

AMS Dragon News

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Leadership is not about you; its about investing in the growth of others.

~Ken Blanchard, American Author

Blue Days & Silver Days in NOV.

Blue Day: Periods 1, 2, 3, 4	14 Nov. Thurs.—Blue
Silver Day: Periods 5, 6, 7, 8	15 Nov. Fri.—Silver
	18 Nov. Mon.—Blue
31 Oct. Thurs.—Silver	19 Nov. *Tues.—Silver
1 Nov. Fri—No Classes—	20 Nov. Wed.—Blue
Teacher Work day	21 Nov. Thurs.-Silver
4 Nov. Mon—No Classes—	22 Nov. Fri.—Blue
PTC	25 Nov. Mon.-Silver
*5 Nov. Tues.—Blue	26 Nov. Tues.—Blue
6 Nov. Wed. —Silver	27 Nov. Wed.-Silver
7 Nov. Thurs.—Blue	2 Dec. Mon.—Blue
8 Nov. Fri.—Silver	3 Dec. Tues.-Silver
12 Nov. Tues.—Blue	
13 Nov. Wed.—Silver	

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

Mark your calendar!

Nov. 1 Friday — No Classes; Teacher Workday
Nov. 4 Monday — No Classes; Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 11 Monday—No Classes; Veterans Day
Nov. 28 & 29 (Thurs.& Fri) —No Classes;
Thanksgiving Holiday

AMS Vision

*Excellence in Education for Every Student, Every Day,
Everywhere*

AMS Mission

**Educate, Engage, and Empower military connected
students to succeed in a dynamic world.**

DODEA: College and Career Ready Standards

For DoDEA students, the implementation of college and career ready (CCR) standards in multiple content areas sets a foundation for even greater student success and growth. The CCR standards establish grade-by-grade learning expectations. This supports a cohesive education for the highly-mobile military-connected student.

DoDEA began updating our content subject standards, beginning in school year 2015-2016 to align with the expectations for College and Career Ready high school graduates nationwide. The DoDEA College and Career Ready Standards establish clear, consistent and high learning goals and are more focused on preparing students for success in college and career. As our extremely mobile students move into, out of, and around our school system, the continuity of standards presents an extraordinary opportunity for academic development. No matter where or when they move, our students will know that the standards and expectations have not changed.

College and career ready standards are designed to be relevant to the real world, allow students to master more critical-thinking and unique problem-solving skills, and to reflect the knowledge, skills and social foundations that our students need for success in both college and work.

<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

PEP POP UP!



Pep Pop Up (Pep Rally—Light) sprouted Dragon Spirit on 20 September! AMS Band playedwhile Boys Soccer and Girls Basketball athletes represented Dragon Pride! The smaller setting of the Dragon Atrium made for a close-up experience of great things Dragon!

Rapp and Journey Visit



Ms. Lois J. Rapp, Pacific Director of Student Excellence, and Mr. Jimmy Journey, PAC—South District Superintendent, visit Andersen Middle School to spot check the continuous pursuit of excellence in education for our AMS Dragons!
(10/24/2019)



AMS Student Government

Election Results

President: Manuel Bernal

Vice President: Kaeden Straun

Secretary: Isabella Caine

Treasurer: Jackson Ellis

Public Relations Officer: Jude Nicholson

Hispanic Heritage!

Students of Spanish Classes danced and sang to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Those in the audience from Latino heritage were asked to stand and be recognized for their culture and contribution to our community and country.
(10/10/2019—Thursday)



DANCE—Enjoying the fantasy of costume, Dragons bounced about to beats at the Red Ribbon Halloween Dance! Dinosaurs! Corpse Bride! Zombies! Oh my!

The PTSO, along with Student Government, & NJHS created a spirited environment for the students (not the spirits!) to let go and be young!



Too much to handle! Brandon Fulks, Jonah Martin, Nathaniel Fulks, Gabriel Diaz, and Troy Bow can hardly sit from being so puffed in their inflatable costumes!

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 academic school year.

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

Building a strong middle schooler continues to be the focus of 6th grade advisory. Gaining organizational skills is top priority, as well as personal accountability. Advisory classes focus in such areas as a foundation for skills essential in middle school years, and thereafter.

In spirit activities, a rap is being written by each advisory. Along with a presentation of a mascot, the rap will be performed in an advisory challenge.



7th Grade MOVEMENT MONDAYS! Dragon 7th Grade has as its year long goal—Health for the Whole Person! A step toward this goal is Movement Mondays where the students get together and get their bodies energized to set

8th Grade—ADVISORY

The 8th graders had their first advisory challenge on Oct. 4th 2019, Friday.



Each advisory team presented their mascot and advisory cheer, themed after-

Greek Mythology.

EXTRACURRICULAR

SPORTS

2nd Quarter Sports: Girls Volleyball; Cross Country

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

11/5 Mon. Andersen vs. Mt. Carmel @ Agat Gym 5:30 p.m.

11/8 Thurs. Andersen vs. St. Francis @ FD Jungle 5:30 p.m.

11/15 Thurs. Andersen vs. Bishop @ Bishop 5:30

11/19 Mon. Andersen vs. San Vicente @ FD Jungle 5:30 p.m.

11/21 Wed. St. John's vs. Andersen @ Andersen 5:30 p.m.

11/26 Mon. McCool vs. Andersen @ Andersen 5:30 p.m.

11/29 Thurs. St. Paul vs. Andersen @ Andersen 5:30 p.m.

12/3 Mon. Harvest vs. Andersen @ Andersen 5:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

11/1 Thurs. Andersen vs. Bishop @ Andersen 4:30 p.m.

