



The Bobcat Flyer

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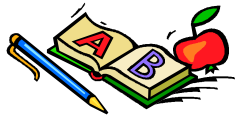


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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Angevine Community,

We recently completed our registration process for next year's 7th and 8th grade students. Each student was provided a registration form with corresponding course description information on our website. Hard copies were also provided to students and families. Thank you to all the parents who participated and contributed to their students' potential choices for next year. The middle school experience is a time of transition for adolescent students. They are exposed to a variety of choices through course offering and co-curricular experiences. Middle school students will tend to gravitate towards an area of their interest. Some students are mathematically inclined, others may have an interest in music, and many prefer the arts. Throughout this transitional period students make decisions on classes and/or interests they wish to pursue.

Students are provided a variety of course offering choices. They are encouraged to choose up to five, in the event we can't accommodate their first choice. If they identify several choices they are more apt to end up with a schedule which satisfies their needs. As we move towards additional restructuring at Angevine, we have added additional advanced Language Arts classes, more advanced opportunities in math, and we have totally revamped our Pre-Engineering program. All of these efforts have been in collaboration with Centaurus High School and our feeder elementary schools.

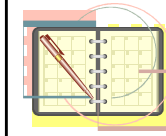
I wish to thank Dr. Ellen Miller-Brown, Deputy Superintendent of Boulder Valley Schools, for her tremendous support in helping acquire resources and funding to provide articulation meeting time with elementary and high school teachers. The objective of these sessions has been to ensure consistency and cohesiveness with instructional strategies and programs across the Lafayette schools. Many discussions have been held with all Lafayette principals and teachers, centered on improving our K-12 educational structure in Lafayette.

We are currently working on providing summer school for students in grades 5-8 – students who have not demonstrated proficiency in literacy and math at their specific grade level. More information will come within the next 2 weeks specific to identified students who meet the criteria.

An abbreviated newsletter will be sent home prior to the last week of school as we finalize plans for the summer and registration information in August.

In Partnership With Community,

Mike Medina, Principal



AMS CALENDAR

- MAY**
- 1 - 7&8 gr. Music Dept Opera Field Trip
 - 4 - Music Pathways Recital (AMS – (Room 124) (6:30 pm - 8:30pm)
 - 5 - AMS/CHS Orchestra Concert – CHS – (7th & 8th gr.) (7:00pm-8:30 pm)
 - 6 - **Late Start Wed, 5th & 6th gr Band & Orchestra Festival (CHS), FAST Meeting – Library (5:00pm – 10:00 pm), 5th & 6th gr. Band Concert – CHS – (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)**
 - 7 - 5th & 6th gr. Orchestra Concert – CHS – (7:00pm – 8:30pm)
 - 13 - **Late Start Wed., FAST Meeting -**
 - 14 - Choir Concert – CHS – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, 6th gr. Parent Information Night – Library (6:00pm – 7:30pm)
 - 15 - Spring Honor Roll Breakfast – Cafetorium (7:45am – 8:30am), Youth in Transition (Project Yes) – Library (4:00pm – 6:00pm)
 - 19 - TIES Meeting – Conference Room (4:00pm-5:00), SIT Meeting – Library (5:00pm-6:00pm), PTA Meeting – Library (6:00pm-7:00pm), AVID Friday Harbor Pot Luck – Cafetorium (6:00pm-7:00pm), "Claymation Premier" – Cafetorium (7:00pm-8:00pm)
 - 20 - **Late Start Wednesday**
 - 21 - 7th gr. Field Trip to the Denver Museum Nature & Science, AMS Band Concert – CHS (7:00pm-8:30pm)
 - 25 - **NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY**
 - 27 - 8gr. Recognition Night – Gym (6:30pm-8:00pm)
 - 28 - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** (various activities are in the planning stage)
 - 29 - **LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS**
- JUNE**
- 25 - **LAST DAY THE OFFICE IS OPEN**
- AUG.**
- 3 - **OFFICE REOPENS**
 - 18 - **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 6TH GRADE**
 - 19 - **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES**

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.**

Student Council News

Box Tops: Every Box Top gives \$.10 to student council. You can find Box Tops on Hamburger Helper boxes, Soup cans, Cereal boxes, and much more!

Cut it out from the package and put it into an envelope or Plastic bag, and drop it into the bin next to the office!

Hello Bobcat Families

Thank you for all your support and energy this year – let's keep up the important work!

Cheers,
Molly Waterman
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TAG UPDATE :

As I type, plump snowflakes continue streaming past the window, temporarily concealing the tender daffodils and green wisps of grass that had heretofore heralded the onset of Spring. Despite Mother Nature's glance back over her shoulder, our eyes are focused on the present and the future: we're striving to support our students in the final stretch of this school year and we're making plans for how we can bet-ter support them in the coming year.

