



TIGER TRACKS

AKRON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Akron Middle School Families:

It is hard to believe that the first marking period ended on November 8th. First marking period grades will be posted to our parent portal on November 21st. As we begin our second marking period (11/12/24-1/24/25), it is important that our students stay focused on their school work. I ask for your continued assistance in helping to make your child successful. The following points are important to ensure that together, we have prepared your child to do their best in school.

- Review your child's homework on a nightly basis.
- Check the parent portal to view your child's grades.
- Encourage your child to get extra help during 9th period.
- Make sure your child is in school on a regular basis.

If you have any questions regarding academic progress, feel free to reach out to your child's teachers.

We would like to encourage all of our parents/guardians to attend our Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 from 4:30pm-7:30pm and on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 from 8:00am-11:30am. We have included a link below containing the information regarding [Parent/Teacher Conferences](#) and [MS Teacher Locations](#).

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Caprio III

Letchworth State Park: 8th Grade Field Trip

On Friday October 17th, our 8th graders embarked on an unforgettable field trip to Letchworth State Park, the "Grand Canyon of the East"! From breathtaking views of the gorge to the stunning waterfalls, every moment was filled with awe and adventure.

We kicked off the day with a guided tour, where we learned about the park's rich history and diverse ecosystems. The kids were thrilled to explore the trails, take in the fresh air, and even spot some local wildlife!

Afterwards, we had a picnic lunch surrounded by gorgeous waterfall views. The laughter and smiles were contagious!



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Reporting Absences: The District has a dedicated phone line and email address in each building for a parent or guardian to report a child's absence from school. Absences should be reported as early as possible to:

Middle School (716) 542-5008
OR
MSAttendance@akronk12.org

If the absence is reported by phone, the parent or guardian will receive an automated call from the District alerting and/or confirming the student's absence. The student must present a note to the main office, signed by the parent or guardian indicating the date(s) and reason for the absence upon their return to school. If the absence is reported by email, the parent must indicate the child's name, grade level, and reason for the absence.

Attendance can be the single most important factor in a student's academic success. Akron Central School takes student attendance very seriously and works to assist students with poor attendance in both policy and practice.

November Important Dates

- 11 - Veterans Day - No School
- 12 - MS Picture Retakes - During ALL Lunches - AUD Stage
- 13 - 7:00pm Winter Athlete-Parent Athletic Meeting - AUD
- 15 - Marking Period 1 Ends
- 15 - NA History - 7th Grade during Social Studies Classes
- 18 - Winter Sports Practices begin
- 18 - 3:20-4:23pm Spanish Club - M128
- 19 - 1:00-3:00pm NA Dance Field Trip @ Roy-Hart
- 20 - 7:00pm BOE Meeting - HS Cafe
- 21 - Marking Period 1 Report Cards available online
- 21 - Ineligibility List
- 21 - Student of the Month Lunches
- 21 - CC! Ice Cream Celebration - MS Cafe during 8th period
- 26 - 4:30-7:30pm K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 27 - 8:00-11:30am K-12 Parent Teacher Conference - no students
- 11/27 - 11/28: Thanksgiving Recess - No School

DECEMBER:

- 04 - 7:00pm BOE Meeting - HS Cafe
- 10 - 1:00-2:34pm MS Holiday Concert - AUD
- 14 - 4:00-7:00pm "Light Up Akron" Community Holiday Events
- 16 - MP2 (5-week) Progress Reports available online

Girls on the Run - Every Monday/Wednesday - 5:30-7:00pm

Athletic events are subject to change. For updated info please click the link to view the [Akron Athletic Calendar](#).

MS LUNCH MENU - NOVEMBER

AMS Lunch menus can be accessed each month through our school website, www.akronschools.org or click on the picture of the [November 2024](#) menu for the link.

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



TECHNOLOGY TELECAST

Chromebooks

Get your Chromebook on the charger so you're ready for school!

If you are missing your charger, replacement chargers can be purchased for \$20 through the Technology Office in room M212. Replacement chargers are billed through MySchoolBucks or payment can be made at the Business Office.

