

March 5, 2021

Hello AMS Friends and Families,

The first week of March is in the books and we can hardly believe that spring is only 15 days away!

A few important updates for this week:

Before/After School Help

As we continue to monitor our students' academic and social emotional needs, we are looking to bring back a long standing opportunity at Avon Middle School, our before and after school help. Now that our custodial team has established their most efficient and thorough cleaning routines, we are able to reopen the building for before and after school access.

If a student and teacher determine that it would be beneficial for the student to come in for some before or after school help, the teacher may connect with the student and family directly, as has been the long standing optional opportunity.

At this time, parents will be responsible for transportation. Currently we do not offer a late bus, but we will monitor student participation next week and make a determination regarding offering a late bus in the future. It is critical for families to be on time for their student's before school appointment, as teachers will greet students at the door to escort them to their classroom. This is part of our covid mitigation and contact tracing protocols.

If a student is working with a teacher after school, and the after school session is planned to end before the arrival of the late bus, it will be the responsibility of the family to arrive in a timely manner to pick up their student.

Before/after school help may be offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The before school session may occur anywhere between 7:05am-7:50am. The after school session may occur anywhere between 3:00pm and 3:45pm.

Please connect with your student's teachers with any questions on this. As in the past, this is not a required component to our teachers' workday, and may be offered at the teacher's discretion.

Last note on this, we want to thank our custodial staff for working with us to help make this happen. We appreciate their flexibility and creativity in altering their work flow while still ensuring their efficient and thorough cleaning routines are still upheld.

FLEX Opportunities

As we continue to monitor our students' academic and social emotional needs, we are looking to bring back a long standing opportunity at Avon Middle School.

For families unfamiliar with the AMS FLEX periods, they are similar to Tiered Intervention (T.I.) in the K-6 schools within APS, Flex is an intervention block embedded within the school day for students to work individually/in small groups with teachers, to catch up on any outstanding work, to read, take a mindful moment, work with their school counselor- essentially, anything the student needs.

More information will come in the next week on this.

Bus Transportation Update

- As was previously explained in our correspondence earlier this week ([TBS/AMS Bus Update 3.2.21](#)), students have been assigned to specific color zones on their bus. It is critical, for contact tracing and students' health and safety that students adhere to their assigned zone on the bus daily. Thank you for your support in reminding students of this!

AMS Announcement Google Slides

- At the request of many families, we will now post our AMS Announcements google slide deck on the [Avon Middle School website](#) on Mondays, for your viewing. These announcements are projected daily in classrooms and emailed to your students.

District issued Chromebook Update

- As a reminder, the expectation each day is that **students are using their district issued device- not a personal device**. This is important as our teachers utilize specific monitoring programs to assist in students' attention and focus during instruction. We have asked teachers to remind students of this as well and notify us if a student is continuing to use a personal device, so that we can assist in ensuring all students have their district issued device each day.
 - If your student is remote, please see the update from our Central Office team.

Course Selection Update

- This week, Ms. Boland worked with all 7th grade students to review their course recommendations and select their courses through PowerSchool.
- If you and your student have a question about a level of a course they were recommended for, please start by contacting their current teacher and then connect with their school counselor.

Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Save the dates- March 25 & 26

Virtual Coffee With the Principals

- Please join us for a Zoom call on Wednesday, March 31 at 4:15 p.m., with Mr. Kimball and Ms. Wallace for a virtual "Coffee with the Principals". A Zoom link will be sent closer to the event.
- There will be no set agenda, but rather this will be an opportunity for parents to join us virtually for an open discussion regarding teaching and learning. Please feel free to drop in virtually any time between 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm.

Student Council Survey

- This spring, the Student Council is planning to sell AMS car magnets for \$5.00. The Student Council is looking to gauge family interest before placing an order. [Please click here to take a one question google survey](#) whether or not your family would purchase a car magnet.

Frequently Asked Questions/Answers

- [FAQ & Answer Running Document](#)
[Frequently Asked Questions](#) form (you do not need a google account to fill this out)