

# March Update

*Annie Sullivan Middle School*

## **Advisory Focus**

During the month of February, Advisory groups started off the month focusing on thoughts, feelings, and emotions. The sixth grade groups worked to describe how strong emotions can influence the decisions they make. The seventh grade groups worked to distinguish helpful thoughts from unhelpful thoughts and the impact unhelpful thoughts can affect decisions they make. The eighth grade groups worked to reframe certain types of stress as opportunities for growth. All groups used the Second Step curriculum to support the direct instruction of these important skills and concepts.

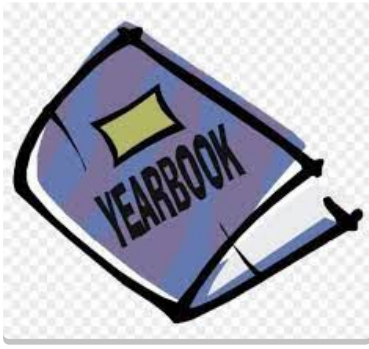
Prior to vacation, the Advisory groups participated in team building activities and focused on recognizing Black History Month by looking at various heroes, including Langston Hughes, Katherine G. Johnson, and Wynton Marsalis.

## **STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES (March 8 and March 9)**

This year, our students will lead conferences on two half days in March (March 8th and March 9th). Students and parents will attend a portion of one of the days to review work and engage in a conversation about their learning.

Students will be dismissed on these days at 10:45am and then the conferences will take place from 11:30am-2:10pm. Families should plan to return to ASMS about 5 minutes prior to their allotted time. All adults will need to obtain a visitor badge by scanning a driver's license in the main office.

The focus of Student-Led Conferences is for students to lead a conversation with their families to take ownership of their learning and to reflect on the growth they have demonstrated during the second trimester. They gathered artifacts and evidence from their classes and will be discussing their work. Teachers will be supporting the students, but the conversations will be driven by the students.



## ASMS 2022-2023 Yearbook

The yearbooks for the 2022-2023 school year are on sale! We are so appreciative of our parent volunteers for putting the keepsake together and for the teachers who contribute pictures.

Yearbooks can be purchased at [buytheyearbook.com](http://buytheyearbook.com) with the school ID: 710589. You will have to create an account and the price of the yearbook is \$32.00. These will be on sale beginning now until April 2nd.

## School Council--SAFE Coalition

During our February School Council meeting, Jennifer Knight-Levine (CEO and Co-Founder of the SAFE Coalition) joined to talk about the needs of students in our community as well as the services they offer to the community. The mission of the SAFE Coalition is "a judgement free community organization relentlessly committed to educating and supporting those affected by substance use disorder and mental health concerns across southeastern Massachusetts. Staffed by trusted, trained professionals and peer support volunteers, SAFE compassionately empowers individuals and their loved ones by breaking down barriers to treatment and emotional support in a way that inspires success on the journey to recovery.

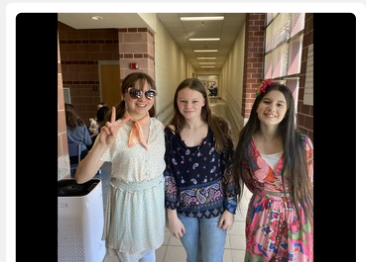
The Franklin Public Schools partner with the SAFE Coalition to support students and families with varying needs. They are having an Open House on March 23rd from 3-8pm at their new location (31 Hayward Street Suite 2C) in Franklin. Please visit their [website](http://www.safecoalition.org) for more information.

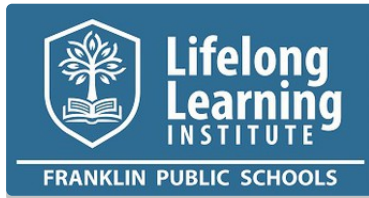
## Spirit Days

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 March, the spirit day is on Friday, March 17th and the theme will be announced the week before.





## ATTENTION 8th GRADERS: Register for High School Experience

High School Experience is a transitional program to help 8th graders as they move to the high school next year. The program runs on **August 8th & 9th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm**. Students will...

- Tour and learn to navigate your new school
- Meet and greet with FHS faculty & peers
- Learn how to read a class schedule
- Participate in team building activities
- Communicate with upperclassmen student leaders
- Learn the "ins and outs" from an "expert"
- And more!

Here is a brief [video](#) describing the program!

Use this website to register: [www.FranklinLifelongLearning.com](http://www.FranklinLifelongLearning.com)

Questions? Contact: Kristin Letendre Smith, Director: High School Experience ([smithk@franklinps.net](mailto:smithk@franklinps.net))

## Lifelong Learning Summer Programs

We have posted our 2023 summer programs for students in grades K through 12. By clicking on the links below you will be able to view class descriptions, dates, cost, etc. and arrange your schedule before registration opens on February 1st at 8:00 am.

[Summer Art](#), Grades 6-9

[Summer Music](#), Grades 3-9

[Preparing for College](#), Grade 12

[Ready. Set. Kindergarten!](#), Grade K

[STAR](#), Grades K-5

[Summer STEM](#), Grades 1-10

[Solutions Summer Adventure](#), Grades K-5

[High School Experience](#), Grade 9

[Click here](#) to view our Programs by Week and Grade!

## ASMS PCC Facebook Groups

The PCC is working hard to help us offer many fun events to our students.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, March 10 at 11:00am. Here is the [link](#) to join the Google Meet.

We invite you to join the following Facebook groups to stay engaged, updated, and connected. Each grade-specific group will have their own moderators separate from the PCC. The groups are a great place to ask questions and to find/share information.

[Annie Sullivan Middle School PCC Group](#), [Grade 6](#), [Grade 7](#), [Grade 8](#)

## Important Dates:

March:

- Wednesday, March 8: Early Release (10:45am) and Student-Led Conferences (11:30-2:10)
- Thursday, March 9: Early Release (10:45am) and Student-Led Conferences (11:30-2:10)
- Tuesday, March 14: MCAS Infrastructure Trial
- Wednesday, March 15: Trimester 2 Ends
- Thursday, March 16: Trimester 3 Begins
- Friday, March 17: Spirit Day (theme: Sports Day)
- Friday, March 24: Early Release (10:45am)
- Friday, March 24: Trimester 2 Grades Posted in Aspen (end of day)
- Wednesday, March 29: 7th and 8th grade ELA MCAS
- Thursday, March 30: 7th and 8th grade ELA MCAS

April:

- Tuesday, April 4: 6th grade ELA MCAS
- Wednesday, April 5: 6th grade ELA MCAS
- Friday, April 7: no school
- Thursday, April 13: Spirit Day (theme TBD)
- Friday, April 14: Early Release (10:45am)
- Monday, April 17-Friday, April 21: No School (April Vacation)



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