

DATES TO

REMEMBER

- **FFA Show Meeting Nov 8, 6:30 pm @ AHS**
- **“Cookies with the Counselor” - Nov 16 6-7 pm in AMS Cafeteria**
- **6th Grade Medieval Times Field Trip—Nov 17**
- **Thanksgiving Break: Nov 22—26**
- **7th Grade TAKS Writing Practice Dec 1**
- **8th Grade EXPLORE test Dec 1**
- ***The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* performance Dec 7**
- **AHS Band Concert (with AMS 8th grade) Dec 9**
- **6th/7th grade Band Christmas Concert Dec 14**
- **Fall Semester Exams Dec 16 & 17**
- **Christmas Break Dec 20-Jan 3**
- **UIL District Competition Jan 6 & 7**
- **TAKS Practice testing Jan 5, 6, 7, 10 & 11**
- **Teacher & Staff Development Jan 14—Student Holiday**
- **School Holiday Jan 17**
- **Yearbook order forms due Jan 31**

AMS Says “Peace Out to Drugs”

October 18—22 was Red Ribbon and Spirit Week at AMS. The students and the teachers had a great time participating in sparkle, twin, nerd and hat days. Thursday was spirit day with everyone showing their Aubrey spirit. The pep rally was a hit with special activities such as the cheerleaders, Spirit Squad and teachers dancing to Thriller, the PTO Pie Eating Contest and the announcement of the Red Ribbon Week Contest winners.

For participating in activities, students received a ticket for daily prize drawings. Students also had the chance to enter a poster, essay and brochure contest. The winners were:

6th Grade Poster: Kaitlyn Wofford

7th Grade Essays: Hailey Davis, Riley Hendricks, Mikayla Jackson, Elizabeth Meza

8th Grade Brochure: Jaicee Schuler

The students and the teachers all had a great week learning that life can be fun drug free!

Semester Exam Days December 16 & 17

December 16 & 17 are Fall Semester Exam days for Aubrey Middle School. On those days, students will be taking assessments on information covered in the fall semester. This is an adjustment for our 6th graders and often catches parents unaware. AMS students need to be in attendance on those two days to complete exams. On these days, students will be released at 1:00.

Report Cards for the 3rd grading period will include the semester exam grades and an average for the first semester. Those reports will be mailed during the week of January 3.

Cookies with the Counselor

Our next “Cookies with the Counselor” parent meeting is scheduled for November 16 from 6—7 pm in the AMS Cafeteria. We will discuss ways to help your child handle social relationships, teaching responsibility and motivating your student.

Current Events at AMS

For information on events going on at AMS, please don't forget to check our website often. We try to keep dates and times posted there for parent convenience. You may also access web pages for your students' teachers.

Parents may also utilize the Parent Portal to check their students' grades. If you do not have your Parent Portal account number, please come by and see Mrs. Erbskorn in the Middle School Office. Those access codes are only given out in person in order to protect privacy.

FFA News

If your student is showing Goats, Pigs, Cattle, Sheep, plan to show Rabbits or Horses at County Fair, or are interested in participating in Public Speaking contests at the State Level, there is a MANDATORY FFA MEETING on November 8 at 6:30 pm in the Aubrey High School Cafeteria. The student and parent must be in attendance at the meeting. Parents need to bring the student's Social Security Number and their checkbook. Please check your email for further updates.

If your student is an FFA Member and you as a parent are not receiving emails from Mrs. Gilbreath, please contact her ASAP at jgilbreath@aubreyisd.net.

UIL and Communications

Students have registered for UIL Competition and are working hard to prepare for their events. Our UIL District Meet will be January 6 & 7.

The Advanced Communications class is working on a performance of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson. They will perform on the evening of December 7. At the performance, they will be selling Christmas Yard Art and will have free apple cider.

AMS Band News

Our AMS Bands have several upcoming events.

December 2—7th/8th grade Band Ensembles will perform at the Christmas Tree Lighting

December 9—AHS Band Concert (including AMS 8th graders) in the high school gym

December 14—6th/7th grade Christmas Concert in the AMS Cafeteria

8th Grade EXPLORE test

On December 1, all 8th graders will take the EXPLORE test. The test is part of the ACT testing system and tests areas of English, Math, Reading and Science. Students will also answer questions about their future plans. The content of the test is tied closely to the ACT College Entrance Exam. The results from the exam will be used to help students plan for high school and beyond and explore options for their future.