

Captain's Log **By Principal Mohler**

“It is the marriage of the soul with Nature that makes the intellect fruitful, and gives birth to imagination.”
- Henry David Thoreau

Enrollment – Beginning in January Amana will start the reenrollment process for our returning students and priority registration for siblings. Please watch your child's take home folder and the website for this very important information. All families will be required to return forms in order to secure a spot for next year. Open enrollment for new families will begin in late February and early March.

Paperless Communication – Amana will begin ONLY paperless communications in January 2007. In the meantime, the Middle School Crew will begin piloting this effort starting this week. Please make sure that you have given your email address to your child's teacher(s) and that you can regularly access the Amana website for updates and important information.

Please update your child's information – Throughout the year many of you have changed phone numbers, moved, or need someone different on your child's emergency contact list. Please fill out the change of information form that is being sent home today so that we have the updated information. It is very important that we maintain accurate and complete records. We thank you for your help with this.

Do you know what the P.I.E .is? – This is the parent teacher association for Amana. There are many very dedicated parents already involved in this crew. They help raise money for the students and the school through fundraising. In order for this crew to be truly effective they need participation from as many families as possible. They hold monthly meetings in which they make decisions, plans, and discuss what Amana needs. Please plan to attend and participate in these meetings. For more information please contact rdarvesh@amanaacademy.org or justjennygibson@aol.com.

Showcase Night – December 19th Amana will be hosting its first showcase night of the 2006-2007 school year. This is a night in which students will be showing you what they have learned and what is still to come for the rest of the year. It will be a fun night that you student is very excited about sharing with you. Please look for more information to come home from your child's class about their particular showcase.

Narrative Report Cards – For those of you new to Amana, Narrative Report Cards are a very valuable document about your child. It gives information about what has been covered in each subject area at your child's grade level as well as specific information about what your child is doing in each subject. It also gives suggestions and ideas for you to help at home to help your child succeed. These report cards will be coming home with the standard Fulton County Report Cards the first week we get back to school in January. Please look for it in your child's Communication Folder.

Put these dates on your calendar:

- December 14th – Uniform Store Open 1:00-4:00pm
- December 15th – Family Fun Night – Sportsarama – 6:00-9:00pm
- December 16th – Amana Board Meeting 9:30am
- December 19th – Showcase Night 6:00pm-8:00pm
- December 22nd – January 5th Winter Break

“Feelings of worth can flourish only in an atmosphere where individual differences are appreciated, mistakes are tolerated, communication is open, and rules are flexible - the kind of atmosphere that is found in a nurturing family.”

- Virginia Satir