

AMS Dragon News

November—December 2019



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*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."
~John Quincy Adams, 6th President of the United States*

Blue Days & Silver Days in Dec.

Blue Day: Periods 1, 2, 3, 4
Silver Day: Periods 5, 6, 7, 8

2 Dec. Mon.—Blue
3 Dec. Tues.—Silver*
4 Dec. Wed.—Blue
5 Dec. Thurs.—Silver
6 Dec. Fri.—Blue
9 Dec. Mon.—Silver
10 Dec. Tues.—Blue*
11 Dec. Wed.—Silver
12 Dec. Thurs.—Blue
13 Dec. Fri.—No classes
Teacher Training

16 Dec. Mon.—Silver
17 Dec. Tues.—Blue*
18 Dec. Wed.—Silver
19 Dec. Thurs.—Blue
20 Dec. Frid.—Silver

**23 Dec.~3 Jan.—
Winter Break
6 Jan. Mon.—
Blue—
Classes Resume**

* Early Release Days—Students dismissed at 1:15 p.m. .

Mark your calendar!

Dec. 13 Friday—No classes Teacher Training
Dec. 18 Wednesday—AMS Band Winter Concert
17:30 Dragon Theater
Dec. 21~ Jan. 5 —Winter Break
Jan. 5— Classes Resume

**Actors, Singers, Performers, Presenters, Decorators,
Techies NEEDED!**

**In preparation for Women's History Month March 2020,
AMS is calling for volunteers to contribute their talents!
Decorations, Static Displays, and a final Program will be
raised to celebrate the special month.**

Volunteers should contact Ms. Nel Mercado -

**neliagracemercado@gmail.com or
nel.mercado@dodea.edu**

DODEA: Excellence in Instruction

"Excellent Instruction" in DoDEA is defined as...

1. alignment of the intended goals and objectives, instructional components (opening, work session, and closing), materials and resources, and assessments to maximize learning for all students
2. evidence of student learning through mastery of the adopted standards
3. rigorous and relevant instructional tasks that are engaging and culturally appropriate for all students to include problem-solving, reasoning, and reflection
4. a continuous balanced assessment system that informs instructional decisions to meet the distinct learning needs of all students
5. responsiveness to student learning through differentiation, remediation and enrichment
6. a learning environment that is student centered and supportive in order for students of all abilities to develop, learn and grow

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY

<https://www.dodea.edu/collegeCareerReady/ccr-standards.cfm>

Rigor: Andersen Middle School uses inquiry-based, collaborative strategies to challenge and engage students in content resulting in increasing complex levels of understanding.

Adopted Definition from AVID, 2014

Dragons In Action

Veteran's Day

The spirit of an AMS Dragon permeates with honor for our United States Service Men and Women. In their honor, on the 8th of November, we held our annual Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society, under the advisement of Mr. Brian Palaganas, 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, the program featured meaningful ceremonies expressing the gratitude our Dragons have for our veterans.

The GHS NJROTC Color Guard started off our ceremony with the traditional Presenting of the Colors. In style, they set the reverent tone of the program. True to student focused effort, the National Anthem and Guam Hymn were sung by Calia Taplette and Cirie Hawkins, and Myah Mulhern and Isabella Guerrero, respectively. Patriot's Pen Essays, depicting the significance of recognizing veterans were read by its writers: Madison Moncrief (6th), Michael Sheffield (6th), Alanna Servatico (6th), Kali Verde (6th), and Jaycie Cushing (8th).

To remember our fallen soldiers, "Taps" was played in their honor by Jayven Howe (8th). Music set the spirit with the Dragon Band playing the prelude, and at the end, Mrs. DiAmore, AMS Band Teacher, leading the Dragon Theater in the songs of the Armed Forces.



Ret. CSM Artero

Speakers Colonel Nicholson and Guest Keynote Speaker Ret. CSM Artero eloquently marked the honor those who served, and the honor to serve.

