



The Bobcat Flyer

October 2007



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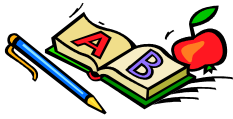
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

The first month of the school year has gone exceptionally well. Our administrative team is genuinely thankful to the parent community and Angevine staff for the terrific support you provide us!

On September 15th approximately 50 parents, community members and staff met during the scheduled Visioning Conference to discuss a revised vision for Angevine Middle School. The group met from 8:30 am – 11:30 am in an initial attempt to begin drafting a vision statement for our school. Within the vision statement a strategic plan will be implemented to guide Angevine for the next several years. The thinking is to develop an excellent transition model between the feeder elementary schools and Centaurus High School.

From this initial group and as a next step, we will convene a work group of approximately twenty (20) individuals including parents, Angevine staff, and other interested community members. The primary task of this work group will be to refine Angevine's vision statement, and develop a draft, initial strategic plan for Angevine's future. Based on our work on September 15th, we will be focusing on a Learning and Instructional System that sets high expectations and meets the learning needs of ALL students, a Climate and Culture that builds upon the assets of our entire community, and powerful and practical ways to fully engage all of our families, and the broader Angevine community.

We are currently planning three work group sessions scheduled for October 10 and 24, and November 14. Each session is scheduled from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Angevine, with a light meal provided. In addition, we will be engaging students in this process as it proceeds. Details of the student engagement are currently being developed. The committee or group will keep the community informed of the outcome of this work.

Angevine staff would like to remind parents that conferencing with your child's teacher can happen at Angevine anytime throughout the school year. You do not need to wait for a particular day in order to take advantage of this opportunity. We believe parent teacher communication should be on-going.

Angevine also has scheduled Parent Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, October 2nd and Thursday, October 4th between 4-7:30p.m. We are asking parents to follow the schedule below:

Tuesday, October 2, 2007	4-5:45p.m. – parents with students' last name beginning A-F
	5:45-7:30p.m. – parents with students' last name beginning G-L
Thursday, October 4, 2007	4-5:45p.m. – parents with students' last name beginning M-R
	5:45-7:30p.m. – parent with students' last name beginning S-Z

We believe this schedule will help to alleviate long lines.

The conferences will be held "arena style" in the gymnasium and the cafeteria. Parents will locate the teacher they wish to conference with and each conference is allocated approximately 10 minutes.

As always, we welcome parents to Angevine at any time throughout the school year.

In Partnership, Mike Medina



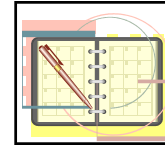
PTA DONATIONS

We recently received \$605 in donations. Five hundred dollars will be going toward the Angevine Music Programs. Thank you to the following for their generous donations:

Andrew Moore, Randy Dickinson, and Anonymous Donors

Donations can be made at any time to the PTA. Be sure to check at work and see if your company offers matching donations. Donations can be made to the PTA General Fund or for a specific purpose/function of your choosing (field trips, sports, music, school beautification, etc.).

A special thanks to the donor of a new fridge to replace the Student Government's broken one!!!



AMS CALENDAR

October

- 1 "Parenting Safe Children" Workshop 6:00 pm-9:00pm
- 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences
A-F 4:00 pm-5:45 pm
G-L 5:45 pm – 7:30 pm
- 3 8th Gr. Football vs Monarch Middle at AMS
- 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences
M-R 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm
S-Z 5:45 pm – 7:30 pm
- 11 Music Field Trip – Colorado Symphony Orch.
DLP Parent Meeting 6:00 pm
- 12 NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- 16 SIT Meeting 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
PTA Community & School Resource Fair
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
- 20 AMS Fall Clean-up
- 23 8th Gr. Picture Day
- 27 Chick Fila AMS Spirit Night



From The Attendance Office

Parents - Please call the attendance line (303-447-5458) if your child is going to be absent from school on any school day and for any reason!!

Please send a note with your child when he/she has to leave school during the day for an appointment or any other reason. Tell your child to deliver the note to the attendance desk in the morning. She/he will receive a pass to leave the classroom at the necessary time and they will meet you in the main office. This procedure will ensure less interruptions during class time.

Please come into the office to sign your student in or out of school.



