

ALGONQUIN MIDDLE
SCHOOL

HOME OF THE INDIANS

PRINCIPAL:
ANDREW REINKE

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:
ERIK JENSEN

Special points of interest:

- Principal's
Welcome

Important Dates:

August 8:

Incoming 6th Grade &
New Families Picnic

August 9:

7th & 8th Grade
Backpack/Supply
Drop-Off

August 16:

First Day of School for
Students (Full Day)

August 24:

6th Grade Open House

September 1:

7th & 8th Grade Open
House

AMS Parent Newsletter

Summer

July 2016

Principal's Welcome

Welcome to the AMS Summer Newsletter and the 2016-2017 School Year. I am proud to be serving as the building principal for Algonquin Middle School. As principal I have the honor and privilege to work with staff members that are highly passionate and committed. Our staff values the importance in working with parents and preparing students for successful futures.

We continue to expose and engage our students in rigorous curriculum that supports readiness for the next level and the demands of our ever-changing world. In believing that all students can learn and should be provided with a variety of opportunities, this school year should leave our students challenged, encouraged, and empowered.

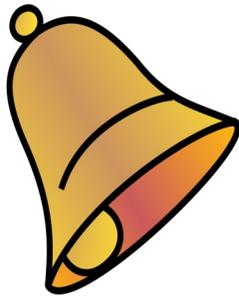
The school year is just around the corner and I look forward to meeting you and working in collaboration as we continue to build a culture of high expectations, open communication, and positive attitudes. Please take the time to enjoy the last few weeks of summer with your family and friends.



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Memories
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Important Dates

- August 8—Incoming 6th Grade and New Families to AMS Picnic and building walk-through (12:00 pm—5:00 pm)
- August 9—7th & 8th Grade Back Pack and Supply Drop-Off (12:00 pm—5:00 pm)
- August 16—Students first day of attendance (Full Day)
- August 24—6th Grade Open House (6:30 p.m.)
- September 1—7th & 8th Grade Open House (6:30 p.m.)



Bell Times

On regular school days, students enter the building at 8:35a.m. Students who enter AMS prior to 8:35 a.m. are either participating in the breakfast program, working with a staff member (prearranged), or participating in a school activity. The school day runs from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Regular School Day:

1st Period Begins at 8:45 a.m.

Late Start School Day:

1st Period Begins at 10:45 a.m.

Middle School Late Start Dates

Below are the dates District 300 has identified as “Late Start” dates for our students and staff. Dates are subject to change:



9/2/2016	4/28/2017
9/23/2016	5/12/2017
10/7/2016	
10/31/2016	
12/9/2016	
2/17/2017	
3/2/2017	
4/13/2017	

Transportation



Algonquin Middle School does not assign bus routes and does not have the authority to allow students to ride a bus other than the one that is assigned to them. All pick-up and drop-off times, route assignments, and policy inquiries should be directed to Durham Transportation at 847-658-3262.

Please do not hesitate to contact Assistant Principal, Erik Jensen, with any bus concerns regarding student behavior.

Main Office Notes

Early Releases: Please have your child bring a parent note to the attendance secretary in advance of a known early release. We require parents to sign their child out of the main office prior to leaving. Please note that we will not call your student out of class until you enter the main office.

Outside Food: Due to food allergies, any outside food cannot be brought into school to share with other students. This includes birthday cakes, special treats, and/or lunches like McDonalds or pizza.

Office Delivery Procedures: Each day we receive numerous parent drop-offs in the school office for students that have forgotten their homework, lunches, PE uniforms, and school supplies. As a result of our commitment to academic excellence and to avoid interrupting the educational environment, we will not call the classroom to notify the student. The student will need to check with the office in between classes or before lunch to see if a parent has dropped off a delivery.



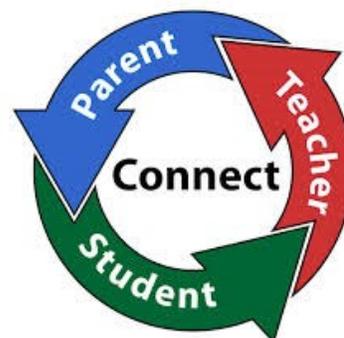
Nurse's Office Notes

Health/Nurse Requirements: Physicals are due by August 1st for incoming 6th grade students and immunizations for students are due by the first day of school. Physicals can be turned into the nurse's office or the main office. If you need additional forms, please stop by the AMS main office to pick one up. Students who play interscholastic sports for AMS are required to have a physical prior to trying-out for the sport.

Please note: Students who are not compliant with the required documents will not be able to attend class until the nurse has all the required documents. Please contact the AMS main office with any questions.

Open House for Parents/Guardians

Open House has been scheduled on two nights this year and is designed for parents only. Open House for sixth grade parents will be held on Wednesday, August 24th from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Our seventh and eighth grade Open House will be held on Thursday, September 1st from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. The evening is designed for parents to meet the teachers on the team and learn specific information about their child's classes and team. More information will follow as the school year begins.



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Coffee Talk with the Principal

In effort to continue the partnership with our community and build a culture that focuses on parent and guardian exposure/involvement in the educational setting, I have set aside time for our AMS parents and guardians to come to our building and have coffee with the principal. This time has been designed to be structured and topic oriented with the purpose of engaging in educational rich discussion. Below, I have outlined the dates and times that we will be hosting "Coffee Talk with the Principal." As we get closer to each one of the dates, an RCS message will be emailed out to all parents as a reminder of the date and time, directions on how to sign-up, and the topic for discussion.

Date and Time (Subject to Change):

10/21/2016 @ 9:00 a.m.

12/2/2016 @ 9:00 a.m.

2/10/2017 @ 9:00 a.m.

4/7/2017 @ 9:00 a.m.

Quote:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

-Nelson Mandela



We look forward to seeing all of you and working with all of you this school year! Enjoy the rest of your summer!



Community Unit School District