



Alexander Middle School

“In the middle -- kids come first.”

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Congratulations to the chorus and band students who participated in the SCC Solo & Ensemble Festival held here at AMS on Saturday, March 1. Approximately 75 AMS students participated in the event and earned many first and second place ratings. What a wonderful way to bring in a new month.

One of our former AMS students, Samantha Krone, who is currently in the eleventh grade at NHS, has been selected by having a piece of her artwork chosen for reproduction through the W.T.Graham Youth Art Award program. Sale of reproductions of her artwork through the Internet and perhaps catalogs will help fund and support the Youth Art Award program. Also, our school along with the Wisconsin Art Education Association will both receive 5% of the net sale price for every production that is sold. Congratulations Samantha. Thank you for sharing your wonderful talent. You can see a framed reproduction of her artwork in our AMS IMC.

Governor Doyle has developed a program called the Wisconsin Covenant. He wants all 8th graders to know that if they work hard in school, college is an option. Eighth graders are asked to sign the Wisconsin Covenant Pledge. Students who successfully meet the aspects of the pledge are named as Wisconsin Covenant Scholars and can expect to have a place in a Wisconsin post-secondary school and financial assistance if needed. Eighth grade students must sign the pledge between April 14, 2008 and September 30, 2008. For more information go to: www.wisconsin covenant.wi.gov

A change has been made to our school calendar to make up the snow day our district used on Wednesday, January 30. May 2 will now be an attendance day for students. Please be sure to make that change on your calendars.

Plans are in the making for a Second Annual AMS Dodgeball Tournament hosted by our AMS parents group. On Saturday, March 29, from 9 – 5 p.m., a Scholastic Book Fair will be held on the stage along with a dodgeball tournament for students in 5th grade thru adults. The deadline for registering a team is March 14. Registration forms can be found in the NHS and AMS offices. The public is welcome to attend and enjoy the book fair, great concessions, and lots of flying dodgeballs.

Special activities are planned for Middle Level Education Week, March 10-14. The week will begin with a 7th & 8th grade Lock-In on Friday, March 7 sponsored by our AMS MVPs. A Middle Level Trivia Contest is planned with the AMS Team Traveling Trophy awarded to the winning grade. We will have the honor of having author Alan St. Jean visit our school on March 10 & 11. Our student council members have organized grade level competition dress-up-days and ice cream cones for everyone to conclude the week. We look forward to these fun-filled activities and hope our students enjoy participating as team level players.

As you know school will not be in session from March 17 through March 21. School will resume on Monday, March 24. We wish all of our staff and students a restful and refreshing spring break.