



Alexander Middle School

“In the middle -- kids come first.”

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

As we near the end of this school year, we also prepare to say “good-bye” to our 8th grade students who will be heading to the high school next year. Our eighth grade promotion will be held on Thursday, June 5, at 6:00 p.m., followed by a reception until 8:00 p.m. Students will participate in a promotion practice and award ceremony during the morning of June 5.

The student council at AMS has been working with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to organize a Great Strides event in Nekoosa. The event will be held on May 17 at 10a.m. at the Nekoosa High School track, walkers will be raising pledges beginning May 2. At AMS, May 12-16 students will be participating in different events to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation including a hat day (students will pay \$1 to wear their hat in school that day), a pie in the face contest, and a CF pin up competition. Cystic fibrosis (CF) affects over 30,000 children and young adults in the United States.

What if you told your child that you would be leaving your home and taking a 2,000 mile trip across the west over mile-high mountains and through searing deserts? That you would only be taking some food, blankets, and a few changes of clothing and the trip would take almost a year? That you would not have a map and encounter wild vicious animals, blizzards, poisoned water, and starvation? This is what it would have been like for people heading into the American West in the 1800's! On Friday, May 16 the fifth graders will be having a fun-filled day with activities from the west! Some activities that are in the works will include a horse presentation, tug-o-war, cow chip toss, and some good old foot stompin' line dancing! A special lunch consisting of BBQ, baked beans, and chips will be provided. This has been a memorable tradition for many years on the fifth grade wing!

On Friday, May 23rd the fourth graders will take their annual field trip to Madison. The buses will leave bright and early to make a 9:00 a.m. tour of the state capitol. The tour is rich with information on Wisconsin history and government. The beautiful architecture and artwork of the capitol is also impressive. Students are also excited to visit the Henry Vilas Zoo in Madison. Admission is free but this experience is priceless. Students bring sack lunches and enjoy a relaxing picnic before entering the zoo grounds. This fieldtrip is not an escape from the classroom, but rather an extension of the classroom allowing students to experience first hand a great variety of species they would not typically get to see in central Wisconsin. This field trip is sure to provide lasting memories!

Please mark your calendars for our spring band concert on Thursday, May 22, and chorus concert on Tuesday, May 27. Both concerts will be held at 7:00 p.m. in our high school auditorium.

Our Second Semester Honors Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 29. Invitations will be sent to students in grades 5 thru 8. Dinner for grades 5 & 6 will be at 5:00 p.m., followed by a 6:30 p.m. dinner for students in grades 7 & 8. This semester honors will be determined on third quarter grades along with current quarter standings.

Just a reminder: Our 2008-09 Open House is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, August 27. Parents will receive a special invitation in the mail when the date gets closer. Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are reminded everyday of the special job we have in teaching and guiding them as they grow into being knowledgeable young adults.