

April 9, 2021

Hello AMS Friends and Families,

What a beautiful, sunny day to kick off our April break week! All of us at AMS, students included, are taking a deep breath (in our masks, of course) as we prepare to disconnect for the next few days and recharge our batteries to get to the June 11 finish line.

Before we sign off for the week, however, we need to ask for your help. There has been a growing resurgence of vehicles that are passing other vehicles in the drop off/pick up line. For safety reasons, we ask that you do not pass any other vehicles in line unless an AMS staff member is directing you to do so. We have had a few close calls with students entering/exiting vehicles and passing vehicles getting a bit too close. In the interest of safety, we appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

When we return from April break, we will be in the home stretch of what has been one of the most memorable school years of all time. We will be remiss, however, if we did not acknowledge and ask you to join us in celebrating Administrative Assistant Day on Wednesday 4.21. Ms. Barbra Luebeck and Mrs. Berayda Rosa-Moqueete are quite literally the glue that holds Avon Middle School together. From fielding hundreds of phone calls each week, to distributing desk shields and chromebooks galore, to handling substitute coverage that sometimes feels never ending- these are just a few of the ways that Barb and Bea keep the AMS machine running. Thank you both- we are so grateful for you!

The month of April is Autism Awareness month- we are honored to work with students of all learning profiles, all backgrounds, with incredible talents and skills. In recognition of our students with autism, we'd ask that you spend some time talking with your students about ways we can celebrate our differences, spread kindness, and create the most inclusive community possible at AMS. Thank you!

A few updates/reminders:

- **Report cards**
 - Quarter 3 Report Cards are now available for your viewing in PowerSchool
 - [Click here for instructions on viewing report cards.](#)
- **Yearbook**
 - The AMS 2020-2021 yearbook is available for ordering online. [Click here for ordering instructions.](#) Instructions are also available on the AMS website.
- **Schedule for the week:** No School- April Vacation

A/B Rotation Week of 4/19-4/23:

Monday 4/19	Tuesday 4/20	Wednesday 4/21	Thursday 4/22	Friday 4/23
A-Day	B-Day	A-Day	A-Day	B-Day

Previously Shared information:

- **Cell Phone Use**

- We're asking for your support again in reminding students that our expectation is that their cellphones are off and away for the duration of the day. This applies to the entirety of the school day- including mask breaks. If you need to get in touch with your student during the day, please call the main office and we will get you in touch with them. Thank you!
- **Middle School Spring Athletics Update**
 - Track and Field registration is now open!
 - Mr. Post's (Athletics and Activities coordinator) website: <https://sites.google.com/a/avon.k12.ct.us/jpost/materials>
 - Family ID (for athletic registration): <https://www.familyid.com/programs/avon-middle-school-spring-sport-registration-2020-2021>
- **Bus Transportation Update**
 - As was previously explained in our correspondence ([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**. 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.

Frequently Asked Questions/Answers

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

State Department of Education Resources

- [Resources for Families](#)
- [Social Emotional Family Resources](#)

Have a wonderful weekend!

Stay well,

Jess and Kristina

