March Update 2024

Annie Sullivan Middle School



Advisory Focus

During the month of February, students spent time reconnecting with their Advisory groups through a variety of different teambuilding activities. We also spent time recommitting to the ASMS Mission Statement, focusing on personal growth, academic excellence, community, and culture. Students explored what these attributes mean and how we can be the best members of the Annie Sullivan Middle School community. Also, as February is

Black History Month, the students learned about black leaders who are shaping history today, including Vonetta Flowers, Ruth Carter, and Vashti Harrison.

To kick off the month of March this week, students are spending some time focusing understanding and valuing the perspectives of others. They will explore why it is important to be able to consider the perspective of other people in a variety of scenarios. Students will process individually and as a group as they practice these skills. Advisory groups will then read the children's book "Zoom" by Istran Banyai to apply their understanding. As March is Women's History Month, students will also learn about important women throughout history who have had a lasting impression.

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.

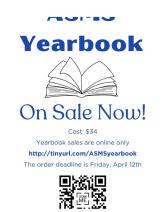
This is not a traditional conference between parents/guardians and the teachers, but rather during the student-led conferences students are discussing their learning journey and showcasing their growth. If parents have any concerns or want to talk to their child's teacher, please reach out via phone,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

ASMS Yearbook

The 2023-2024 ASMS Yearbook is available for purchase on this website. The cost of the yearbook is \$34. Families are able to purchase the yearbook until April 12th.

Yearbooks will be distributed to students on the last day of school and they will have an opportunity to have classmates sign the keepsake.



Health Office: Postural Screening

Franklin Public School nurses will be conducting postural screening on all students in grades 5-9 this spring per Massachusetts law (M.G.L. c.71, s.57). The purpose is to detect early signs of possible spinal problems in children. It is not a diagnostic service but a program to identify those who should have further medical evaluation. If your child has any unusual findings, you will be notified and asked to take the child to a physician. The majority of students exhibit no findings. If nothing unusual is found, we will not be contacting you again until the screening next year.

School Nurses are required to perform these screenings annually regardless of whether or not a child has been screened by their provider. Parents may choose to opt-out of their child's school screening by providing a written statement (M.G.L. c71, s57). If choosing to opt your child out of the school screening, please forward a copy of your child's most recent postural (scoliosis) screening to your child's school nurse.

If you would prefer your student **not be screened** for scoliosis at school this year, please complete this Google <u>Form</u>.



Summer Programs: LifeLong Learning

Through Life Long Learning, there are many opportunities for students to stay involved throughout the summer. Please see the image or visit the <u>website</u> for more information about offerings for middle school students:

- An Overview of Forensic Science
- Marvelous Machines

Franklin Police Leadership Camp (July 15-July 19)

The Franklin Police Department is offering a Leadership Camp for students entering 6-8 grade in the fall. The camp, previously known as DARE Camp, provides students with a variety of activities durign the week. The cost is \$175 and families need to register for the camp with this <u>link</u>.





Event: Indoor Games and Kickball Tournament

FHS SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education) Club is hosting an event for middle school children on Saturday, March 23rd. See this <u>flyer</u> for more information!

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.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, March 8 at 10am. Here is a <u>link</u> 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

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 on March 15th will be "Color Wars"! Stay tuned for more information!

Important Dates:

March:

- Tuesday, March 5: Student-Led Conferences (10:45am dismissal)
- Wednesday, March 6: Student-Led Conferences (10:45am dismissal)
- Tuesday, March 12: BLAST in the ASMS Library (12:30-1:30pm)
- Tuesday, March 12: All Town Showcase Concert (Chorus/Orchestra grades 7-12)(at FHS at 6pm)
- Wednesday, March 13: All Town Showcase Concert (Band grades 7-12) (at FHS at 6pm)
- Wednesday, March 13: Trimester 2 Ends
- Thursday, March 14: Trimester 3 Begins
- Friday, March 15: Spirit Day (theme: Color Wars)
- 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)

April:

- Tuesday, April 2: 7th/8th grade ELA MCAS
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- Wednesday, April 3: 7th/8th grade ELA MCAS
- Friday April 5: MICCA Festival (Band)
- Saturday, April 6: MICCA Festival (Chorus/Orchestra)
- Tuesday, April 9: 6th grade ELA MCAS
- Wednesday, April 10: 6th grade ELA MCAS
- Friday, April 12: Half Day (10:45am dismissal)
- Monday, April 15-Friday, April 19: No School (April Vacation)
- Friday, April 26: Spirit Day (theme TBD)



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