



# TIGER TRACKS

## AKRON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Spring is officially in full bloom and although the weather is not as warm and consistent as we would like, it is a reminder that the end of the school year is quickly approaching. Last month, our students participated in the NYS English Language Arts assessment. This week our students will take the NYS Math assessment. As timely as both assessments may be, we are confident that our students are well prepared.



This past Friday we conducted a district wide evacuation drill. The drill itself was a true testament to the high level of communication, collaboration, and commitment our district and community members have with one another and holds true to our belief that we are stronger together. To say our students did a fantastic job is an understatement. We are so proud of our Tigers!

Lastly, several of our Middle School students participated in the Kids Escaping Drugs Face2Face Leadership Summit at Orchard Park Community Center. Watching our students take on leadership roles and act as positive role models is something we are very proud of. One way to be a leader is to be actively involved in the school community, like student government, sports, music, and clubs/extracurriculars. Another way to be a leader is to treat others the way you want to be treated. Sharing a smile with others in the hall goes a very long way. No act of kindness is ever too small! Go Tigers!

### IMPORTANT MAY DATES

#### 2-3 NYS Math Assessments

2 MS Biology Club Mtg - M134

3 MS Tech Club Mtg - M201

#### 5-11 NYS Math Make-ups

5 Student of the Month Lunch - April

8 The Tiger Den - MS Foyer

8 Principal Advisory Council - LMC Lab

9 MS Biology Club Mtg - M134

9 BOE Budget Hearing - AUD

10 MS Tech Club Mtg - M201

11 Battle of the Books - Hamburg MS

14 MS Faculty Meeting

15 MP4 Progress Reports published

15 Erie Co. DA Cyberbullying Assembly - AUD

16 Grade 8 Science Field Test

16 MS Biology Club Mtg - M201

16 District Wide Art Show

16 Annual Budge Vote/BOE Member Elections

17 MS Points of Pride due

17 MS Tech Club Mtg - M201

18 CARES Club Mtg - MS Cafe

19 MS Faculty Mtg - MS Cafe

23 NA Field Trip - Ganondagan Historic Site

23 MS Biology Club Mtg - M134

24 MS Tech Club Mtg - M201

24 BOE Regular Business Mtg - HS Cafe

25 MS Tech Club Field Trip - NCCC Tech Wars

25 Grade 8 Science Performance Testing - M201

**29 Memorial Day - No School**

30 MS Biology Club Mtg - M134

31 MS Tech Club Mtg - M201

### Upcoming Dates for NYS Assessments:

Grade 8 Science Performance: May 25

Grade 8 Science Written: June 5





## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

As the grass starts to get greener and the flowers bloom, the anxiety about upcoming exams and the end of the school year can be pretty overwhelming for many of us. Let's take a minute to really delve into the world of test anxiety!

What is test anxiety anyway? Test anxiety is being so upset, worried or afraid about a test or quiz that your performance suffers. Test anxiety can have both physical and emotional effects (ie: upset stomach, headaches, memory lapse, mental blocks, anger, etc.). The causes for test anxiety can vary widely (bad experiences, poor study habits, comparing yourself to others, lack of stress management skills, etc.). The important thing to focus on, is that no matter what the cause, you can learn to reduce test anxiety!

Here are some helpful tips!

- Participate in class. Raise your hand. Ask questions.
- Talk to your teacher. Stay 9th period. Ask questions. Ask for help.
- Avoid "cramming". Study over at least a week's time. Use your Agenda to map out your study time. Consider studying with groups of other students.
- Manage your stress. Think positively (I can do this). Eat well. Get enough sleep. Use relaxation techniques (deep breathing, etc.).
- Get help if you need it (talk to your School Counselor, School Social Worker, Native American Liaison or School Psychologist)

You can overcome test anxiety and enjoy your success!  
-Excerpts from Test Anxiety-Tips for success.



The Tigers Den held our official Grand Opening Event the week of April 11. The winner of our basket giveaway was Kylie Karmazyn. Congratulations Kylie! Thank you to everyone who came to the Grand Opening.



