

COMMUNITY *Update* From Superintendent Mike Molnar

Comet Nation,

In this week's Community Update, I wanted to highlight special program that we've hosted in Amherst for over a decade - Camp Invention! It's a wonderful summer science experience that my children enjoyed as they were growing up and it's back at **Walter G. Nord, June 3rd through June 7th, for our Comets going into Grades 1 - 6.**

You won't want to miss out on the fun as they embark on a new program for campers that is sure to spark curiosity and confidence in your Comet as they collaborate with their peers in fun, hands-on STEM challenges. Register your child by March 27th and save \$25 with the code FUN25. Below, you will find different QR codes. Please scan the appropriate QR Codes for the event flyer and information regarding the Ohio ACE program for families who may qualify for assistance in paying for camp.

Do you have a Comet going into 7th through 12th grade next year that would like to be a role model/helper or intern? Scan the QR codes to the left for more information on the LIT program (7th & 8th grade) and LI- Intern program (9th-12th grade).



CAMP INVENTION FLYER



OHIO ACE PROGRAM



LIT PROGRAM FLYER



LI INTERN FLYER

LITTLE COMETS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The Little Comets Preschool Program is **accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year.** This application is for peer models (children without delays or disabilities) who will be 4 years old by August 1, 2024. All Peer Model openings are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. If your child is placed in a classroom as a peer model, you will receive a letter with your next steps, including Preschool registration and submission of your \$300 deposit. All other children will remain on our waiting list, and families will be notified via a letter. Questions? Contact our Little Comets Preschool Secretary today at 440-988-7902 or lindsey_dotson@amherstk12.org.



REGISTER TODAY!

NUTRITION SERVICES | SNAC UPDATE

Both AJH and Steele's Student Nutrition Advisory Councils (SNAC) met with Mrs. Kelbley, Nutrition Services Supervisor, this week to discuss creating a logo for the SNAC group, creating a tagline for the Nutrition Services Department, and creating a new menu design for publication on the Nutrition Services website. Steele's SNAC taste-tested 3 new items that are being introduced by Rich Products Corporation for next school year. Both groups gave input on current menu options, and gave suggestions for offering certain menu items more often. AJH's SNAC discussed ways to advertise the menus and to recruit more students to join SNAC. There were 4 students at the AJH meeting, and 6 at Steele. If your student would like to join the Student Nutrition Advisory Council, please contact Mrs. Kelbley at deanne_kelbley@amherstk12.org, and she will add their name to the distribution list for the next meeting.



CURRICULUM UPDATE | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY RECAP

Our recent District Professional Development Day consisted of a delicious breakfast courtesy of our Nutrition Services Department and two terrific sessions from educational consultant and speaker Kim Campbell. Ms. Campbell shared a mix of motivation and methodology that had staff engaged and excited to finish the school year strong. We were thrilled to have her come and are so fortunate to have these times to pour into our outstanding faculty and staff.



ATHLETICS UPDATE

TONIGHT'S BASKETBALL GAMES

You won't want to miss tonight's double header Girls and Boys Basketball Game against Berea-Midpark. In addition to recognizing the 2024 Class of the Amherst Athletic Hall of Fame at the Halftime of the Boys Game, Amherst is joining the statewide Military Appreciation Initiative set forth by the OHSA. To show our appreciation for all who have served or who are serving our Country as part of the Armed Forces, we are offering **free admission** for all Active or Retired Military personnel for tonight's games. The Girl's Game starts at 5:30 p.m., and the Boys will start 15 minutes following the Girl's game at approximately 7:00 p.m.

REMAINING SENIOR NIGHTS

Steele Hockey Senior Night will be held Saturday, January 27th, at North Park Ice Arena at 4:30 p.m.

Steele Bowling Senior Night will be held Monday, February 5th, at Redman's Bowling Alley at 4:30 p.m.

Steele Boys Basketball Senior Night will be held Tuesday, February 13th, in the Steele Main Gym at 6:30 p.m.

Steele Girls Basketball Senior Night will be held Wednesday, February 14th, in the Steele Main Gym at 6:30p

Steele Cheer Senior Night will be held Friday, February 23rd, during the halftime of the Boys Varsity game around 7:30p

**** Photos below are from the Steele Wrestling Senior Night on January 25th ****

