



ALEXANDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

"In the middle – kids come first."

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Happy 2010 everyone! AMS is back from holiday break full of winter white energy ready to tackle 2010 with gusto. On Friday, January 8th our AMS MVPS (Motivated Volunteer Parent Support Group) hosted our first activity night of the school year for our sixth grade. The activity was the Disney-Pixar movie *Up*, which was shown from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in our multipurpose room with popcorn and drinks free of charge. The next activity night will be Friday, January 29 for our fourth grade from 2:45 – 5:00 p.m. with lots of fun and games planned. Please encourage your student to participate in these great free activity nights. It is a great opportunity for them to socialize with their fellow classmates and form new friendships.

The Level I Forensics Competition will be held on January 18th from 3:30 – 8:00 p.m. here at AMS. This year AMS has 15 sixth grade students, 2 seventh grade students and 7 eighth grade students participating. Students will be competing in the following categories: Demonstration Speech, Poetry, News Reporting, Readers Theatre and Play Acting. Any student that earns 2 or 3 "A's" from the judges will be invited to advance to the Level II Forensics Competition which will be held here at AMS on February 22.

We would like to thank the special people who have donated hats, mittens and scarves to our students in need of warm outerwear. Our fourth and fifth grade students who are outside for a longer period of time for recess truly appreciate being able to stop into our office to ask for a pair of mittens or a warm hat on these cold winter days. We would also like to remind those of you who enjoy walking that our school is a nice warm place to walk during these icy cold winter days. We just ask that you stop in by our office and get a visitors badge and then you are welcome to stroll our wonderfully decorated hallways which are decorated with some very fine student art work.

May 2010 bring you all good health, lots of happiness and many fun activities with your children.

Important Dates to Remember:

January 11 – Band Concert, 7:00 p.m., NHS Auditorium

January 25 – No School – Record Keeping Day for Staff

January 26 – First Day of Third Quarter

January 29 – 4th Grade Activity Night, 2:45 – 5:00 p.m.

February 5 – Author Alan St. Jean Visit

February 15 – No School – In-service for Staff

February 19 – 5th Grade Activity Night, 2:45 – 5:00 p.m.

February 22 – Forensic II Competition