Devices needing repairs should be brought to the Technology Department in room M212. Parents are reminded that charges for repairs are for the cost of parts only, up to \$100; there is no charge for the labor as per the Chromebook Agreement. Repairs are important to keep devices in working order so that students are prepared each day.

Troubleshooting tips and helpful tutorials are available on the school website at akronschools.org/techsupport for both students and their parents.

Questions? Call or email the Tech Dept. at (716) 542-5045 or akronitdept@akronk12.org.



The first meeting of the year for the Spanish Club will be on **Monday, November 18th, from 3:20-4:23 pm in Mrs. Bergman's classroom (M128).**

Join us to broaden your horizons, learning about the culture and customs of Spanish-speaking people and places. We would love to see you there to share fun, food, and friendship!





The Tiger's Den will be providing samples throughout the month of November for you and all your friends to try! Visit us Monday-Thursday 9th period, while supplies last, to taste test different snacks that we offer.

November samples are shown in the picture to the right!

- November 4th-8th- Dill Pickle Pop Daddy Pretzel
- November 12th-15th- Waffle Cone Muddy Bites Cookies and Cream
- November 18th-22nd- White Cheddar Pop Daddy Popcorn

We also have new apparel for purchase! We have both lightweight and heavyweight hoodies in black and light tan. Stop down and see our two new designs that were created by alumni Rob Chase.

We appreciate all of your support throughout the course of this school year! Your support will help us reward two Class of 2025 seniors with \$1000 scholarships pursuing a business related field.

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.



STRESS AWARENESS DAY

The first Wednesday in November is International Stress Awareness Day

This day raises awareness about stress and its effects.

Some side effects of stress include, but are not limited to:

- Aches and pains
- Chest pain or a feeling like your heart is racing
- Exhaustion or trouble sleeping
- Headaches, dizziness or shaking
- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- Muscle tension or jaw clenching
- Stomach or digestive problems

Below is a short list of ways you can help reduce stress:

- Deep breathing exercises
- Regular movement/exercise
- Reduce caffeine/sugar
- Journal/meditate
- Talk to other about stress/feelings

For more information on this day or how to better manage stress, please visit:

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/stress-awareness-day/>

Congratulation

TO OUR
**AMAZON GIFT CARD
WINNERS**

KINDNESS

OCTOBER WINNERS
Andrew Borden
Gia Dispenza

NOVEMBER 4th WINNER
Adam Kelley

NOVEMBER
CDE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE
Warm Clothing Drive

- WE WILL COLLECT WINTER CLOTHING OF ALL SIZES FOR ANY AGE AND ANY GENDER INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: JACKETS, VESTS, HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS, SCARVES, WINTER BOOTS
- AS YOUR FAMILY BRINGS OUT THE WARM LAYERS FROM LAST YEAR, CHECK TO SEE IF YOU HAVE OUTGROWN IT, IF YOU HAVE, BRING IT TO SCHOOL.
- WE WILL DONATE GENTLY USED WARM CLOTHING TO THE BUFFALO CITY MISSION TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE IN NEED OR MAY BE HOMELESS.
- PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO BE SURE IT IS OK TO DONATE.
- EMPTY POCKETS AND WASH.
- BRING IT TO MRS. O'MALLEY'S ROOM

Complete this reflection to earn 5 Tiger Tickets!



November



Akron Middle School
Student of the Month



We would like to congratulate the following students on being chosen for October's Student of the Month.

