

January  
2013

# AMS Board Communications

Happy New  
Year

## 8th Grade Math:

Mrs. Thetford's 8th grade math and 7th grade adv. math are starting the new year off with Linear Equations. This includes Proportional versus, Non-Proportional Relationships and Sequences.

## 6th Grade Reading:

Mrs. Philipp's class is beginning the new year with a class novel. They will be reading Number the Stars by Lois Lowry. It is a historical fiction which takes place during World War II in Denmark. It encompasses many TEKS and will be a long study about the friendship between a Jewish girl and a Danish girl. Students will be traveling to Denmark and various locations via the internet, Google Earth, and YouTube for real world experiences.

## PTO:

Over the Holiday Season the PTO was in the giving spirit. They got donations to help two families in need. They were able to give 3 gift cards and \$110 to each family. Due to wonderful vendor support they were also able to give each teacher a Christmas gift plus some extra little goodies. Their next project is Valentine Candy Grams.



## AG & FFA

**8th Grade Ag** is starting the semester with Livestock identification of cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs. They will be learning about the breed characteristics as well as meat and bi-products that they produce.

**7th Grade Ag** will be learning financial management. They will learn how to manage a checkbook, shop for groceries and as well as buy a house and car.

**FFA** will be busy this semester. They will be attending Ft Worth Stock Show. They will also be traveling to San Antonio, San Angelo and finishing up their livestock adventure in Houston. Aubrey FFA Livestock Show and Sale will be April 23rd.



# AMS News

January 2013

## Welcome Back

Welcome back for the Spring Semester. We hope everyone had a restful break. Now is a great time to set new goals for the second semester. This is a busy and exciting time of the year as we work to finish out this year and begin planning for next year. Please check our website often for updates on activities and events.

## UIL

Our academic UIL teams have been working hard preparing for competition. On February 15, they will travel to Melissa to compete. We have teams in a variety of events from chess puzzle to oral reading. We wish them **GOOD LUCK!!** Team members, if you haven't given Mrs. Rosar money for your t-shirt, it is past due! Please see her.

## Tutorials

January 30 will begin our after school tutorials for the Spring. Tutorials will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30–4:30. You will be notified if your child is required to attend these tutorials. The tutorials are mandatory. Bus transportation will be provided for students. Tutorials will meet until April 18.

## Registration for Next Year

At the end of January, Mrs. Gillum will be handing out Registration (class choice) forms for next year's 7th & 8th graders. It is very important that these choices are made carefully! The master schedule for next year is built around the choices that the students make.

For students who will take advanced classes next year (even if they took some this year), there will be an informational meeting on February 4 at 6:30 pm in the AMS Cafeteria. We will discuss qualifications for advanced classes, summer assignments and how those classes affect high school course planning. Please attend if your child is interested in advanced classes.

## 7th Grade Field Trip

The 7th Grade Field Trip to Austin and San Antonio is scheduled for May 8–10. Students should already have completed some of the required paperwork and started making payments. If you have not completed paperwork, there will be a note included with this report card. Please contact the front office if you have any questions. We need to get accurate counts on the number of students and chaperones so that we can begin finalizing reservations for busses and tours. See the AMS website for forms and payment schedule.

## 6th Grade Field Trip

The 6th Grade Field Trip to the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is fast approaching. The trip is March 1st & 2nd. Money for the trip is due January 25. Please contact Mrs. Rosar if you have any questions.

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# EVENTS

## January

Jan. 18—Staff Development—No School for students

Jan. 21—School Holiday

Jan. 25—6th Grade Field Trip forms & Money Due

Jan. 30—Tutorials begin on Wednesday & Thursday

Jan. 31 & Feb. 2—Girls District Basketball Tournament in Anna

## February

Feb. 1—7th Grade Field Trip 3rd payment due

Feb. 4—Advanced Classes information meeting @ 6:30 pm in AMS Cafeteria

Feb. 7 & 9—Boys District Basketball Tournament

Feb. 12—Valentine's Dance 3:30—5:00

Feb. 15—Academic UIL Competition

Feb. 21—6th Grade Field Trip Meeting for chaperones

## March

March 1 & 2—6th Grade Field Trip to Perot Museum

March 11—15—Spring Break

March 29—Bad Weather Make-up Day

## April

April 2—7th Grade Writing STAAR (Day 1) and 8th Grade Math STAAR

April 3—7th Grade Writing STAAR (Day 2) and 8th Grade Reading STAAR

April 23—6th & 7th Grade Math STAAR

April 24—6th & 7th Grade Reading STAAR and 8th Grade Science STAAR

April 25—8th Grade Social Studies STAAR

## May

May 8—10—7th Grade Field Trip to Austin & San Antonio

May 14—8th Grade Math STAAR Retest

May 15—8th Grade Reading STAAR Retest

May 27—School Holiday

May 30 & 31—Semester Exams & Early Release Days

