, Lunch Volunteers, Holiday Storytime, Family Fall Movie Night, Meet the Candidate Night, Math & Science Night, Read-a-thon, Invention Convention, Daughter's Choice Dance, Meadowfarms Catalog Fundraiser, CW Spiritwear, 67th Annual PTA Play, Visiting Authors, Staff Soup Luncheon, Staff Winter Pick me-ups, Staff Appreciation Week, Silver Graphics Art Fundraiser, Board & Brush Parent Night, Restaurant Fundraiser Nights, Library Volunteers, Welcome to Wilkins night, and numerous General meetings with special guest speakers.

We are truly proud to have been the Executive Board of the Amherst PTA- a group that does so many things for the children, the schools, the community, and each other. Thank you to all volunteers and partners for all of the hard work put into the 2018-2019 school year. Nothing that the PTA does would be possible without your support!

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: Family Nights, Reflections, Son Event, Spiritwear at C-W, Business Membership, Hospitality, Publicity, Welcoming, and Graphic Design

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

Email amherstptanh@gmail.com if you're interested.

We're excited for 2019-2020!

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



Community Information

Old Home Day

New Troop 7

Amherst Patriots

Amherst Town Library

YMCA Sports Camps

Field Hockey Summer Camps