SUBJECT	OCTOBER
Applied Technology	Connor Cholnik
ELA	Pippa Schneider
Math 6/6H	J.D. Reitz
Reading/Writing 6	Tucker Horsefall
Science 6	Anthony Congdon
Social Studies 6	Scarlett Ranney
ELA 7	Henry Fiegl
Engineering, Mechanics & Materials (EMM)	Cristiana King
Math 7	Jenny Yang
Math 7H	Drew Borden
Science 7	Gabby Wilson
Seneca 7	Dahleeyah Reuben-Abrams
Social Studies 7	Mallory Greiner & Troy Matthies
Spanish 7	Alex PeQueen
ELA 8	Eliana Bruce
Math 8	Lilly Abrams
Science 8	Clara Bogdan
Seneca 8	Stella Poodyr
SS 8	Kylie Karmazyn
Spanish 8	Maddie Odachowski
ALC	Brayden Sienkiewicz
Academic Achievement	Brayden Sienkiewicz
Art 7	Aleece O'Malley
Band	Kacie Murray
CDE	Jillian Bower & Ctac Murray
Chorus	MJ Gehl
Health 7/8	Brady Harrington
Music 7	Rockee Poodyr
Orchestra	Lyla Pechuman
PE 6/7/8	Darel Matthies
Reading AIS	Gianna Senko
SRO 7 th Grade	April Davis, Adam Kelley & Bella MacRae

All students received a delicious Guv's sub on Wednesday, October 30, 2024!

School Resource Officer

November brings the end of the first marking periods and trimesters throughout the school. It is also the time of year when the leaves have mostly fallen, we are thinking cooler weather, warmer foods, and busy holidays approaching. During all of this, let's not forget what unique potential dangers our kiddos face in their everyday lives, in and out of school.

Things to always consider, and communicate:

Safety at home: Children should feel, and be safe at home.

- Clear away clutter
- Keep cleaners and medications out of reach
- Test fire alarms and have a plan

Safety in the car:

- Everyone is required by law to wear a seat belt
- Ensure your kiddo is in the correct car seat or booster seat if they are still required to sit in one

Food Safety:

- Break or cut up large foods to make them easier to eat
- Monitor what they are eating and drinking

Water Safety:

- Monitor kiddos in and around swimming areas or water sources
- Provide adequate swimming and safety materials

Enjoy the good times, stay on track, reach out for resources and help if needed, and communicate with your kiddos!
Go Tigers!

The Six Pillars of Character..



Congratulations!

During the month of October, students, faculty and staff focused on the Pillar: Respect. The following students were selected and enjoyed a CC! Ice Cream Celebration on Wednesday, October 30, 2024.

8 th Grade	Asa Blackchief Carson Flanders River Hallett Darel Matthies
7 th Grade	Grayson Baehr Henry Fiegl MJ Gehl Noelle Gerstung Keeghan Haist
6 th Grade	Pippa Schneider Kaleb Stone Kaylie Wilson Liberty Wolfe

TRUSTWORTHINESS



For the month of November, Akron Middle School and Character Counts is focusing on the pillar Trustworthiness. Students can earn Tiger Tickets from their teachers by demonstrating the following:

- tell the truth, knowing that a consequence might result.
- are willing to try again even if they do not do as well as they would like the first time
- return borrowed things and in the proper condition as they were received
- Keep promises and do not tell secrets

The Gab from AMS Government!

From the voices of Cammy Snyder and Eliza Koopman

Hey AMS!! Recently, Akron Middle School had a PB and Jelly drive competition. We collected over 100 jars and donated to the Akron Food pantry! Mrs. Russell's homeroom won with a grand total of 44 jars! Their homeroom had a donut party, yum! AMS also hosted our Halloween dance for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. It was super successful and super fun! We danced the night away.

As November approaches, we are grateful for the people and different types of opportunities AMS offers us!



Technology Leadership Seminar

Technology Leadership Seminar is a course open to 7th and 8th grade students with an interest in learning new technological skills and talent for working with younger children. We call it "Tech Buddies". This fall, Ayla Jagielo, Mac Jonathan, Aleece O'Malley, Anna Shpakovsky, Taylor Swendsen, and Gabriella Wilson have been working hard to learn how to code Ozobots and Root Robots and 3D printing with Tinkercad in order to teach it to elementary kids. Elementary teachers sign up for workshop sessions with these Tech Buddies as a field trip to the middle school. Workshops taught so far this fall include left from right coding with kindergarten and 1st grade, coding the alphabet with 1st grade, and coding in outer space and constellations with 5th graders. We look forward to more coding with robots and 3D printing ornaments later this year! *Tech Leadership Seminar meets every other day, is a 1/2 year elective offered in both the spring and fall, and is not credit bearing.

