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Superintendent and Principal Coffee Rescheduled

Come and meet our new Superintendent, Val Williams!

We apologize for having to cancel last time as a result of Val Williams having jury duty. We have rescheduled! Superintendent Val Williams and Principal Deborah Brill will be hosting a community coffee on Friday, October 3rd from 7:30-8:30am in the AMS library.

6th Grade Potlucks: Our 6th grade potlucks are off to a great start with two remaining. The AMS PTA invites you to join with families from your child's homeroom class for a potluck to celebrate the start of the school year, a new school, and a new community. AMS PTA will provide plates, napkins, utensils and cups.

Come out to meet other AMS families in your child's class!

All families are welcome! **It's not necessary to sign up online for a dish in order to attend - just bring your family and a dish to share.** We are looking for 6 volunteers for each potluck to help out that evening.

If you are available to help with set up or clean up at the potluck for your class please sign up on VolunteerSpot at <http://vols.pt/LzejcN> or you can email Adrienne Cabanatuan at amews@msn.com or Noel Plummer at Noelsplum@gmail.com. You can also indicate what you are bringing on the site.

These homeroom classes will join together to meet each other and have dinner:

September 25 - Peairs and Anderson

October 7 - Backowski and Morris

Time: 6:00 – 7:30pm

Location: Outdoor lunch area

School Site Council: We have three interested parents running for the three spots for School Site Council. A ballot will be emailed to you today. You can print it out and drop it by the office or send it in with your child, get a paper copy in the office, or PDF your ballot to dmarquez@ausdk12.org.

Looking for Part-time Employment? The Albany Unified School District is hiring for the following positions: Substitute Café Asst., Substitute Clerical, Substitute Special Education Para-educators, and Substitute Custodians. Please visit www.ausdk12.org and click on Employment Opportunities for job announcements and applications. If you have questions please contact Marina at 510-558-3754.

Additionally, we are looking for (paid) Yard Aides to help with lunch supervision. If you are available (even if it is not every day) from 12:15-1:15PM and would like to find out more information, come and talk with Deborah Brill

Free Lunch Procedures: Albany Unified students, who were free or reduced last year, keep their approved status until October 9, 2014. If returning students do not submit a new application and are not given approval for free or reduced status, they will automatically revert back to paid status on October 10, 2014. New students need to submit an application no matter what their status was in their last district. You can get an application through the AUSD website, www.ausdk12.org, in the Food Services section. Food Services will contact you by email or phone once you are approved. For questions regarding food service issues, call 510-558-2608 or 510-558-2607.

Lunch: If you are purchasing a lunch for your child with check or cash, please fill out an envelope on the counter in the office. If you would like to purchase lunches with a debit or credit card, please go online to the “My School Bucks” payment system on the district website. Lunches (including milk) are \$3.75 per day and must be pre-paid. You may purchase any amount you wish. The total will continue to roll over until it’s used up. You may purchase milk for .50 for your child to use when she/he brings a home lunch. Please send your child with a snack daily whether they are having school lunch or home lunch. Thank you for sending healthy foods that will help your child to have a productive day.

AMS Athletics Calendar

Have you ever wanted to attend an AMS Athletic event, but were not sure about where or when the game was happening? Well, we have a great resource for you. All game schedules can be found on the AMS Athletics Calendar (See Link Below). Everyone is encouraged to visit our athletics calendar for specific game times, locations and driving directions.

http://ams.ausdk12.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=92917&type=d&pREC_ID=487470

Middle School Conferences

In middle school, different than elementary school, conferences are intended for students in need, academically or emotionally. If your child’s teachers feel that s/he needs a conference, they or the school counselor will contact you to set it up. This year we are trying an online scheduler, so you may receive an email. For those parents who are not invited to a Fall conference, we still encourage you to stay connected through Aeries, email contact with your child’s teachers, as well as through the many volunteer opportunities at Albany Middle School.

Public Library Homework Center: Did you know the Albany Library offers both on-site and online homework assistance? The library’s Homework Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:15-5:15 pm and serves students in grades 2 through 6. Online tutoring is available every day from 1 until 10 pm. To get started, go to the library’s homepage, www.aclibrary.org, and click on Homework Help Now! Call 526-3720 or email Vivian Jaquette at vjaquette@aclibrary.org for more info.

Calling all weekend artists and crafters! Help support art programs in the Albany Middle School. We are currently seeking local artists and crafters to set up booths at the annual **AMS Craft Fair on Sunday, December 7th from 12-3pm**. Registration is on the cheap and there are plenty of holiday shoppers at this annual event! Most items that sell well are in the \$10-\$100 range. Does this sound like you? Pottery? Felting? Knitting? Sewing? Paper Goods? Come on down and show us what you've got! This event is a great way to show off your work to a local audience and make a little cash for your own holiday shopping. We offer cheap booth rates and only ask that you make a voluntary donation of a portion of your profits to the AMS art programs.

Please email AMScraftfair@yahoo.com for more information and let us know what you can do!

E-TREE -You can receive this weekly notice electronically. To sign up for the e-tree send a blank email with a Subject of “Subscribe” from your email account to: AlbanyMiddleSchool-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Yahoo sends back a confirmation email which could go into your Bulk or Spam folder. You have to respond to this email to be subscribed.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, September 30th: Magazine Sales Kick-off
- Friday, October 3rd: Superintendent's Coffee, 7:30-8:30am
- Wednesday, October 8th: Make-Up Picture Day
- Wednesday, October 15th: Minimum Day, 12:30PM release
- M, T, W, Th F, M, T: Oct 20-28: Conferences, 1:50PM release
- Friday, October 24th: 7th/8th Grade Dance, 7-9pm, AMS Gym
- Friday, October 31st: 6th Grade Halloween Party