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AKRON MIDDLE SCHOOL



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings and Nya:wëh sgë:nö' Middle School Parents,

As we enter the second half of the school year, our commitment to fostering a love for learning remains unwavering. Our dedicated teachers continue to create engaging and innovative lessons that spark curiosity and enthusiasm in our students. Our students continue to work hard, take risks, and be involved. In the spirit of Valentine's Day, we encourage "Acts of Kindness." Students, teachers, and parents are encouraged to perform small acts of kindness. Whether it's a friendly gesture, a helping hand, or words of encouragement, let's create a ripple effect of love and positivity within our school community.

We believe one of the key pillars of success at Akron Middle School is collaboration. We believe that when students, parents, and teachers work together, we create a powerful support system for our students. We are focusing on strengthening the collaboration between home and school to ensure the success and well-being of every student. With that, we strongly recommend and encourage all parents to participate in Parent and Teacher Conferences on February 15th and 16th. Please visit www.akronschools.org/ptconf for more information.

We appreciate your ongoing support and partnership in creating a positive and enriching educational experience for our students. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Wishing you and your family a month filled with love, collaboration, and academic success!

Mr. Caprio & Mrs. Fial

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

February marks the beginning of Akron Middle School's second round of Character Counts! Leadership Training for the school year. A group of selected 6th graders have just finished their round of training, and we are now moving on to 7th grade.

In this 8-week-long group, students brainstorm ways to help promote a positive school climate for themselves and their peers, utilizing the various CC! Pillars of Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, & Citizenship.

Once a student's training is completed, they have the opportunity to return as a mentor for the next round of student training, in hopes of increasing student voice and involvement in our #OneAkron effort towards making AMS a place where all students feel welcomed, safe, and ready to learn.

Akron Middle School



Kindness Week

February 12- 15, 2024

The purpose of kindness week is to focus on the positivity that surrounds us every day. It's a week to learn, teach, and share our kindness with others.

Monday - 2/12 – “Don’t Hide From Kindness” -

Wear Camouflage



Tuesday - 2/13 - “Team up for Kindness” -

Wear a Sports Jersey



Wednesday - 2/14 – “Kindness Makes The Heart Grow!” -

Wear Red, Pink, or Hearts



Thursday - 2/15 – “Brighten Someone’s Day with Kindness” -

Wear Neon Colors



February Important Dates

- 1 - MP2 report cards
- 1 - MP2 Ineligibility list published
- 2 - Character Counts: Fairness
- 7 - 3:20-4:30pm Tech Club - M201
- 7 - 3:30-4:30pm Galentine's Day Celebration - H-111
- 7 - 7:00pm PTA Meeting - H190
- 13 - Telephone Tuesday
- 12 - 3:30pm Spanish Club Mtg - M128
- 14 - Valentines Day**
- 14 - 3:20-4:30pm Tech Club - M201
- 14 - 7:00pm BOE Mtg HS Cafe
- 15 - 4:30-7:30pm P/T Conferences
- 02/12 - 02/16 Kindness Week**
- 16 - 8:00-11:30am PT Conferences - No Students
- 02/19 - 02/23 Mid-Winter Recess - No School**
- 28 - Student of the Month Lunches
- 28 - CC! Ice Cream Celebration MS Cafe
- 28 - 3:20-4:30pm Tech Club - M201
- 29 - 7:00pm Mamma Mia! Musical Production - AUD

The Cab from MS Government

From the voices of Sarah P and Carter J

Hello AMS!

This month we spent some time speaking aloud to 6th graders in their lunch about the roles of AMS government and what students do in our meetings for our school.

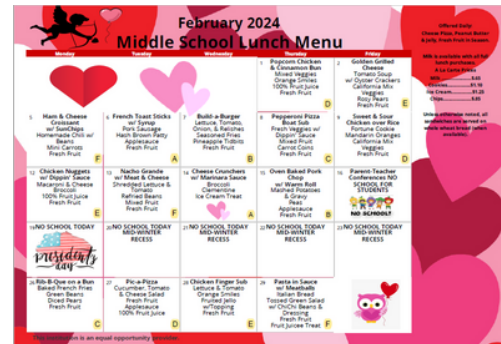
We have welcomed five (5) lucky 6th graders in student government, and are honored to have one (1) new Native American Ambassador: Baiionne Smith!