AMS Student Directories

The AMS Student Directories will be going to print soon! Students and staff will be receiving the directories by mid October. A huge thanks goes out to Jennifer Harden for her efforts in putting in the entire student, staff and ad data. Also a great thanks to Betty Kaplan for her persistence in getting all of those ads that cover the cost of printing so that students and staff will receive the AMS Directories free of charge.

Student Council news



Elections were held for Student Government officers on Thursday September 20th. All candidates did a fantastic job.

School store is open everyday from 3:30 -3:50.

Parents may purchase t-shirts and hoodies at anytime by coming to the front office.

All students are welcome to join student council; meetings are every Friday before school at 7:30.

Please keep cutting out Box Top labels and Campbell soup labels and send them in with your student. Also, please send in any old cell phones or ink cartridges. This is an easy way for Student Council to make money. Student Council profits are used to pay for school dances, teacher appreciation and more.



Angevine PTA News

September has been a very busy month for AMS and AMS PTA. Back to School Night was a great way to get a feel for how our students maneuver throughout their day at AMS. It was nice to meet our student's teachers and get first hand knowledge of expectations for each class. I want to thank Ann Matino and Lucy Williams for organizing the wonderful and healthy snacks that many parents provided for the evening.

AMS PTA just concluded their only school wide fundraiser for the year and our students and staff were phenomenal with their efforts. It was the best fundraiser in recent years with the students earning their school around \$10,000!!! In addition, the response to our Individual Donation Form has also been very positive. Please check the back of each Bobcat Newsletter to see what the current needs are for specific departments within the school. They will change each month.

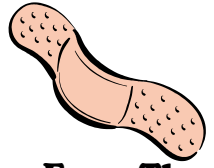
AMS PTA is currently accepting membership for this school year. Being a paid member earns you the right to vote on certain issues throughout the year. Membership is \$10 and may be made payable to AMS PTA. AMS PTA welcomes all parents and staff to participate in PTA discussions but only paid members may vote.

We are a very small board with no program or committee chairs at this time. The only elected board members are the secretary, Georgette Johnson, and treasurer, Debbie Strand. Michele Peel and Susan Montoya are Acting not elected, Co-Presidents. All other positions are open at this time. We do need someone to step up as a Volunteer Coordinator. The Volunteer list has already been generated and as a Volunteer Coordinator you would be able to work from home contacting individuals as needs arise. We plan on having elections in October or November and are in the process of implementing a nominating committee.

Be sure to attend the October PTA meeting as we sponsor our second "School and Community Resource Fair" on Tuesday, October 16th from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the AMS Cafeteria. We plan on having over 20 school and community organizations, clubs, services and activities that are beneficial to our middle school students.

For further information, contact Michele Peel at k.peel@comcast.net or 303-604-6077 or Susan Montoya at susan.montoya@bvsd.org.

The beginning of any infectious illness is usually the time it is most likely to spread to others. This is also the time your student is probably feeling unable to participate in class. In order to keep everyone healthy, we ask that you keep your student home when they are feeling ill.



From The Health Room

Students are not allowed to carry any medications at school, this includes cough drops. All medication must be accompanied by a Doctors order, parent signature and must be administered through the health room. The only exceptions to this rule are inhalers and epi-pens. Your student may carry these if they have a medication form on file in the health room.

October Count Days



Please be aware the official October Count day is October 1st. Please encourage you child to be in school that day. The October count is Sept 24 - Oct. 8th. If your student has to be out during this entire time please come into the office to sign a letter of intent that they will return to Angevine. If you have any questions please call Connie at 303-665-5540.

"BOBCAT BUCKS"
Grocery Card Fundraiser

Molly Waterman is organizing a low-effort, low-cost way for Angevine parents to earn money for AMS. Everyone buys groceries and everyone can participate. It is the same that many of us did at our elementary school where we purchased scrip or coupons to be used as cash at our local grocery stores. Molly will help us earn "Bobcat Bucks" from Safeway, King Soopers, Wild Oats and Vitamin Cottage. AMS can earn up to a 5% return on money spent at these grocery stores.

Please contact Molly at mollywaterman@yahoo.com or molly.waterman@hp.com for more information or if you would like to assist her with this program.

Albertson Community Cards will be available soon. These cards will need to be scanned each time groceries are purchased for AMS to earn rewards.

First Annual Angevine Fall Clean Up



PTA along with Angevine is organizing its first ever Annual Fall Clean Up for Saturday, October 20th from 8:00 A.M until 12:00 noon. We would like to continue with the work already begun by Dr. Lamb and his students in the flower beds and the work the district has done in trimming some of the trees in front of the school.