On April 13, Kate and I completed the district training which will now allow us to provide formal affective student support groups. Additionally, Kate, along with Michelle Eckstein of Lafayette Elementary School, wrapped up their most recent SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted) session for families in our area. Topics covered over the course of the program included general characteristics of gifted students; intensity, perfectionism and stress; peer relationships; motivation and depression; siblings and family relationships; and communication and traditions. Michelle and Kate are hoping to hold future sessions in both the summer and fall. Details on upcoming SENG groups can be found at: <http://bvsd.org/tag/Pages/parenteducation.aspx>.

Much consideration for our TAG students went into next year's master schedule; our administration built into next year's schedule time for me to meet with all three of our grade-level teams on a weekly basis so that all of our teachers can receive regular support in meeting the special needs of our TAG students as will be set forth in each child's Advanced Learning Plan. Moreover, I'll be directly teaching many of our TAG students on a daily basis in Advanced Language Arts.



AMS Delegation En Route to Ecuador!

Angevine's International School-to-School Experience (ISSE) delegation is scheduled to leave DIA this morning to fly to Guayaquil, Ecuador, where they will attend the Jefferson School. (You may recall that AMS hosted a delegation from the Jefferson School for three weeks in February.) Our delegation is comprised of six students and two chaperones: Alie Armour, Robby Stevens, Haley Slauch, Carter McKay-Epp, Shaefer Weidman, Siena Ruggeri, AMS art teacher Patty Jones, and retired BVSD Spanish teacher Maria Molina. As part of their ambassadorial mission, the group has created and will present a cultural performance for the hosting schools. The students will also teach cultural mini-lessons during their experience. The delegation will end their visit with a journey to the Ecuadorian rain forest before returning to Colorado on May 9. Until then, we look forward to receiving e-mails and photos regaling their adventures!



"Water Bottle Tapestry"

Bottles, bottles everywhere! Americans are the world's leading consumers of bottled water, averaging one 8-ounce bottle per person per day. It takes three to five times more water to make and fill one plastic water bottle than the bottle actually contains. Disposing of all those plastic bottles is also an environmental nightmare. Less than 23 percent of those bottles are recycled. The 77 percent of plastic bottles that pile up as trash will remain that way for the 700-1,000 years it takes them to biodegrade.

What can we do?

- Use glass or sturdy non-PET water bottles.
- Fill your own bottles from your kitchen tap. Another advantage is that drinking the recommended eight glasses a day from the tap will cost about 49 cents compared to \$1,400 annually in bottled water.

When you do recycle water bottles, remove the plastic cap before you put it in recycling.

The Angevine art classes have created a "Water Bottle Tapestry" and installed it in the AMS Atrium and 8th grade door area to symbolize the problem of America's overuse of plastic bottles. Just how many bottles do you use a week? We estimate that Angevine uses up to 3,000 bottles a week! Maybe it's time to rethink our use of plastic "disposable" water bottles!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Funding for this project provided by grants from

The Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission and

"Kids Need Art" Grant from the Creative Alliance



The Yearbooks Are Coming!

The 2008-2009 AMS Yearbooks will be here the middle of May. We are planning on distributing and selling them starting May 12th during all the lunches. There is a master list of all the pre-sales so if you bought the yearbook early you can pick one up starting May 12th. If you did not buy a yearbook early, there will be about 200 for sale for \$27 each (\$25 plus tax). Bring a check made out to AMS or cash to buy your yearbook starting May 12th. They do sell fast so don't miss out!!! If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at patty.jones@bvsd.org, or call 303-665-5540.



BAND TALK

News from the band:

Congratulations to 11 students representing Angevine Middle School who were accepted into the University of Colorado Wind Ensemble. They have been rehearsing for over 2 months for their scheduled evening concert performance at Monarch K-8 on April 17th. This was the 2nd annual event of some of the finest middle school musicians from our Boulder Valley School District. Participants were Jaryd Benedict, Laci Conda, Megan Moore, flutes; Jasmine Ratterre-Lodge, Mikayla Whiteaker, David Vandemeer, clarinets; Lexie Bowman, bass clarinet; Shane Beuning, JR Pyne, Brandon Smith, saxophones; Dee Dee Strohl, baritone.

The 5/6 B.V.S.D. Band Festival at Centaurus High School gym on Wed. May 6th, 7:00 p.m. will feature students from area elementary schools as well as a combined 6th grade band of Angevine and Louisville MS musicians. The students have worked hard in preparation for this annual event exhibiting their musicianship in selections from various styles of band literature.