### Special School Store dates to put on your calendar:

- Special Mother's Day pop-up store in the Middle School Foyer on Monday, May 8th during 9th period. We will have a selection of jewelry, candles, soaps, chocolate and other goodies to spoil moms.
- Annual Budget Vote, Tuesday, May 16 at the Tigers Den H113 from 5:30-7:30pm. Come and see all the students have accomplished this semester getting the school store ready to open.
- Graduation, Friday, June 23rd from 6-9pm in the Auditorium Foyer. We will have alumni and Tiger apparel for sale.

The Tigers 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.

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## April 2023

Computer Science: Eileen Thomas (6), Hannah Liss (7)  
 ELA: Colton Dowe (6), Jacob Stewart (7), and Danny Blask (8)  
 Math: Quinten VanPelt (6), Althea Kreher (7), and Bella Poodry (8)  
 Reading/Writing: Madeline Behm (6)  
 Science: Asa Blackchief (6), Evan Iverson (7), and Addison Schrock (8)  
 Seneca:  
 Social Studies: Maddie Odachowski (6), and Madison Gates (8)  
 Spanish: Jesse Borynski  
 Mrs. Mongiovi: Emma Naples

## April 2023 SOM . . . continued

Art 7 Nathaniel Gehl  
 Band: Eliana Bruce  
 CDE 8: Nathan Lomayestewa & Stiles Jonathan  
 Chorus: Holly Wolfe (6)  
 Health: Lucas Watts (8)  
 Music 7: Lucy Felski  
 Orchestra: Annabella Rodriguez (7)  
 PE 6/7/8: Kenadee Jonathan (8)  
 Reading AIS: Brynn Jendresky (8)  
 SRO 7th Grade: Jayd Willis, Isaiah Orr, and Gauge Herbst  
 Academic Learning Center: Aidan Carrol  
 Academic Achievement: Anieka Forrestel, Gabriela Estevez & Leighton Ground

## MS MAY LUNCH MENU

Monthly lunch menus can be accessed each month through our school website, [www.akronschools.org](http://www.akronschools.org). Please click on the May menu for the link.

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

1. <b>Kit &amp; Quire on a Bun</b> Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	2. <b>Oven Battered Turkey</b> Mashed Potatoes & Gravy 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	3. <b>Pepperoni Pizza</b> Sub Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	4. <b>Pasta w/ Meat Sauce</b> Sub Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	5. <b>Chicken Fingers</b> w/ <b>Barbecue Sauce</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit
6. <b>Ham &amp; Cheese</b> Sub Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	7. <b>French Toast Sticks</b> w/ <b>Maple Syrup</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	8. <b>Build-a-Burger</b> Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese & Pickles Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	9. <b>Poquon Chicken</b> w/ <b>Cheddar Cheese</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	10. <b>Golden Grilled</b> Chicken w/ <b>Cheddar Cheese</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit
11. <b>Cheese Crispers</b> w/ <b>Maple Syrup</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	12. <b>Big Gatsby</b> Pepperoni Sub Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	13. <b>Turkey Air King</b> w/ <b>Barbecue Sauce</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	14. <b>Chicken Patty</b> w/ <b>Cheddar Cheese</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	15. <b>Pic-a-Pasta</b> w/ <b>Cheddar Cheese</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit
16. <b>Chicken Nuggets</b> w/ <b>Barbecue Sauce</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	17. <b>Two w/ Meat &amp; Cheese</b> Sub Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	18. <b>Stuffed Cheese Sticks</b> w/ <b>Maple Syrup</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	19. <b>Oven Baked Pork</b> Chops Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	20. <b>Hot Dog on a Bun</b> w/ <b>Cheddar Cheese</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit
21. <b>NO SCHOOL TODAY</b>	22. <b>Chicken Fingers</b> w/ <b>Barbecue Sauce</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	23. <b>Chicken Finger Sub</b> w/ <b>Cheddar Cheese</b> Seasoned Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit	This institution is an equal opportunity provider.	



