

February Update 2024

Annie Sullivan Middle School



Advisory Focus

During the month of January, our students worked on strategies to help with mindfulness, along with strategies to help calm their bodies and minds when they are feeling stressed. For some students, the strategies may include taking a walk, listening to music, creating art projects or coloring, and practicing yoga. It is important for students to see adults in their life being aware of how they are feeling and modeling the use of healthy strategies to

help manage stress.

Then, to honor Martin Luther King, Jr., the students completed activities to learn about his life, the impact he had on our country, and the lasting memory he still leaves behind.

The final topic focused on during the month of January was life threatening allergies. Our nurses, Mrs. Daly and Mrs. Robles, created lessons to help the students to learn more about these allergies and create a safe environment at ASMS.

SAVE THE DATE: STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

This year, our students will lead conferences on two half days in March (March 5th and March 6th). Students and parents will attend a portion of one of the days to review work and engage in a conversation about their learning.

This is not a traditional conference between parents/guardians and the teachers, but rather during the student-led conferences students are discussing their learning journey and showcasing their growth. If parents have any concerns or want to talk to their child's teacher, please reach out via phone, email, or ask for a meeting.

Please save the date as we expect all students and families to participate! Students will be dismissed on these days at 10:45am and then the conferences will take place from 11:15am-2:10pm on Tuesday and 11:15am-3:10pm on Wednesday.

HELP: Yearbook Volunteer Needed

As an annual tradition at ASMS, we create a yearbook with memories from the year. We are looking for a parent volunteer to help assemble the yearbook. We have a shared Google Drive with folders from different events and will need help to pull all of the images together into a yearbook. Please reach out to Mrs. Morrison (morrisone@franklinps.net) if you are interested.

ASMS Food Drive

For the next two weeks, we will be supporting the Franklin Food Pantry by collecting specific, high-needs items:



- baby wipes
- disinfectant wipes
- toothpaste

All donations can be dropped off at the end of the main hallway starting today until February vacation. If you would like to make a direct donation to the Franklin Food Pantry, please use this [link](#).

FRANKLIN FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

FEBRUARY 1ST - 16TH



Special requested items:
disinfectant wipes,
toothpaste, and
baby wipes



Vending Machine in Cafeteria

Students will now have access to snacks in a vending machine in the Annie Sullivan Middle School cafeteria. Students may use cash or their online school lunch account to make purchases, however students must have money on their online account in order to purchase a snack. All snacks are \$1.25, with the exception of beef jerky that will cost \$2.25. Students are able to purchase up to \$4.75 worth of snacks per day during their lunch time.

To add money to the lunch account, please use this [website](#). Students will enter their student ID number and then a 4 digit

passcode that can be found on Aspen next to "meal code".

Dining Out at Panera on Friday, February 2

The ASMS PCC is sponsoring a Dining Out fundraiser at Panera Bread in Franklin on Friday, February 2nd (half day for students). Please show this flyer upon purchase and 20% of the sales will be given back to our PCC. If you order online, please use the code FUND4U.

RAISE SOME DOUGH

Help support us!

20% of sales will benefit
ANNIE SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COMMUNICATION
COUNCIL INC

February 2, 2024
All Day
270 Franklin Village Drive, Franklin, MA

In Cafe • Drive-Thru • Pick-Up • Delivery
Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.

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Important: 8th grade Information

Here are some important dates for 8th grade students and families:

- Monday, February 12: Panther Pride Event at Franklin High School (6pm)
- Tuesday, February 13 - Wednesday, February 28: 8th grade course selection in Aspen

We will be sharing more information prior to the window opening for students to select courses.

Baby Pictures: We are collecting baby pictures for all 8th graders to be included in the Step Up Ceremony at the end of the year as well as in the yearbook. Please send a baby picture of your child to Mr. Rakovic (rakovicg@franklinps.net) by February Vacation.



Calling all Eighth Grade Baby Pictures!

2024

For end of year events and the yearbook!



★ **How do I submit my photo?**

- This year you will be submitting your baby pictures to Mr. Rakovic (RakovicG@Franklinps.net) **by email only** for both the yearbook **AND** end of year events.
- If you are not able to send a picture through email, you may drop off a hard copy of the photo (labeled in an envelope with your name) to Mrs. Baldwin in the front office.

★ **What type of picture should I submit?**

- Pictures should be from ages of 1-5 years old (if possible).
- Please indicate how your child would like their name to appear on the baby slideshow

Due Date: Feb 29, 2024

Please submit your baby picture(s) to Mr. Rakovic **via email**

ONLY!

Email: rakovicg@franklinps.net

ASMS PCC

We are always looking for new members to join our Parent Communication Committee. We meet monthly to discuss happenings at our school and are interested in your input.

As the end of the school year approaches, we will be looking for 8th grade parents/guardians to help plan some of the fun events for the 8th grade students.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, February 9 at 10am. Here is a [link](#) to join us virtually.

If you are interested in joining our PCC or if you have any questions related to these events, please send an email to pcc6asms@gmail.com.

Here are the links for the ASMS Facebook groups:

- [Annie Sullivan Middle School PCC](#)
 - [8th Grade](#)
 - [7th Grade](#)
 - [6th Grade](#)
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Spirit Days

Each month, we will have a new spirit day with a different theme. All students are encouraged to participate as the Flex with the most participation will earn a prize later on in the school year. This is a great way to show school spirit and have fun with peers.

The spirit day theme will be announced on morning announcements the week before/week of the spirit day. For the month of February, the spirit day on February 9 will be "100th Day"!



Important Dates:

February:

- February 1-February 16: ASMS Food Pantry Drive

- Thursday, February 1: NEAP testing for selected 8th grade students
- Friday, February 2: Half Day (10:45am dismissal)
- Tuesday, February 6: BLAST visits ASMS (12:30-1:30pm)
- Friday, February 9: Spirit Day (theme: 100th Day of School)
- Friday, February 9: PCC Meeting at 10am (see link above)
- Tuesday, February 13: 8th grade Course Selection window opens
- Monday, February 19- Friday, February 23: No School (February Vacation)
- Wednesday, February 28: Half Day (10:45am dismissal)
- Wednesday, February 28: 8th grade Course Selection closes in Aspen

March:

- Tuesday, March 5: Student-Led Conferences (10:45am dismissal)
- Wednesday, March 6: Student-Led Conferences (10:45am dismissal)
- Wednesday, March 13: Trimester 2 Ends
- Thursday, March 14: Trimester 3 Begins
- Friday, March 15: Spirit Day (theme: TBD)
- Tuesday, March 19: Visiting Author at ASMS (Jordan Sonneblick)
- Thursday, March 21: 6th Grade Music Concert (6pm at HMMS)
- Monday, March 25: Trimester 2 Report Cards Published in Aspen
- Thursday, March 28: Half Day (10:45am dismissal)
- Friday, March 29: No School (Good Friday)



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