

AMS Dragon News

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The task of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it, for the greatness is already there.

~John Buchan, novelist, historian and politician

Blue Days & Silver Days in October

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

30 Sept. Mon.—Silver	14 Oct. Mon.—No Classes—Columbus Day
1 Oct. *Tues.—Blue	15 Oct. *Tues.—Blue
2 Oct. Wed.—Silver	16 Oct. Wed.—Silver
3 Oct. Thurs.—Blue	17 Oct. Thurs.—Blue
4 Oct. Fri.—Silver	18 Oct. Fri.—Silver
7 Oct. Mon.—Blue	21 Oct. Mon.—Blue
8 Oct. *Tues.—Silver	22 Oct. Tues.—No Classes—Teacher Training
9 Oct. Wed.—Blue	23 Oct. Wed.—Silver
10 Oct. Thurs.—Silver	24 Oct. Thurs.—Blue
11 Oct. Fri.—No Classes—Teacher Training	25 Oct. Fri.—Silver
	28 Oct. Mon.—Blue
	29 Oct. *Tues.—Silver

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

Mark your calendar!

Oct. 11 — No Classes, Teacher Training
Oct. 14 — No Classes, Columbus Day
Oct. 22 — No Classes, Teacher Training
Oct. 31—Last Day of 1st Quarter
Nov. 1 — No Classes, Teacher Workday

AMSVision

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

College and career ready programs are designed to ensure high school graduates have the content knowledge, skills, habits and dispositions to be successful in their future endeavors.

Graduates must possess a range of content knowledge, abilities and motivation to succeed. Such characteristics can only come from a **rigorous**, rich, and well- rounded Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 education. Nationwide, it has become expected that high school graduates need to continue their education in a postsecondary course of study, program, or training series. This helps to assure that they have options and opportunities in their job market.

- College and Career Ready Standards
 - ⇒ establish clear, consistent and high learning goals and are more focused on preparing students for success in college and careers
 - ⇒ in the areas of mathematics and literacy set a foundation for even greater student success and growth.
 - ⇒ set grade-by-grade learning expectations for students in grades K-12.
- The continuity of College and Career Ready Standards presents an extraordinary opportunity for academic development as they are replicated in the majority of states, and therefore, beneficial to our highly mobile military-connected students.

<https://www.dodea.edu/collegeCareerReady/>

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

RINGING IN THE SCHOOL YEAR!



Being grateful for and taking advantage of being students at a DoDEA school is the message from Colonel Joseph Sheffield - Commander, 36th Operations Group, Andersen AFB, at the Ringing in The School Year ceremony. Students are also encouraged to have fun, as he officially starts the school year!

BOOTCAMP!

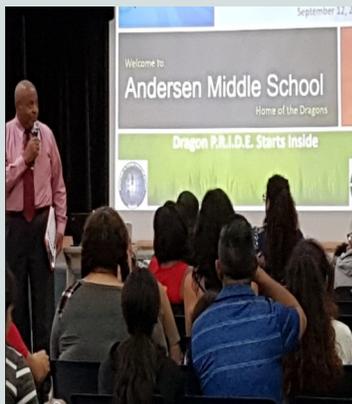
During the second week of school, students did a BOOTCAMP on how to manage being a successful Dragon. For two 30 minute sessions, Dragons attended sessions on how to use their agenda, logging into their computer accounts (email, and Gradespeed, using Schoology), reviewing important school rules, stress management, taking Cornell Notes, counseling support, anti-bullying, and team building. So much goes into being a Dragon!



AMS Counselor, Mrs. Norma Jao, plays a game with students which allows students to see how much they have in common! Dragon Bonding Time at BootCamp!

OPEN HOUSE—

On 9/12—Thursday, 5 p.m., students showed their parents their walks to class during Open House. Teachers and parents put names to each other faces, identifying the make up of the team for their children. The event ignited relationships for the rest of the school year.



Mr. Myles kicks off Open House!



Important Announcement

SCHOOL PICTURES: OCTOBER 3 AND 4

Students can wear non-uniform tops. However, the top must be in compliance with the “Dress Down Day Code” on page 18 in the Student Handbook. (Access the handbook via the DoDEA Dragon Portal for AMS.)

It's time again for our annual school photos. You are invited to take this opportunity to order school photographs for Christmas or friends. We have contracted with *Campus Photography International* to provide this service to our school. All students will be photographed regardless of purchase.

To order portraits of your children, go to www.cpiphoto.net or use the order form that will be sent home two or three days prior to our picture day(s).

- Make your package selection in advance.
- Order online or return the envelope and payment with your child on the photo date. (Do not return order envelope to school if you order online.)
- Your child, order envelope, and payment must arrive together at the camera if not ordering online.
- Please use *one envelope per student*, **NOT** one envelope for multiple children.
- Please make checks payable to *CAMPUS PHOTOGRAPHY*, **NOT** the school.
- Post-dated checks up to two weeks are accepted.
- Only pre-paid orders are produced and returned to school. Proofs are not provided.
- Classroom composites (Elementary Grades only) may be added to your package by selecting add-on K.

Your advantages with the pre-pay program are; you receive the actual package, not just a small proof. Your satisfaction is guaranteed or you will receive a 100% refund. This program allows a faster return of the finished package.

Additional items such as the new Social Media Image, photo magnets, and 5x7 portraits can be added to any package. Be sure to look online for additional options.