We're also super excited to celebrate kindness week and spread kindness everywhere inspired and thought up by Cassie Judge! It's planned to take place before February break!

MS LUNCH MENU - FEBRUARY

Monthly lunch menus can be accessed each month through our school website, www.akronschools.org. Or please click on the picture of the February 2024 menu for the link.

If you would like a paper copy please reach out to the Middle School Office.



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CHARACTER COUNTS



For the month of February, Akron Middle School is focusing on the pillar Fairness for Character Counts! Students can earn Tiger Tickets by displaying acts of fairness such as:

- Playing by the rules
- Being open-minded and listening to others
- Not taking advantage of others



During the month of January, students, faculty and staff focused on the Pillar: Caring. The following students were selected and enjoyed a CC! Ice Cream Celebration on Thursday, January, January 25, 2024.

8 th Grade	7 th Grade	6 th Grade
Evan Iversen Alison Mapes Levi Rossi Ava Zellner	Eliana Bruce River Hallett Deanna Vasbinder Hannah Witkowski	Grayson Baehr Noelle Gerstung Grace Lotz Eedith Poodry Myla Vaillancourt



Congratulations

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Computer Science 6 - Andrew Blasko
ELA 6 - Taylor Swendson
Math 6 - Maddox Stratton & Drew Borden
Reading/Writing 6 - Gavin Cottle
Science 6 - Myla Vaillancourt
Social Studies 6 - Aleece O'Malley

ELA 7 - Maddie Odachowski
Math 7H - Kylie Karmazyn
Robotics 7 - Lydia Beideck
Science 7 - Meghen Cocco
Seneca 7 - Berusha Pragle
Social Studies 7 - Riley Irish-Baker
Spanish 7 - Wyatt Paxton

Academic Achievement - Sunny Stafford,
Gabby Wilson, Hannah Kowalski, Alex PeQueen,
Reese Addesa, Charley Hamlet and Naomi Romesser

ELA 8 - Kiley Kumpf
Math 8 - Emma Nescier
Science 8 - Abby Gerstung
Seneca 8 - Rihanna Dockstader
Social Studies 8 - Molly Ohar
Spanish 8 - Gavin Miller

ALC - Vinny Mastrorilli
Art 7 - Kennedy Kozlowski
Band - Hannah Witkowski
Chorus - Stephanie Amirian
Health 7/8 - Hunter Haist
Music 7 - Jordyn Rosenberg
Orchestra - Isis Whitmarsh
PE 6/7/8 - Gauge Herbst
Reading AIS - Alexander Kempston
SRO 7 - Peter Noreika, Jayden Clark and
Eli Doll

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICE (SRO)

As January marks Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) is using this opportunity to spread awareness of this vital issue and how the public can be instrumental in spotting victims.

A common misconception about child sex trafficking is that it happens in other countries, or is hidden away from the public and nearly impossible to spot. However, it often occurs right before our eyes.

In 2023 alone, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received more than 18,400 reports of child sex trafficking. If you see a child who exhibits one or more of the signs below, it may mean they are at risk of victimization through child sex trafficking.

- A child is in possession of large sums of cash, prepaid cards, hotel keys, multiple cell phones or apps providing multiple cell numbers.
- The child's ID is being held by another person, or they don't have ID.
- Signs that a child is being coached when talking to people, letting others speak for them or looking at others before they speak.
- Tattoos or branding the child does not wish to talk about, explain or did not choose.
- Chronic homelessness, youth who are unstably housed or children who frequently run away.
- Abruptly disconnects from family or friends.
- Close association with an overly controlling adult.
- Regular, unexplained school absences.

If you suspect an incident of child sex trafficking, please call the NCMEC hotline at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or make a report at [CyberTipline.org](https://www.cybertipline.org)



The Market on Main and Tigers Den School Store partnership want to thank everyone that took time to vote for us! We have won the Website contest by close to double the votes of the second place team!