Note: The orchestra students will perform the following night on May 7th, in the auditorium. The band concert is on Wed. May 6th.

Our AMS year-end Band Concert (7th and 8th grade bands) will also be at Centaurus High School on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00p.m. An exciting evening is planned! Please plan to attend

Athletics News



Track season has started! Please come and cheer on your Bobcat athletes at the following District Meets:

Interscholastic 6th, 7th, 8th Track Meets:

7/8th - Thursday, April 23 @ Louisville

6th– Wednesday, April 29 @ Louisville

7/8th - Monday, May 4 @ Peak 2 Peak

6th– Wednesday, May 6 @ Platt

7/8th - Monday, May 11 @ Louisville

6th– Wednesday, May 13 @ Louisville

7/8 Boys- Friday, May 15 @ Fairview High School

7/8 Girls- Monday, 18 @ Boulder High School

6 Girls/Boys-Tuesday, May 19 @ Peak to Peak

If you have questions, please call the office or email

Sonia at: Sonia.menjivarjacob@bvsd.org or track coach Karen.smith@bvsd

GO BOBCATS!

Volunteer Luncheon

AMS would like to thank all of our parent volunteers for all you have done to help make the Angevine community a better learning environment.

All parent volunteers are invited to a special celebration luncheon to honor you.

When: Thursday, May 14th

10:35 to 11:05 (7th grade lunch),

11:30 to 12:00 (6th grade lunch) or

12:25 to 12:55 (8th grade lunch)

Where: Angevine Middle School Library

Please R.S.V.P to Sonia or Michele P. by Friday May 1st at 303-665-5540.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Mahatma Gandhi



ANGEVINE MEDIA CENTER

.Over the past two months, the Angevine Media Center has featured seven Newbery Honor books as important literature for the young adult reader. The first was The Fledgling by Jane Langton. This book is a story about a young girl's fantasy about flying coming true in a most unusual way. The second book is Noonday Friends by Mary Stolz. It is about a young girl's struggle to maintain friendships and live with the grinding poverty of her family. The third book is Abel's Island by William Steig. It is the story of a Victorian mouse's unexpected adventure that tests his resolve and ingenuity. The fourth book is Black Fox of the Lorne by Marguerite De Angeli. It is an historical novel featuring the adventures of two twin Viking boys struggling to find their lost mother. The fifth book is Getting Near to Baby by Audrey Coulombis. It is a story of two young girls coming to terms with the death of their baby sister. The sixth book is Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman. It is an historical novel featuring a young medieval girl's struggle to come to terms with a forced marriage. The seventh book is Volcano by Patricia Lauber. This is the story of the recovery of the environment around Mt. St. Helens after the famous eruption in 1980.

During this past two months, teachers and students have used the Media Center's facilities and services for many different projects. **Mrs. Arroyo-Homstrom** brought her AVID students to the Media Center to research power point presentations for their trip to the Pacific Northwest in May. **Mrs. Carpenter** and **Mrs. Shaeffer** brought their 6th grade and 8th grade science students to the Media Center to work with interactive internet sites on plate tectonics and

weather. **Mrs. Ramirez** continuously brought her Dual Language Language Arts students to the Media Center to find literature they could read and enjoy in the classroom. **Mrs. Penner** brought her French language students to the Media Center to use a special web site that provided special French language activities for her students. **Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Juroshek, and Mr. Coughlin** used over 150 books on drugs and various other health topics from the Media Center in their Health classroom to help their 8th grade students come to a better understanding these important issues. **Ms. Montoya's** 7th grade world geography students used the Media Center's computers to find up-to-date information on various Asian countries. **Mr. Hostetter** and **Mr. Correll** brought their 7th grade science students to study plate tectonics on the Internet. **Mr. Hostetter** and **Mr. Correll** also brought their 7th grade science students to research various kinds of natural disasters to create power point presentations. **Mr. Slaby** brought his 8th grade American Studies students to the Media Center to read fictional accounts of the immigration experience in the United States. **Mr. Slaby** also checked out over two hundred books and videos on immigration to supplement his 8th grade students study of this re-occurring theme in American history. **Mrs. Elsnest-Paryzer** used the Media Center's Spanish literature library as a resource for her Dual Language Language Arts students to find authentic Spanish language fiction. **Mrs. Elsnest-Paryzer** also used the Media Center's Writing Lab to create and describe unique characters through the use of the Spanish language. **Mrs. McGraw** and **Mrs. Trujillo** continued to use the Media Center's Writing Lab to create polished final drafts of different writing assignments in Language Arts and World Geography.

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