11/8 Thurs. Andersen vs. St. Paul @ McCool 4:30 p.m.

11/16 Fri. Andersen vs. Bishop @ St. Anthony 4:30 p.m.

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

12/7 Fri. 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, while a community organization based in AMS, put their creative energy at home base. Because of their love for AMS, their first service for the school year is the "AMS Bulletin Board Beautification Project." In doing this project, the teens uplifted their school's environment by decorating the boards with inspirational messages and quotes. Indeed, the school IS beautified!

Main Office

To ensure communication from the school to parents, please provide the most updated contact information to our school registrar, Ms. Nelly Santos. Parents' best contact numbers are paramount when the school needs to call parents.

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DRAGON'S ARE ANCHORED FOR LIFE!



Congratulations to Andersen Middle School! Our team leaders and advisors completed the Anchored4Life training on Oct. 23 and 24. A4L has teamed up with Commander Navy Installations Command to bring youth of our nation a comprehensive transition and resiliency club in according with the Navy School Based programming standards. This club will make a significant difference in military and civilian children's lives by offering positive support, teaching life skills, and providing resources as they face many unique challenges. Our team leaders are Kai Duenas, Malcom Hibbert, Charlie Arnaiz, Lillia Yanez, and Kohana Salas. Our advisors are Ms. DiA-more, Ms. Jao, and Ms. Leon Guerrero with the support of our MFLC, Ms. Christine Camacho.

The Counselor's Corner



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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

No Personal Sport Balls

Personal sporting balls (soccer balls, volleyballs, basketballs) are not permitted on campus.

School and Home Teaming: The key to any successful partnership is to establish a relationship of mutual respect and appreciation.

[Www.lac.-acta.ca](http://www.lac.-acta.ca)

FROM THE HANDBOOK

AGENDA: Each student receives an agenda at the beginning of the school year. The agenda ensures that communication is established and maintained between the home and the school throughout the school year. The agenda is a daily record of assignments, student work, and announcements. 1) All students are fully responsible to accurately record daily assignments, homework assignments and announcements for each class in the agenda. 2) Teachers have the responsibility to have the homework posted in a highly visible area. Teachers direct students to copy the information into the agenda. 3) Teachers have the responsibility to notate in the agenda concerns that affect student achievement. 4) All students are fully responsible for presenting their agenda to their parents for their parents' review and signature. 5) Sixth and seventh grade sponsors/parents are responsible for reviewing for assignments, notes and comments. Sponsors/parents must sign the agenda daily. Each agenda has space for sponsor/parent comments and/or questions. Parents of 7th graders can request a Waiver of Agenda Signature form if their student is on the Honor Roll starting 2nd quarter. No waivers will be offered for 6th graders. 6) The advisory teacher makes sure the process is followed by checking agendas for sponsor/parent and/or teacher comments, missing assignments, and sponsor/parental signatures. 7) Students who remove pages from the agenda, forget to bring it to class, do not get it signed, or fail to complete any of the requirements above are subject to a consequence.

Visit our website and Facebook page!

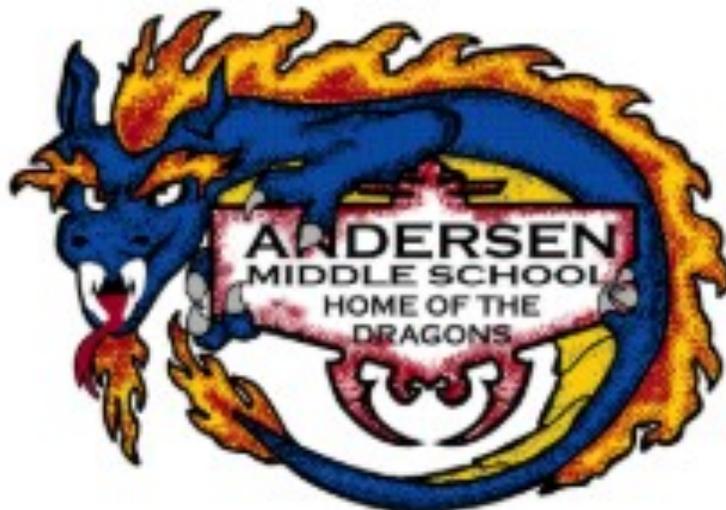
Parents are encouraged to visit the school website to find out information regarding the school lunch program, the latest school announcements, and much more!

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A Note from The Principal

Andersen MS
Principal



Dear AMS Students and Parents/Guardians:

Can you believe the first grading period has already come and gone? Well it has! By now, our students and their teachers have set the stage for a rich year of learning. Now that the first quarter is over, building and classroom procedures are well-ingrained, and students are deep into the college and career courses and activities. We truly are well on our way. We have even had our first successful middle school dance, thanks to the collaboration and hard work of the StuCo, NJHS, and the fabulous PTSO.

The DoDEA and AMS Mission of "Educating, engaging, and empowering military-connected students to succeed in a dynamic world" continues to be our commitment. Our teachers appropriate this pledge by teaching students grade level standards, as well as providing targeted instruction based on each child's need.

We will also continue to teach our students about self efficacy and perseverance when attacking a challenging task or situation through a robust guidance and MFLC (Military Family Life Counselor) program by installing the "Anchored4Life" program at our school. The Anchored4Life program is a peer-to-peer club to connect youth while building transition and resiliency skills. The club provides opportunities for peers to enhance social skills, learn leadership skills, build character, improve self-esteem, and integrate into their community. We are very excited about these opportunities.

We daily strive in building an environment of respect and rapport throughout the school. We look forward to partnering with all families to help all students be as successful as possible. Thank you.

Dragon P.R.I.D.E.

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