Honor Roll 1st Quarter

AMS Dragons acknowledged our top academicians for 1st quarter. The Honor Roll Ceremonies were held on 11/14, 11/15, and 11/18 for 7th, 6th, and 8th grades, respectively.

Along with their certificates, honorees received Dragon Bucks, Free Popcorn from the PTO, and a dress down day pass from Mr. Myles.

All Dragons are encouraged to shoot for the Honor Roll!

- * Principal's Honor Roll- a grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 or higher.
- * High Honor Roll- a grade point average (GPA) of 3.75-3.99 with no quarter D's/F's.
- * Honor Roll- a grade point average (GPA) 3.5-3.74 with no quarter F's.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

One thousand two hundred and two pounds of canned goods were donated by the AMS Dragons in support of Operation Christmas drop! The drive was sponsored by AMS Student Government, as advised by Mrs. Kathryn Guerrero, PE & Health Teacher. Dragon PRIDE is also Dragon generosity!



ACADEMIC

AMS Mission

Educate, Engage, and Empower Each student to succeed in a dynamic world.

AMS Vision

AMS empowers students with a 21st century education that inspires them to be continuous, adaptive, and creative learners in a global technological society.

AMS School Improvement Goal

Math: Students will improve their major content performance of written expressions and equations by three percentage points in each grade level as prescribed by CCRSM Standards in one academic school year.

Literacy: Students will improve written expression by three percentage points in each grade level through compare and contrast writing using text-based evidence as prescribed by the CCRSL Standards in one aca-

PURPOSE OF ADVISORY

Www.responsiveclassroom.org

Building student to student affiliation

Energize and re-engage

advisor-advisee relationship

reflecting and recalibrating

academic readiness

communication and social skills development

6th Grade—Advisory

6th grade advisory continues to thread together the skills important to a 6th grade student, in preparation for the rest of his/her middle school years, and high school. This interweaving involves regular training in organization, managing grades, organizing, and goal setting. 6th graders are slowly gaining bearings in their mastery of these skills.

7th Grade : Airplane Challenge! Finally, it's okay to throw airplanes! Dragons are folding airplanes to see which can go the furthest distance and has the most control. The winning advisory gets the coveted advisory trophy! This challenge is unique in that while a challenge, it's also one of the most relaxing exercises 7th grade does all year!

**8th Grade—ADVISORY**

Combining the physical and mental abilities, 8th grade advisory has completed a Reading Counts challenge, and a Relay Challenge. Dr. Niemi's advisory won the Reading Counts Challenge and Mr. Gumataotao's advisory won the relay challenge!



EXTRACURRICULAR

SPORTS

2nd Quarter Sports: Girls Volleyball; Cross Country
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

11/27 AMS versus St. John's at St. John's 5:30 p.m.

12/ 2 AMS versus St. Anthony at St. Anthony 5:30 p.m.

12/5 AMS versus Santa Barbara at AMS 5:30 p.m.

12/11 AMS versus Guam Adventist at AMS 5:30 p.m.

12/12 AMS versus St. Frances at AMS 5:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

11/29 Fri. Andersen vs. St. Anthony @ St. Anthony 4:30 p.m.

12/5 Thurs. All Island Meet @ Harvest 4:30 p.m.

All students must have a current, completed sports packet on file in the AMS office and an Up-to-date sports physical on file with the AMS nurse.

CLUBS

The Society of Teens that Care Club traveled to Chamorro Village to help host the annual Thanksgiving Fiesta. The event draws hundreds of people (to include homeless, disabled, and elderly people) for a Thanksgiving celebration. Students helped with the mass serving behind the feeding lines, as well as, bringing food to people with disabilities.

DRAGON SCHOOL AND HOME TEAMING

Behaviors That Bolster Collaboration

Margery B. Ginsberg, Ph.D., writes that education isn't one way process. Rather, parents want to know that teachers are going to respect and learn from families (*Invaluable Allies: Partnering with Parents for Student Success*). At the same time, Marilyn Price-Mitchell, Ph.D., writes that this is a reciprocal relationship, with students benefitting from and within this partnership (*Parent Involvement, A Two Way Partnership*).

