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Eighth Grade Recognition

Algonquin Middle School is preparing to say good-bye to our eighth grade students. We hope you will join us at our 8th Grade Recognition Night on Monday, June 5, at 7:00 PM. At this time we will acknowledge students who have maintained honor roll status. We will also honor students who have earned the President's Academic Achievement Award, President's Physical Fitness Award, Perfect Attendance, Student Council, NJHS, Outstanding Eighth Grade Student Award, and other accomplishments.



We are proud of our eighth grade students and wish them every success as they continue their educational career at Algonac High School. They have worked hard and have attained high achievements. Best wishes to our eighth grade students....Algonquin is proud of you!

AMS Locked Up in the AM

To ensure proper building security, Algonquin will begin locking the building each morning until 7:00 AM. This step is being taken because we do not have staff to supervise students in the building prior to that time. Students that arrive before 7:00 AM will have to wait outside. This will begin on Monday, May 15. We ask that parents make note of this change and make the necessary transportation adjustments.

Algonquin Collects Shoeboxes for Soldiers

On April 25, the Student Council Fundraising and Community Service committees began collecting items to be shipped to soldiers in Iraq. These committee members gave a fantastic presentation to every class on what items are needed. Boxes will be collected until Thursday, May 18. Students should bring in shoeboxes and/or supplies to their first hour (6th grade) or second hour (7th & 8th grade) teacher. Or you can bring shoeboxes filled with supplies to the main office. Their goal is to collect at least 100 boxes for the brave men and women that defend our nation.

Eighth Grade Metro Beach Trip

On Thursday, June 1, the eighth grade class will be taking a trip to Metro Beach. If there is rain, they will go on Friday, June 2. This has been an extremely fun, exciting, and memorable event for past eighth graders and we anticipate the same this year.

Although this wonderful event is open to all eighth grade students, there are behavior expectations for students in order to attend the trip. We don't want the behavior of some to ruin the trip for the vast majority of students for whom this trip is a reward. In order to limit the possibility of problems on the trip, the following guidelines will be used. Should any student get a discipline referral resulting in OSS, ISI, or a two-hour detention between the dates of April 3rd and June 1st, he or she will be required to bring a parent or legal guardian on the trip. It must be that student's parent or legal guardian - no exceptions will be made. That parent or legal guardian will be required to stay with the child for the duration of the entire trip, including the bus ride to and from the park. If the child is unable to have his or her parent or legal guardian attend the trip, the child will be required to stay in school and carry on a normal school day rather than attend the trip. We are looking forward to a great trip.



We are in need of cookie donations for our reception following eighth grade recognition. If you can help, please contact the office. Cookies may be delivered to the office on June 5 before 3:00 PM.

Physical Education News

On Thursday, May 25 and Friday, May 26, Mr. Kochan's physical education classes will be shooting hoops to save lives. The students will be participating in Hoops for Heart to help raise money for the American Heart Association. The money earned will help battle the #1 and #3 killers in American today, heart disease and stroke. The students will also receive messages about staying tobacco free, eating right, and exercising as a lifestyle choice. Prizes will be awarded to students for collecting donations and the physical education department can earn money for equipment and supplies to help keep students active. Watch for your student to bring home the collection sheet and parent letter around May 12. Thank you in advance for your donations to help the American Heart Association.



The weather is getting warmer and this gives students an opportunity to use outdoor activities for fitness. We will be discussing ideas to remain physically active during summer. Remember, everyone needs at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day! This month's Fitness Calendar's theme is May I Show You.

Michigan Tech Offers Summer Programs

Michigan Technical University offers a wide array of fantastic summer programs for students completing grades 6 through 11. The Summer Youth Program Career Explorations provide students the opportunity to explore a career of interest, delve into their favorite subjects and get a mini college experience. For more information, program booklets are available from Mrs. Case, or you can go to the website www.youthprograms.mtu.edu.

Art Students Visit Museum

Mrs. Russell's art students are currently creating posters for the upcoming boat races in Algonac. Students are also researching and writing a one to two page essay on the history of boat racing in Algonac. This is a competition held by the Algonac/Clay Offshore Racing Association and Ms. Cindy Babisz from Downriver Recreation. Mrs. Russell took her 7th grade students to the local Algonac/Clay Museum to do research for their essays. The students were fortunate to have members of our community and the Algonac Historical Association at the museum to tell of their first-hand experiences. All of Mrs. Russell's art students are participating in the poster/essay competition. Along with receiving a grade for the project, students will also have the opportunity to win \$25.00 at each grade level. The grand winner (chosen by the racing association) will have their essay/poster printed in the official racing program. An estimated 10,000 people would then see their work! Good luck to all students. (Students pictured at right are (L-R): Jonathan Murray, Aaron Pfeiffer, and Matt Horeftis).



You Gotta Have Art!

Algonquin Middle School is hosting the annual art exhibition for students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Flannigan, and Ms. Zoufal have joined together to create an opening night in the library on Thursday, May 11. Please come and enjoy an evening of the arts from 6-8 PM. The show will continue for the following week (Friday, May 12 through Friday, May 19) after school from 3-8 PM. We would like to thank Algonquin's Student Council for their help with the opening night refreshments.

