

## **Captain's Log** **By Principal Mohler**

“To develop a complete mind: study the science of art; study the art of science. Learn how to see. Realize that everything connects to everything else.”

Leonardo da Vinci.

*Student Led Conferences* – Conference Day is Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. You should already have an appointment with your child's teacher for that day. This is a very important time for your child. They have been working hard all week to prepare for this time with you. They will be sharing information about their strengths, what they need to work on, their likes and dislikes, and how you can better help them with their education. There will be a SMALL amount of time for you to talk to your child's teacher, however, the majority of the information will come from the students. Please remember that this time is meant to be focused on the student and we highly discourage bringing siblings to the conference. There will NOT be babysitting provided or any place for siblings to go. If they come, they must stay with the parent and remain quiet during the conference. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

*Uniforms* – We are still waiting for backordered uniforms to arrive. Most uniforms have arrived and have been distributed to the students. If you have not received the uniforms that you ordered yet, please contact the Uniform Crew through our front office. The Uniform Store will be open on Monday, October 16 for new orders as well. We thank you for your patience and flexibility. Many thanks go out to Stephanie Hanson for donating countless hours and effort towards the Uniform Store.

*Narrative Report Cards* – Returning parents know that as part of our charter teachers have done narrative report cards as well as numeric or letter report cards. However, because student led conferences are so close to report card issuing (October 20) we have decided to forgo narratives this first 9 weeks and issue them along with other report cards for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks. You will receive all information that you could possibly want about your child's education during conferences.

*November 7<sup>th</sup>* – It has come to our attention that we missed a date from the Fulton County Calendar. According to their calendar, which we follow, November 7<sup>th</sup> is a student holiday for Election Day. Therefore, Amana will be closed on November 7<sup>th</sup>. We are sorry this did not get on our calendar at the beginning of the school year and hope this does not cause any inconvenience.

*Staff Development* – As an integral and very important part of our staff development here at Amana, many of us will be visiting well established Expeditionary Learning schools through out the year. One of those visits is coming up. October 23-25 6 teachers (1<sup>st</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Mrs. Mohler will be going to Rochester, New York to visit Genessee Charter School, one of the flagship ELOB schools. This is a very exciting opportunity for us to bring back great ideas and network with veteran educators. Please be mindful that there will be many substitutes on campus and if you are available for volunteering those days that would be helpful. Please contact your child's teacher.

Put these dates on your calendar:

- October 13<sup>th</sup> – return Bulb Fundraiser to teacher
- October 16<sup>th</sup> – return Cookie Dough Fundraiser to teacher
- October 20<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards go home
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting and Community Celebration 4pm-7pm  
(food and babysitting will be provided)

“By not trying too hard, we avoid learning what our true potential is, and having to fulfill it. Doing our best can be deeply threatening. It forces us to consider what we're actually capable of accomplishing. Once we learn the lesson we can't unlearn it. Our true potential becomes a shining light we can follow...”

Farson and Keyes - Whoever Makes the Most Mistakes Wins