



ALEXANDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

"In the middle – kids come first."

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I would like to start out by using one word "new" to describe the start of our year here at Alexander Middle School. We have the smell of new crayons; new school bags and freshly waxed hallways in the air. Along with that is a new fresh start for our students and staff and the new rolls that our building administrators are assigned this year. Barb Sparish who has been our principal for the past three years is now our district's Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Barb is excited about her new position and is looking forward to the challenge of keeping up with more than one building. My new title is now the Middle School Principal and along with that I will still remain Athletic Director and Principal of the Niikuusra Community School. I am looking forward to the new year and am confident that with the help of our wonderful staff here at Alexander Middle School we will have another successful school year.

This year we would like to welcome the following special new people into our building: Missy Rokser comes to us from Humke for part of her day to teach two hours of art and a study hall. Carla Leonhardt is replacing retired teacher Doug Knutson in seventh grade for English. Nicole Spees is coming to us from CESA 5 working with special needs. Kayla Berndt will be student teaching with Jeff LaRose in instrumental music for the first semester. Alisha Neinfeldt will be student teaching for the first quarter with Keith Johnson in seventh grade social studies. Adam Klonowski will be spending the first semester student teaching with Dave Osterbrink in our tech. ed. Department. Tracey Rice will be student teaching with Stacey Hahn and Venessa Gronski for the first semester in special needs. We are excited to have these fresh new faces in our building and would like to welcome them into our AMS family.

As our first week of school is in full swing we have 521 students at AMS. We are blessed to have thirty-seven new students from as far away as Texas and Pennsylvania. We are really looking forward to getting to know each of them and hope to make their time at AMS interesting and exciting. Making new friendships is very important to our growth and we would like you to encourage your children to embrace these new students. New friends are the perfect way for them to open new doors and experience life to its fullest.

New this year is our Character Trait Essay Contest. Our student council has ordered T-shirts to use as prizes for a monthly essay contest. Students can win a T-shirt by writing an essay on how they've demonstrated using a particular character trait! There will be one winning essay selected each month from each grade level. If your student is interested in this great opportunity please have them stop into our guidance office for more details.

Our AMS MVPS (Motivated Volunteer Parent Support group) will be hosting their annual Outdoor Movie Night on Friday, September 18th starting at 7:00 p.m. This year they will be showing *Hannah Montana the Movie*. Admission is free along with a chance at winning some fun prizes and concessions will be available. This is a family event to kick off the new school year so students must be accompanied by an adult. This event is a great way to meet other parents and enjoy an evening out with your child. If weather does not cooperate to show the movie outdoors we will move the festivities into our large gym. Hope you can come and enjoy this special event with us!

If you ever have any concerns please feel free to contact me at 886-8040 your students are very important to us.