Yearbooks

There are many who are anxiously waiting for the yearbooks to arrive. They should be in by the end of May. We have ordered 100 extra hardcover yearbooks and they will be sold (\$20.00 - cash only) to the first 100 people. Students should listen for updates on the announcements.

*****There will be no lunch charges allowed after Memorial Day. Please pay any pending charges as soon as possible.**

Summer School Courses Offered

Students who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8 and have failed math, language arts and/or social studies must register for summer school (consideration for promotion may be based on completion of summer school session). The summer school session begins June 19 and ends July 28. The one hour classes will meet Monday through Friday at Algonquin Middle School.

There will be no summer school on July 3 and July 4 in observance of the 4th of July holiday. The cost of each class is \$50.00. Registration flyers are available in the AMS office and payment is required at the time of registration. Transportation is offered at the starting and ending times of the sessions (9:00 AM pickup along M-29 and 12:00 noon return route along M-29 only). Registration forms are in the main office.

Summer Enrichment

The annual K-8 Summer Enrichment Program will be held at Algonquin Middle School again this year. Brochures are available in the front office.

Tropical Paradise Dance

Here it is, our last dance of the year! On Friday, May 19 after school until 4:30 PM the Algonquin Middle School Dance Committee will be turning our gym and cafeteria into a tropical paradise. Tickets will be on sale during lunch until May 16. All Student Council members are asked to bring in donations of pop and/or cookies for the dance. We are in need of chaperones for the dance. Adults are needed to help decorate the gym and cafeteria from 12:50 to 2:30 on May 19. Many "crowd control" chaperones and snack table workers are also needed from 2:20-4:30. Please contact Mrs. Jones at ext. 3324 or e-mail her at kjones@algonac.k12.mi.us if you are interested in helping.

WAVE Percussion Ensemble Takes First Place

On April 2, the Algonac WAVE Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Gras, took home first place retaining their State Championship in the MCGC Michigan Percussion A. This state competition was held at Saginaw Valley State University. With an undefeated season, these band members proved that hard work does pay off. Out of thirty-one band members, seven are Algonquin Middle School students. They are (pictured at right, L-R): Beth Darling, Austin Wirgau, Tristan Hart, Shelby Ross, Alexis Aslakson, Chris Chockley, and Derek Lauand.



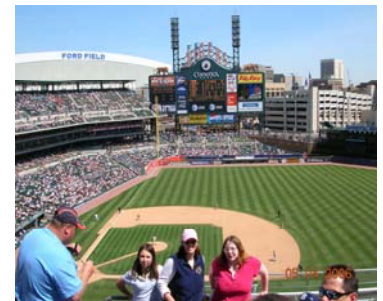
Parent Connection

The next Board Game Day will be on May 16. We will also be having a video game tournament at that time. Bring your own "E" or "T" games and system if desired. Sign up in the office if you will be bringing your own system or games so we know how many to expect. Board games will still be available for those that prefer them. Parent assistance is needed. Please call Christine McCoy at (586)212-2414 for more information or to help.

The next Family Movie Night will be on Friday, May 12. The movie to be shown will be "National Treasure".

Winning Warriors go to Tiger Game

The Winning Warrior trip for the third marking period was to Comerica Park to see a Detroit Tigers baseball game. Over three hundred students qualified for the trip and each grade attended a different game. The weather was great and students enjoyed an exciting day at the ballpark. Even though the Tigers lost all three games, students had fun watching the action and cheering on the home team.



Seventh grade students Dakota Cobb-Cuthbertson and Sarah Hartmeyer enjoyed watching the game along with Mrs. Smith

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Tropical Paradise
 Dance
 May 19
 2:40-4:40 PM

Student Book Review

A Kick in the Head by Paul Janeczko

What’s your opinion about poetry? Do you like it, love it, dream about it? Can you take it or leave it? Or do you think that reading and writing poetry is about as much fun as a kick in the head?

A Kick in the Head includes twenty-nine different poems, ranging from simple and well-known forms such as couplets, triplets, and haiku to more difficult and lesser-known forms like the persona poem, the ballad, and the pantoum. The author has chosen each poem as a good representative of its form. Some of the poems are serious and sad; others are downright hilarious. Not only will you understand more about poetic forms after enjoying this book, but you will also see firsthand how poetry can spark a wide variety of emotions.



Band Students Receive Awards

On March 10 & 11 the 7th and 8th grade bands participated in the MSBOA District 16 Band and Orchestra Festival in Port Huron. The 7th grade band received a Second Division rating. The 8th grade band received a First Division rating which qualified them to go to the State Band and Orchestra Festival held at Novi High School on Saturday, May. 5. For this performance they received a Second Division rating. This represents a very high level of achievement and the band will receive a plaque to be hung on the band room wall. Each member will also receive a red medal. We are very proud of the band for their musical efforts and their excellent behavior and representation of Algonquin Middle School and Algonac.

Student of the Month

December

Alyssa Rogers - Alyssa’s favorite subject is language arts. Her favorite book is any book written by Laura Ingles. Alyssa’s plans for the summer include swimming and hanging out with friends.

January

Ashley Smith - Ashley’s favorite subject is language arts. Her favorite book is *Eldest*. During summer break Ashley plans to go up north and go swimming.

February

Chelsey Hart - Chelsey’s favorite subject is math. Her favorite book is *Soul Surfer*. Chelsey will be going on vacation and visiting friends this summer.