A telephone number and email address for any questions will be on the flyer/order form. Please use either of these for any questions you may have regarding the school portrait program.

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.

ADVISORY TEACHERS—Advisory teachers are students' adult advocates. They assist students in keeping on top of their academics, support their relationships with others, and ensure that they feel supported during the school day. Parents should reach out to advisory teachers for support with their child's needs.

6th Grade

ADVISORY

6th Grade advisory working on building character and team building. Each advisory is committed to developing a banner and a chant that best represents the unique composition that makes up their class.

The sixth graders are also working on setting up their organizational system similar to the AVID binder requirements. In addition, they are learning about the guiding principles that support Dragon P.R.I.D.E. .

7th Grade

ADVISORY

7th Grade Advisory is initiating a program improving student health through mental, social, emotional and physical lessons and activities. This program will work as part of the 7th Grade Interdisciplinary Unit on overall wellness. The first activity of the program is Fitness Fridays in which teachers join students in wellness activities.

Agenda Parent Signature check are on Thursdays.

8th Grade

ADVISORY

The 8th grade team has kicked off the year with their annual Advisory mascot challenge. The theme this year is Greek Mythology. Each Advisory is working collaboratively to select a mascot, write and perform a team cheer. Judges will determine who receives The Most Spirited Advisory Award Friday, September 20th, at 8:00 in the morning, in the Dragon Theater.

EXTRACURRICULAR

SPORTS

First Quarter Sports: Boys Soccer & Girls Basketball

BOYS SOCCER

10/1, Tuesday: Bishop vs AMS @ Andersen 4:30 p.m.
10/4, Friday: St. Anthony vs AMS @ Andersen 4:30 p.m.
10/8, Tuesday: Andersen vs St. Francis @ Leo Palace 4:30 p.m.
10/11, Friday: Andersen vs. Harvest @ Harvest 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

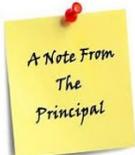
10/3 Thursday: Andersen vs. Harvest @ Harvest 5:30 p.m.
10/7 Monday: St. Anthony vs. Andersen @ Andersen 5:30 p.m.
10/10 Thursday: Santa Barbara vs. Andersen @ Andersen 5:30 p.m.
10/17 Thursday: Andersen vs. Mt. Carmel @ Agat Gum 5:30 p.m.

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

National Junior Honor Society
JS2S
Chess
Math Counts
Lego Robotics
Society of Teens that Care
Homework Club

Main Office



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Thanks to teachers, students and parents for a great start of the school year! It was wonderful to meet so many of you during the Sneak Peak on August 22nd. It was a great beginning to our home and school partnership for this school year. Thank you to parents for coming to the Open House on Thursday, Sep 12, 2019. We hope you enjoyed the meet, greet, and got to know what your student's regular day looks. If you need to conference with teacher on an individual basis, please schedule a conference with teacher during a different date and time.

SIGNS OF SUICIDE PROGRAM:

Andersen Middle School has offered depression awareness and suicide prevention training as part of the SOS Signs of Suicide Prevention Program.

Our goals in program:

- To help our students understand that depression is a treatable illness
- To explain that suicide is a preventable tragedy that often occurs as a result of untreated depression
- To help students know whom in the school they can turn to for help, if they need it

decline this training for their child. This training occurred during all the grade level classes starting late September and October, and consisted of a 45-minute session, facilitated by Mrs. Jao, the guidance counselor.

The Counselor's Corner



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Article link: <https://kidshealthllc.com/the-hard-truth-about-screen-time-and-sleep-for-kids/>

The number of sleep children and adolescents gets each night is continuing to decrease, and researchers believe screen time may be to blame. The bright "blue light" that screens emit can interfere with the body's circadian rhythm. Light emissions in the evening can confuse the body, increasing alertness and suppressing the release of the sleep hormone melatonin. This makes it harder to both fall and stay asleep.

Cafeteria Information

Keep student accounts current by depositing funds on line:

www.K12paymentcenter.com

FROM THE HANDBOOK

Reminder about chewing gum!

Parents please remind your children gum chewing is not permitted. They will be assigned detention if caught chewing gum in school.

OPEN DOOR POLICY Visitors, especially parents, are always welcome at AMS. For the safety and security of the students, all visitors must first sign-in and show identification at the Main Office before going to other areas of the campus. All visitors will wear badges authorizing access to the building. Visitors should keep the badge **visible** while on campus.

We request that the school secretary or counselor be notified a day ahead of the planned visit, so the teachers can have a courtesy notice of the visit.

School and Home Teaming: Working as an educational team is vital to student success. To maintain a strong team, let us together seek first to understand the other, then be understood.

Uniform policy reminder

The DoDEA Guam official dress code stipulates that students' sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets may be navy blue, white, grey, or black.

Sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets also must not have writing or logos. Students may not just turn sweatshirts inside out to "hide the writing." Also, students must still be wearing an appropriate, collared shirt under their sweater, jacket, or sweatshirt—the collared shirt is the

requirement, the sweater is optional.

Undershirts may be any plain, solid color, must be short-sleeved and must be tucked in at the bottom. Shorts and skirts may not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

If clothing worn does not match the uniform policy, it cannot be worn.

The uniform policy may be found at <http://www.dodea.edu/AndersenMS/AMSDressCode.cfm>.

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/>