Below are behaviors that strengthen partnerships, versus behaviors that deteriorate partnerships. With this knowledge, Dragon School and Home Teaming becomes stronger, creating successful school experiences for students.

Bolsters	Deteriorates
Involvement	Avoidance
Problem Solving	Blaming
Honesty	Rumor
Trust	Collusion
Optomism	Pessimism
Mutual Respect	Judgment
Empathy	Apathy
Active Listening	Defensiveness
Collaboration	Opposition

Communication Protocol

Should parents or students have any questions, need for clarifications, concerns, or are in need of additional support (whether academic or otherwise), the following chain of command is the protocol. Start at the school level by contacting the teacher at 366-3880 or via email.

Teacher: firstname.lastname@dodea.edu (name can be found in Gradespeed)

And/Or School Counselor: Ms. Norma Jao – norma.jao@pac.dodea.edu

Principal: Mr. Joseph Myles – AndersenMS.Principal@pac.dodea.edu

Community Superintendent: Mrs. Gail Wiley - gail.wiley@pac.dodea.edu

Pop-Up Info

Flu and PPD shots must be updated no later than 15 December 2019.



Cafeteria Information

Keep student accounts current by depositing funds on line:
www.K12paymentcenter.com

Update Contact Information with Ms. Nelly Santos—
nelly.santos@dodea.edu.

Visit our website and Facebook page!

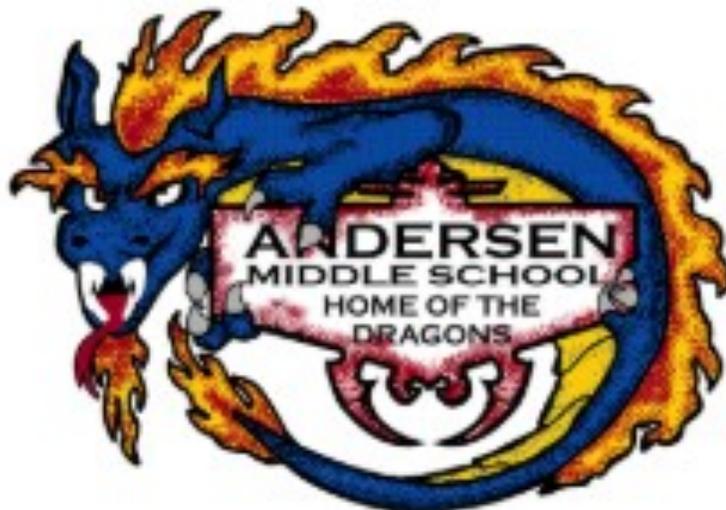
Parents are encouraged to visit the school website to find out information regarding the school lunch program, the latest school announcements, and much more!

School website:

<http://www.dodea.edu/AndersenMS/Facebook>
 page: <https://www.facebook.com/andersen.MS/>

A Note from The Principal

Andersen MS
Principal



Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another calendar year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given both to your child and to the school. It is indeed a great joy to be a part of this great team committed to providing first class educational opportunities for our military-connected children.

Also, please be reminded that there are many opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities (athletic/academic/civic) and to be engaged and take ownership of their educational experiences here at school. Please let us know if we may be of assistance.

On another note, the Guam School Board is actively soliciting the input of the entire community for the school uniform review. The present Guam school uniform policy was implemented in school year 2007-2008 with reviews scheduled on a three year cycle. This school year is review year. Please check your emails for school uniform survey link or stop by the school to complete a hard copy survey.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Joseph Myles, Principal

Dragon P.R.I.D.E.

PS: Here's some news on our Cross Country Champions!

<https://pncguam.com/anderson-dragons-win-another-regular-season-title-in-iaag-m-s-cross-country/?jwsourc=em>