A few parents have mentioned groups (sports, churches, social) that may be willing to help as part of a community service project. We welcome all parents, staff, students and groups as we trim trees and bushes, pull weeds, and cut wayward grasses and saplings. Bring your gloves, trimmers, shovels, loppers, and a fun spirit.

If you are not into lawn detail I'm sure the rest of us would enjoy a cold drink, hot cup of cocoa or a nice energy boosting snack. For details contact Molly Waterman at mollywaterman@yahoo.com or molly.waterman@hp.com or Michele Peel at k.peel@comcast.net or 303-604-6077.

Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A

Chick-Fil-A restaurant has offered AMS a low-cost no-effort way to earn money for our school. The fourth Thursday of each month will be designated as AMS Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A in Broomfield just across the street from AMC Theaters at Flatirons Mall. Our school will receive 20% of proceeds from all receipts designated for AMS from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM that evening. Thursday, September 27th will be our first Spirit Night followed by October, 25th which will be designated as AMS Science Department Spirit Night.



Lights On Afterschool

Thursday, October 18, 2007, thousands of children across America will join parents, educators, and community and business leaders to rally in support of the afterschool programs that keep kids safe, inspire academic achievement and help working families.



Lights On Afterschool!

The City of Boulder and the Boulder Valley School District are sponsoring an event on the 1330 Block of the Pearl Street Mall from 3:30 to 6:30 showcasing the talent and skills gained by children through after-school programs including music, science, theater, art and more. Speakers are: Jared Polis, former Chairman of the Colorado State Board of Education; Chris King, BVSD superintendent; and Mark Ruzzin City of Boulder mayor.

Information ~ Kathryn Coleman at 303-441-3344 or website at www.bouldercolorado.gov/cyfhhs/loas.

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

What are the top 3 things on the minds of middle school kids?*

1. Cliques/fitting in/friend problems/drama
2. Drugs and alcohol
3. Harassment/bullying/fights



Did you know that the family plays an important role in the lives of middle school students?

- As a Parent Engagement Network school team leader you will learn tips and tools for building a network of parents at your school will help enhance relationships and foster resiliency among kids and parents.
- PEN team leaders learn how to identify the needs and concerns of parents at their schools and address the gaps by bringing resources to the schools, sharing information on conversation starters on tough topics, and more.

Come to the training to find out more about building a PEN team at your school!!

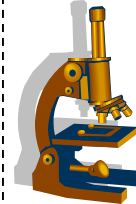
*Parent Engagement Network Team Leader Training
Tuesday, September 25, 2007 - 4-6 pm
Platt Middle School, 6096 Baseline, Boulder*



For more information contact ZuZa Bohley, (720) 272-3963 or bohley@comcast.net

*Source: BVSD Middle School Youth Summit, April 2007

The Wonder of Science at Twenty Ninth Street



Impact on Education, Twenty Ninth Street, EcoArts and the Wonder of Science invites you to Science Saturday!

Saturday, September 29th Noon – 6 pm at Twenty Ninth Street

The Wonder of Science at Twenty Ninth Street brings together seven science labs and other community organizations including Fiske Planetarium's STARLAB portable planetarium sponsored by Twenty Ninth Street and Impact on Education.

ANGEVINE MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Many thanks to the Boulder Valley Woman's Club, especially Erica Halford, for their wonderful donation of over 60 books to the Angevine Media Center. The donation showed a great deal of care and knowledge about young adult books. This kind of support for our children's reading needs is a great example for our learning community.

ANGEVINE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT DONATIONS

Parents are always welcome to contribute to AMS through tax deductible donations through out the year. You may indicate how you would like your donation to be utilized by indicating a specific need you would like to address or a specific educational department within the school. Ask your employer for matching funds.

Current Needs:

Science Dept.: presentation boards at \$3.00 each, hand lenses at \$15 each and financial assistance and volunteer hours with Science Fair and Invention Convention.

PE: New scooters and other equipment.

New stage lighting & microphones for the Music. Dept.

We greatly appreciate your support and assistance!!!

Donors Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Amount _____ How you would like your donation utilized _____

____ I would like to be acknowledged for this gift.

____ I wish to remain anonymous.

Tax ID # 26-01016792

Complete and send to: **AMS PTA**
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