

Mustang Messenger

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Amanda Elementary/ (513) 420-4542

Dear Amanda Learning Community

Thank you for a great start to the 2010-2011 school year! It is so wonderful to see the happy faces of children returning to Amanda and to meet the many new students who have entered our school this year.

As you may know, we are celebrating the rise in the Amanda test scores from last spring! We have moved up a category in our rating and our intention is to keep moving up! I believe our continued focus on our MegaSkills will help in this journey. The skills we will be covering in September are:

- Responsibility -It is our desire that all Amanda students demonstrate this skill in all areas of their life. This involves being responsible for their academic work at school and at home, being responsible for making good behavior choices at all times, and being a responsible member of their family.
- Confidence - This is a powerful skill that many of our children are lacking. When students do not believe in themselves and in their academic abilities the results can be poor grades and failing test scores. As we continue our work together, let us use every opportunity we have to bolster our students' confidence and instill a sense of "Yes, I can."
- Motivation - An education can lead the way for our students to achieve their dreams but they must be motivated to do the necessary work that is required.
- Initiative - Many times students need to take care of their own needs and show personal initiative in their schoolwork by doing homework without being told or letting a teacher know when they need help or do not understand a lesson.
- Perseverance - Teaching our children to persevere is an important lesson about life. Sticking with a task until it is completed and continuing to try until one is successful requires perseverance. The thrill of victory is always worth the journey (perseverance)!

Home/school communication is the key that allows all children to experience success at school. Please make note of the following items that will be happening during the next three weeks:

- Wednesday, September 1 - Early Dismissal. School will dismiss at 2:45 pm.
- Monday, September 6 - No school, Labor Day.

- Thursday, September 16 - ***Back 2 School Night***, 6:30-8 pm. This is an evening designed for parents and grandparents to come to school, meet teachers, and receive information and expectations about their child's grade level: what students will be learning, classroom procedures, homework, and discipline plan. We will begin this event in the gym and then move to your child's classroom.

As a way to know the expectations we have for students, parents and staff, I recommend that all families review the 2010-2011 Parent/Student Handbook.

We greatly appreciate the support that we receive from our Amanda families and friends. Together we can continue our vision:

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Sincerely,
Dr. Candy McIntosh-Dillon

ALL DISTRICT EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER:

- Sept. 1: Early dismissal, Middie Volleyball at MHS 7:00 vs. Edgewood
- Sept. 2: Middie Girls Soccer at MHS 7:00 vs. Talawanda
- Sept. 3: Middie Football at Barnitz Field 7:30 vs. Troy
- Sept. 4: Middie Girls Soccer at MHS 12:00 vs. Valleyview
- Sept. 8: Middie Girls Soccer at MHS 7:00 vs. West Carrollton
- Sept. 13: Amanda PTO Meeting 4-5
- Sept. 14: Middie Girls Soccer at MHS 7:00 vs. Lakota West
- Sept. 15: Early dismissal, Middie Boys Soccer at MHS 7:00 vs. Lakota East,
Middie Volleyball at MHS 7:00 vs. Lakota East
- Sept. 20: Middie Volleyball at MHS 7:00 vs. Springboro
- Sept. 21: Middie Girls Soccer at MHS 7:00 vs. Hamilton
- Sept. 23: Middie Boys Soccer at MHS 7:00 vs. Mason, Middie Volleyball at MHS 7:00 vs. Mason
- Sept. 24: Midterms go home, Middie Football at Barnitz Field 7:30 vs. Hamilton
- Sept. 25: Middie Girls Soccer 3:00, Boys Soccer at MHS 7:00 vs. Northwest
- Sept. 27: Middie Volleyball at MHS 7:00 vs. Northwest (Volley for the Cure Night)
- Sept. 28: Middie Girls Soccer at MHS 7:00 vs. Princeton
- Sept. 30: Middie Boys Soccer at MHS 7:00 vs. Colerain, Middie Volleyball at MHS 7:00 vs. Colerain

5th grade choir is having tryouts this week. Their first performance is Oct. 19th at PAC night.

REMINDERS OF SCHOOL PROCEDURES:

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call to report that information to Mrs. Higgins in the office. When the child returns to school send a note with the date and the child's teachers name and an explanation of why the child was absent.