

Captain's Log **By Principal Mohler**

**“While we try to teach our children all about life,
our children teach us what life is all about.”**

It has been a couple of weeks since my last newsletter to the parents. During that time, I have been attending conferences, important meetings, and beginning many processes for planning of the 2007-2008 school year. Please read the information below carefully. It is all important and we want to make sure everyone stays informed.

No More Traffic Police Officer During Dismissal – Following careful analyzing and prioritizing of the budget, it was determined that the costs far out weigh the benefits of having a police officer at the top of the hill on Holcomb Bridge. We will have Ricardo positioned at that spot every day to ensure and remind people to turn **right only** during dismissal time. This will ensure a safe and orderly continuation of dismissal. This will also save us a lot in our budget. Thank you to all of you in advance for understanding and doing your best at dismissal for the safety of our students.

Safety During Dismissal – Over the past couple of months we have noticed some of the rules and regulations during dismissal being ignored and relaxed. Please remember that all of those procedures are in place for the safety of all children. All cars must come to a complete stop and have the engines turned off until the whistle is blown and you are allowed to move on. Also, please remember that if you want to pick up your child and you are not in the carpool line, you **MUST** go through the front office. Children are not dismissed from the gym doors. Please do not come to the doors asking for your children. You will be directed to the front office.

Reenrollment – The oldest child in each family has brought home information and reenrollment forms. Please be sure to return this form by February 16th in order to secure your child's spot at Amana for the 2007-2008 school year. Open enrollment will begin on February 20th. If you do not return your form by February 16th, your child will have to go in open enrollment and possibly through the lottery for placement next year. If you no longer have the form, please contact the front office or visit our website at www.amanaacademy.org.

Uniforms – All students should be in full uniform every day. If your child is not dressed appropriately, we will ask you to come to school with the appropriate article(s) of clothing before allowing them back in class. Much research has been done on the positive effects of wearing uniforms on student achievement and behavior. Please refer to Amana's Charter if you have any questions.

After School Care – Please remember that the After School Program is only for those students who are officially registered. The program is currently full and there is a waiting list for students wanting to participate. If you are interested, please fill out a registration form in the front office. Your child will be put on a waiting list. When space becomes available, you will be contacted. If your child stays after school and is not registered for

the program they will be directed to the front office where you will be called to come and pick them up. They will not be allowed to stay in the program.

Spring Group Pictures – Spring Pictures are approaching. During this time group class pictures will be taken. We are asking that everyone participate in the group picture, regardless of whether they participate in individual pictures or not. This is a great memory and record of years at Amana Academy.

Illness and School – Please remember that if your child has a fever or is vomiting they are not to return to school for 24 hours after being fever or vomit free. Remind your child to wash his or her hands frequently and to cover their mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing. Anytime there is a communicable illness in your child's classroom we will send a communication home describing the illness and the signs to look for.

“If you raise your children to feel that they can accomplish any goal or task they decide upon, you will have succeeded as a parent and you will have given your children the greatest of all blessings.”

Brian Tracy