

Alexander Middle School

"In the middle -- kids come first."

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Our AMS MVPS (Motivated Volunteer Parent Support group) are gearing up for the AMS "Festival of Trees". Last year twenty-one trees were decorated by students and staff and we anticipate a great response again this year. The trees will be on display at the Nekoosa Retirement Community for the week prior to Breakfast with Santa (December 6), and then our IMC will be adorned with the trees for anyone to enjoy. Tickets will be coming home with students, each ticket is \$1 and a chance to win the tree of your choice. Tickets will also be available in our office. The tree drawing will take place on Wednesday, December 17.

The students of AMS have been very busy participating in fall sports. I would like to commend them for their sportsmanship and school spirit. We had 51% of the student body participate in fall sports. Our football program had forty-three boys participate, volleyball had forty-four girls participate, and our cross country had a team of seventeen. Thank you students, parents and coaches for supporting AMS sports.

A special Veterans Day assembly will take place on November 10 at 10:30 a.m. in our gymnasium. We are sincerely thankful to have Dennis McLaughlin as our Master of Ceremonies and our wonderful band and choir students performing for this very important ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As cold weather approaches, please help us keep students warm, dry and healthy by making sure they come prepared to go outside with adequate winter clothing. For fourth and fifth grade students this means they will need hats, mittens, warm jackets, boots, and snow pants. All of our students go outside for recess when the wind-chill temperature is "0" or above, therefore all students will need to dress appropriately for the conditions. Since our "lost & found" is usually overflowing, it would also be a good idea to put your child's name on their clothing. Thanks for your help in this endeavor.

If we have a weather-related school closing (cancellation, early release, or two-hour delay), please listen for a radio or television announcement or feel free to call our homework hotline at 886-8066 (press #1 for announcements).

As we progress through a very busy time of year, please mark your calendars for the following AMS events:

November 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.
November 7	No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 8:00 a.m. – noon
November 4,5,10,13	WKCE Testing for Grade 4
November 3,4,5,6	WKCE Testing for Grade 8
November 11 & 12	WKCE Testing for Grades 5 & 7
November 10	Veterans Day Assembly at 10:30 a.m.
November 27 & 28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 9	4 th Grade Christmas Concert at 2:30 p.m.
December 10	5 th Grade Christmas Concert at 2:30 p.m.

On behalf of our entire AMS staff, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Be sure to enjoy this special time with family and friends.