

**To: AISD Board of Trustees
Dr. David Belding, Superintendent**

From: Mrs. Karen Wright, Principal-AMS

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Subject: Board Communications

5th Grade ELAR ~ Cardwell and Gaines

We are wrapping up the school year focusing on narrative and expository essays that will be included in their official writing folders. These folders will be organized and sent onto sixth grade. The folder will follow them all through middle school, taking them home at the end of eighth grade as a keepsake.

Students recently completed their final research project focusing on animal concepts. They completed a brochure focusing on science concepts they have been learning about in science this year. The teachers are hoping to help students better understand and retain knowledge about adaptations, food webs, and the transfer of energy to name a few of the concepts they focused on.

6th Grade ELAR

Students have been working on specific skills, reviewing academic vocabulary, poetry, drama, dictionary skills and review reading strategies.

6th Grade Advanced ELAR

Students have been also working on specific skills, reviewing academic vocabulary, poetry, drama, dictionary skills and review reading strategies.

Math

5th Grade-

Following a successful first administration of STAAR, 5th graders are “getting their feet wet” on a few 6th grade TEKS. They have been introduced to and have practiced working with: negative numbers, exponents, percentages, and area of parallelograms, triangles, and trapezoids! They are definitely enjoying some “new/different” math and getting very excited about moving up to 6th grade! Those who will be taking the 2nd administration of STAAR have been working so hard practicing every day and are ready to shine next week!

SCIENCE

5th Grade

Following the STAAR test on 5/18 the students will be answering a variety of problems by constructing models to solve the solutions. Algae has taken over an Ocean, construct a piece of equipment to remove the slime from the ocean. They will be working on their measurements by constructing tiny houses. Also, they will be testing their scientific method by determining which brand of water bottle will have the most successful flips.

8th Grade Science

The students are finishing a unit on ecology which covers the interaction of the living (biotic) and nonliving (abiotic) factors in the environment. They are also preparing for the STAAR Science test by reviewing the content they were taught this year.

SOCIAL STUDIES

7th Grade

Texas History has been a blast this year with new innovative projects. The students have been working vigorously at completing projects through different sources of multimedia such as powtoons, Glogster, quizlet, google classroom, and quizstar. Coach Wilson and Coach Roos have worked to construct new projects that invite collaboration among learners that conjugate upon prior knowledge of past and current events. We have been inundated with projects that show a deeper understanding of concepts that will lead into a easy transition to US History. [Example of a Powtoon: How a bill becomes a Law by Bailey Clouse \(click on picture\)](#)



ATHLETICS

BOYS ATHLETICS

Boys athletics begin to wrap up the year with 7 on 7 football and testing. The boys 7 on 7 teams completed against area schools (Krum, Sanger, and Pilot Point) and showed the coaches some promising things going into the summer. Athletes will be testing in the weight rooms and on the field to establish maxes going into the summer workouts. Athletes are excited about the upcoming football season as they will be supporting new uniforms and workout attire through their effort in fundraising this year. Big things are happening at Aubrey Middle School.

Counselors

The Counselors are working with teachers and students to input class requests and prepare the schedule for next year. The 4th Graders are scheduled to tour the Middle School this month, and the 8th Graders are scheduled to tour the High School. We are continuing to work with individual students and groups for various things such as social skills and relational aggression.

5th Grade Camp ~ Incoming 5th Graders to AMS

Fifth grade team is communicated and working with fourth grade teachers to communicate information about next year's 5th grade camp field trip to Collin County Adventure Camp in Anna, Texas. The team hosted an informational parent's night at AMS on April 24. A camp rep was on site to

inform parents about the camp's programs and amenities. Families are encouraged to begin making payments for next year's camp (\$175 per student, includes 3 camp shirts). Parents are participated in a first ever lottery drawing to pick chaperones. The chaperones will be picked on Aug. 24 based on numbers and needs. Picking chaperones closer to the camp dates will allow the teachers to have proper coverage for all cabin groups, and allow new families moving in our area an opportunity to possibly attend the camp with their child.

Rookie Camp ~ Incoming 5th Graders to AMS

In addition, fifth grade teachers are working on a fun event they will host at the beginning of the school year next year for incoming fifth graders. Rookie Camp is scheduled for Friday, August 10 from 9:00-10:30. It will provide students with a personalized visit to the campus, classrooms, and give them a chance to meet their teachers. AMS cheerleaders will begin the day with a performance and a dress code do's and don'ts fashion show. They will also travel with small groups informing and answering any questions they may have.

Stuco ~ Holliger and Cardwell

Elections are coming up soon for officers for the 2018-2019 school year. We are finalizing orders for the picnic tables for an outdoor learning space using funds raised this school year. Finally, we are discussing two t-shirts for next year. One that will be sold at the beginning of the school year. If this is approved, Stuco would like to give every 5th grader who attends Rookie Camp a free t-shirt welcoming them to AMS. The second t-shirt would be a STAAR t-shirt that would be used to motivate and increase school spirit in the spring. Funds raised from this would be used for additional motivational treats for students on STAAR testing day, such as pencils and positive notes with a treat.

Agriculture

Shop projects, planting plants
careers- poster projects

Library

Students with clear library records will be allowed to check out books for the summer on May 29 (up to 5 books with a grown up's permission).