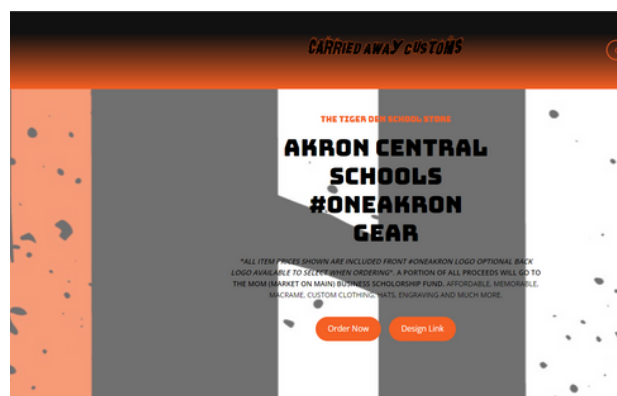
Our favorite part of this contest was watching the entire Akron Community come together to make this happen. This is certainly an example of #OneAkron!

The next steps will include meeting with Quilted Squirrel to share our website needs and wants and collaboratively work with them while they create our new website. The students in the Introduction to Business class created and currently maintain the current Market on Main website and look forward to learning more about website development during this process.

The Tiger's Den will be open in the Aud Foyer before each Musical Performance on March 1st and 2nd. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Tiger's Den school store takes debit/credit cards and Apple Pay!

Follow us @akronschoolstore on Instagram! We post updates on promotions, sampling, and everything the school store has to offer.



We are doing an online order of #OneAkron apparel which includes hoodies in different weights, crewnecks, and a wind breaker. The online store prices reflect a 20% discount. When you click on [Carried-Away-Customs Square](#), please scroll down the entire site to see the different options for printing (front only, back only and two both front and back options). We have several colors and printing options available.

NATIVE AMERICAN NEWS

We are now half way through the school year and well on our way to spring time! The students have been busy studying and learning lots! It may be a good time to restock on school supplies.

I have had many students requesting new pencils, markers, etc. If you find that your student is in need of these things, please reach out and we will make it happen!

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Mrs. Brittany Smoke

MS Native American Home-School

Counselor

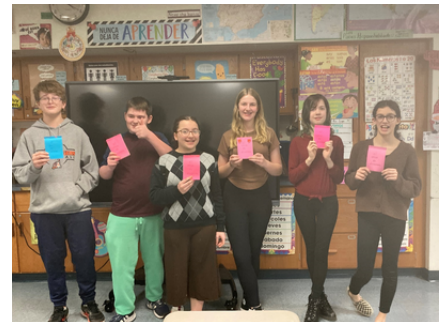
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SPANISH CLUB

We will have our next Spanish Club meeting on **Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, following 9th period, from 3:30 until 4:23pm in M128, Mrs. Bergman's room.**

Spanish Club provides an opportunity to spend time with friends learning about interesting culture and customs. We hope that you'll come join in the fun!



Akron Central School Presents:



The curtain will open on Akron's production of Mamma Mia, on Friday, March 1st at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 2nd at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. For nearly 25 years, people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story, and the music that make Mamma Mia the ultimate feel-good show. Audiences will be

delighted by the amusing drama that unfolds, the exciting dance routines and the show stopping songs of ABBA that have made this musical a smash hit worldwide.

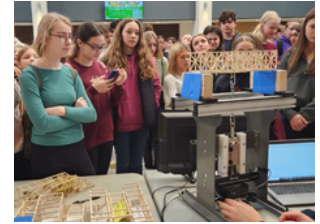
Tickets are on sale now at akronmusical.ludus.com for \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students, and \$10.00 for senior citizens.



Our peer mentorship program for middle and high school girls will meet on Wednesday, february 7th for their Galentine's Day Celebration from 3:30pm-4:30pm in Mrs. Bowen's office. Join us for some self-love, confidence, and of course, snacks!



TECH WARS 2024 NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



BRIDGE DESIGN BRIDGE DESIGN

ON-SITE ENGINEERING CHALLENGE



CO2 CARS

FIRST PLACE
ALEX KEMPSTON
FINN BLACKLEY

FOURTH PLACE
JESSE MADDEN
CAMERON FOUT

FIFTH PLACE
JAMES FINK
ALEX SHPAKOVSKY



MOUSETRAP POWERED CARS

FOURTH PLACE
GEORGE LAUREY



May 2024