

Captain's Log

By Principal Mohler

ITBS testing is this week. All 3rd, 5th, and 8th grade students will be taking the district mandated ITBS test. This test is a norm referenced test in that it compares the results of individual students to a sampling of students at their same age and grade level. The results are not used for accountability instead they are used for guiding teachers in what and how they will teach the remainder of the year. Students can not prepare for these tests nor do we want them to. We want this to be an authentic look at where they are. The tests will take place Monday-Friday in the mornings only. The rest of the schedule will not change.

Is your family planning a trip during the school year? – A few important things to remember when planning family trips and vacations: Students are allowed only 10 unexcused absences for the school year. If a child accumulates more than the allotted 10 days, they have to repeat the grade. If the parents elect to withdraw the child during the family trip, the spot then becomes available for any one wishing to enroll their child at Amana in that grade level. Family trips are only excused through the principal and only on rare occasions. It is very important that your child be present every day in class. They miss very valuable information and new concepts are taught daily.

Crossing Guard Volunteers – Amana is a very busy place from 3:00pm-3:25pm. This is the time in which parents are parking and coming in to pick up their children. We can not stop traffic in the parking lot at this time so we are asking for your help. If you would like to help ensure the safety of all students while crossing the parking lot by being a crossing guard during this time please contact Ms. H at bheimerl@amanaacademy.org. We appreciate your help and support.

Field Studies – All grades have scheduled their field studies for the year. These are integral parts of the Amana curriculum and all students are required to participate. In order to ensure that the best possible field studies are available we ask that parents help offset the costs. The teachers have published the amounts needed and many of you have sent in your checks. Please note that we can not finalize plans until all money is in. If your family is not able to contribute please contact your child's teacher. If you need to set up a payment plan please let your child's teacher know. We appreciate the support and dedication to your child's education.

Advisory Crew – We are still looking for a few parents that really want to make a difference at Amana through the Advisory Crew. We meet once a month to help me make decisions on every aspect of Amana. If you are interested please contact me at amohler@amanaacademy.org.

PIE – The Partnership in Education organization is looking for a few good people to be a part of the Executive Board. If you are interested please email me at amohler@amanaacademy.org.

Important Dates:

Saturday, September 29th

Amana Board Meeting 9:30am

Friday, October 12th

Student Led Conferences

Schedule with the teachers