



Alexander Middle School

“In the middle -- kids come first.”

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You know the saying, “April showers bring May flowers”. Our students have blossomed and flowered over the course of the school year. It is truly amazing how much they grow and develop in just one year. With having students as young as fourth grade all the way up to eighth grade here in our building you can really see the amount of physical and emotional growth that takes place in a short amount of time. With that said and with May here we have to start thinking about sending our eighth grade students onto the high school. This is always a time of mixed emotions for us and our students as we look at closing another school year. Our eighth graders are eager to spread their wings and take on more responsibility, but along with this they also have many insecurities about moving onto the high school. The 8th grade Promotion Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m. in our AMS gymnasium. Following the ceremony there will be a social in our cafetorium, students and parents are welcome to stay and celebrate this special event.

In April Mr. Parks and Mr. Baldeshwiler took two teams of seventh and eighth grade students to a Junior High Math Contest in Auburndale. There were 16 teams representing 9 different school districts with each school fielding up to two teams if they wished. Each team from AMS consisted of two eighth grade and two seventh grade students. Team 1 members consisted of Molly Warner, Ryan Darr, Ajit Deshpande and Lianna Schwalenberg. Team 2 members consisted of Laura Krings, Brie Meddaugh, Ryan Liebherr and Shannon Books. AMS Team 1 finished in fourth place overall, just narrowly missing bringing home a trophy, only two points separated 3rd and 4th place, and six points between 2nd and 4th place. AMS Team 2 finished in 13th place. Seventh grader Ajit Deshpande tied for 1st place overall. We are very proud of all of these students for representing our district and all of their hard work.

On Saturday, May 2 Chrystal Booher, Hailey Humphrey and Hayden Jaborek, three of our eighth grade students sang at the State Solo Ensemble Festival at the University of Stevens Point. All three students received first place ratings for their performances. Hailey and Chrystal also sang a duet which received a first place rating. Way to go!

Please mark your calendars with the following up and coming events:
May 28 – 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m., NHS Auditorium
May 29 – 4th grade field trip to Madison
June 2 – 6th, 7th & 8th grade Choir Concert @ 7:00 p.m., NHS Auditorium
June 11 – Last Day of School
June 11 – 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony @ 6:00 p.m., Gymnasium

* September 1 - AMS 2009-2010 Open House