## NATIVE AMERICAN OFFICE

Akron Middle School is excited to announce the garden project this summer! Amongst other herbs, the garden will also feature a 3 sister's garden consisting of corn, beans and squash. In Seneca the 3 sisters can be referred to as Johehgo or our life future sustainers. These plants thrive when planted together as the corn gives support to the beans and the squash provides weed control.



## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CLIPBOARD

Spring Sports are off and running!! Here is the latest:

Our JV Softball & Baseball teams are loaded with middle school talent. Both teams are practicing hard and getting better everyday. The JV baseball team has a lot of youth in the starting line up to start the season. Hunter Haist, Jackson Schlabach, and Gavin Miller have emerged as starters to start the season. The JV Softball team is very competitive and you see middle school starters all around the diamond!

Modified Track and Field began practicing last week. They are loaded this year with over 40 student-athletes participating! They have a lot of work to do to prepare for their first meet on Monday, May 1. You will also see some of our middle schoolers contributing points at the varsity level as well!

Modified Lacrosse also boasts a team filled with many student-athletes working to improve their game everyday. They brought home a big win against Lockport last week fueled by unselfish offense, a strong defense, and great goaltending.

Akron Lacrosse will host Clarence on Friday, May 5th in the 8th Annual Fundraiser Lacrosse Games. The JV game is scheduled for a 5:00 start with the Varsity game to follow. All proceeds benefit AFRICA STICKS - Bringing Lacrosse Equipment to Africa's Youth. There will be a Theme Basket Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and Baked Goods sale.

Be sure to check the schedule on the Akron Athletics Webpage for the most up to date information. You can also follow us on Twitter at @AkronHSSports.

***Go Tigers!!***



## CHARACTER COUNTS

For the month of May AMS will be focusing on the Character Counts Pillars of Responsibility and Citizenship. Students can earn Tiger Tickets from their teachers by demonstrating traits of these pillars!

### Responsibility:

- -Be self-disciplined.
- -Think before you act. Consider the consequences.
- -Keep on Trying.
- -Be accountable for your words, actions and attitudes.

### Citizenship:

- -Cooperate.
- -Protect the environment.
- -Make choices that protect the safety and rights of others.
- -Be a good neighbor.



## FROM THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



It's getting to be that time of year again, SUMMER! Time for family and friends to get together. Barbecues and parties can have an impact on you and your community. DON'T allow your children to have unsupervised parties.

### **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE:**

- \* IF alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are given to minors at your house
- \* IF there is unreasonable noise at your house

### **YOU MAY BE SUED IN CIVIL COURT:**

- \* IF someone is injured after obtaining alcoholic beverages or drugs at your house - even if you are not home at the time!

### **YOUR HOUSE, YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

PLEASE, stay safe and have a wonderful summer.

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## The Gab from AMS Government

From the voices of  
Stephanie Amirian and Luke Piscitelli



This May, Middle School Student Government elections will take place and we will be using actual voting booths from Erie County!

Campaigns will be held at the beginning of May until voting in lunches on May 19th.

Applications to join MS Government for the 2023-24 school year will also be sent via email in May! Keep your eyes peeled AMS!

P.S. We have set a date for the end-of-year 8th-grade semi-formal dance!

**Mark your calendars, 8th graders:**

**Friday, June 16th, 7-9 pm!!**



# MIDDLE SCHOOL OLYMPICS

## GREEK OLYMPICS CULMINATES CROSS-CURRICULAR LESSONS -

Akron Middle School sixth-grade students wrapped up their cross-curricular unit on Greece and Greek mythology with Greek Olympic Day! Classroom teams from the city-states of Argos, Athens, Megara, Corinth, and Sparta, competed in a pool noodle javelin throw to show their strength and agility, a vocabulary relay to demonstrate knowledge and recall, a boxing game for strength and power, a tongue twister game for agility and articulation, and a humming contest to show their appreciation for culture and literature. The team members from Megara were each crowned with wreaths of flowers following their overall win.





## Akron Middle School has received a "face" lift!

When the opportunity presents itself, make sure to stop by and see the new wall wrap located at the intersection of the Library/Gym hallway and the Middle School Office hallway!

