

Captain's Log **By Principal Mohler**

“The larger the island of knowledge, the longer the shoreline of wonder.”

Ralph M. Sockman

Uniforms – All uniforms have now come in and the Uniform Store has officially opened once a month. All students are to be in uniform by Monday, October 30th. Please be advised that if your child is not in uniform after that date, they will be sent to the office to call home and a parent will have to bring a uniform for the child to wear.

Facilities Crew – The Facilities Crew is actively exploring options for our facilities to present to the board by late November. There are several exciting possibilities to support our continued growth and success. Please join the Board during the Town Hall Meeting coming up in November (date to be announced) to hear the crew's findings and give your input.

Tardies and Absences – Please remember that the instructional day starts at 8am. Teachers begin receiving students in the classrooms at 7:45am and teaching begins promptly at 8. It is very important that your child be at school on time. Every classroom starts with a Morning Meeting and this time is very valuable in starting the day in a positive and productive way.

If your child is absent, please remember to send a note documenting why your child was absent. Only 10 unexcused absences are allowed for the year. Following that your child may have to repeat the grade. If your family has extenuating circumstances please make an appointment with Ms. Mohler to discuss your situation.

Genesee Site Visit – A crew from Amana has just returned from visiting Genesee Community Charter School in Rochester, New York. The time that was spent there was very beneficial. It helped us gain ideas and strategies to move us forward in our goals for Amana. Our teachers got time to collaborate with the staff at Genesee on their expeditions. You should see the fruits of their labor in the coming semester. We plan on taking more crews to other site visits as the year progresses with the end goal being Amana being selected as a site to visit within 2 years.

Thank you – A huge appreciation goes out to all of the parents who played a part in making sure our classes were covered during our staff absences this past week. We are truly a community school and that is reflected in the hard work of all of the Amana families. We couldn't do it without you.

Volunteer Orientation and Background Check – Please remember that if you would like to volunteer in ANY capacity at Amana you MUST go through the volunteer training and background check. If you need information about this please contact Shaista Bingum, Volunteer Coordinator.

Put these dates on your calendar:

- November 1st – PIE meeting (3:30pm-5:00pm)
- November 3rd – Family Fun Night – Brunswick Bowling (4pm-9pm)
- November 7th – School Holiday Election Day
- November 14th – Department of Education visit

“Education is too important to be left solely to the educators.”

Francis Keppel