

AMSO Principal's Weekly Newsletter

August 30, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

The first week of school was a huge success. Students arrived on Monday happy and excited to start the school year. Teachers facilitated activities and conversations focused on getting to know the students and helping students become acclimated to the school community.

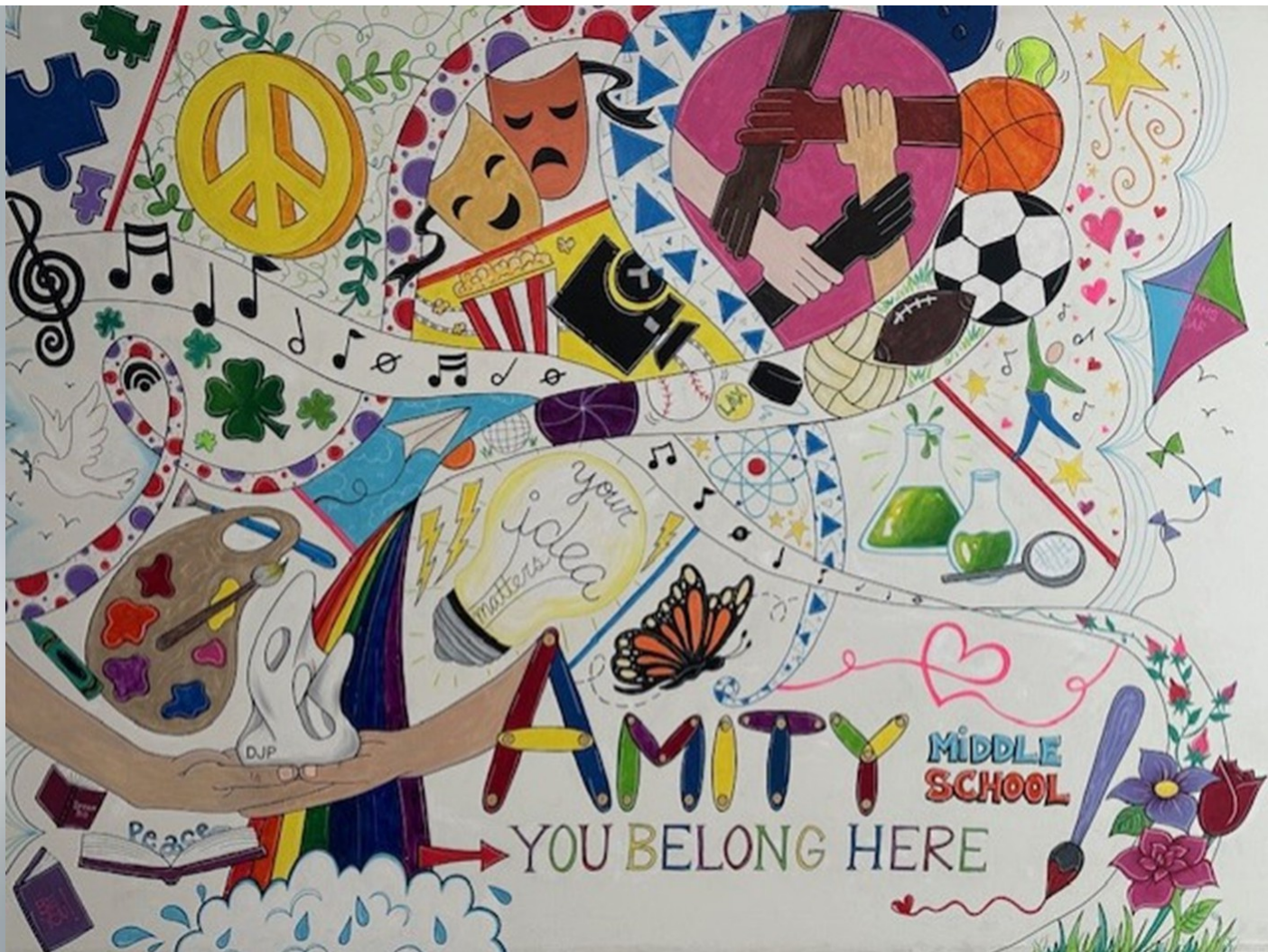


During our Welcome Back Assemblies with students, I referred to the new mural pictured above. The mural was done over the summer by several 8th-grade students. The mural serves to remind us that each student comes to us with unique talents, interests, and experiences. We strive to ensure that every student at AMSO feels like they belong here.

Please see the announcements below for additional information and school news you need to know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, their counselor or administration. We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child has a wonderful school year.

Enjoy the long holiday weekend!



Website Update

Our website is currently undergoing updates! Please use the top navigation as many drop-downs may have been removed. You can find information about AMSO & District events, the student handbook, the lunch menu, school supplies, and more on the website.

Thank you for your patience and support!

AMSO's Website

Important Dates

- September 2 – Labor Day, No school
- September 6– School Picture Day

- September 10– Back-To-School Night, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- September 20- Early Dismissal Professional Development
- October 3-Rosh Hashanah, no school

AMSO's Calendar

Picture Day-Friday

Order forms will be sent home with your child on **Sept. 6th**. You can order online at mylifetouch.com. **Use the Picture Day ID: EVT7RP4QW**. Hard copies of the order form will be sent home with students on Sept. 4th.

Back to School Night!

Our Back to School Night is scheduled for **Tues, September 10th from 6: 30pm- 8:30 pm**. Parents will follow their child's schedule and get a chance to meet the staff. More details to follow next week.

Schoology/PowerSchool Parent Training

There will be a parent training presentation on how to navigate and use Schoology and PowerSchool for parents at **6:00 pm on September 10th at AMSO**.

The presentation will focus on the basics of both platforms that your child will use daily. We have a limited number of seats, so please complete the following sign-up sheet to attend.

Training Sign-Up Form

Student Life Updates

Attendance Policy

If your child is absent from school, please email us at AttendanceAMSO@amityregion5.org or call the attendance line at 203-392-3200, press 1 for attendance. A parent email or note must be submitted for absences 1-9 to excuse the absence. A doctor's note is required for absences 10 and greater.

Bus Stop Safety

Please see the following safety information for students riding the bus to school:

- Students crossing the road to enter the bus should not have their phone out, earbuds in, or any other distraction.
- Students should look both ways and look for a nod from the bus driver that it is safe to cross.
- The driver will not wave to the students as this may confuse motorists.
- Upon exiting the bus and crossing the road, students again should not have their phone out, earbuds in, or any other distraction before looking for a nod from the bus driver as to when it is safe to cross, looking both ways and walking in front of the bus.

AMSO Transportation

Please refer to the Transportation Tab on this page.

Charging Devices

All students received their school devices. We appreciate your support in making sure your child charges their device every night. Charging the device as part of your child's nightly routine will ensure that your child arrives at school with access to all the educational technology used during the school day. Students should bring their device and charger to school each day.

Parent Drop off & Pick up

Although we encourage the use of the bus, if you do choose to drop off and/or pick up in the morning and at dismissal, please use the outer parking lot closest to the road.

Signs are in place in the parking lot to direct you. There are many students and staff who will be walking in the parking lot. Please drive slowly when entering or exiting. Students may be dropped off at 7:25. Students will not be allowed to enter the building before 7:25.

Water bottles in School

To be environmentally friendly and to stop the spread of germs, please encourage your child to bring a refillable water bottle to school. We have water bottle fillers available throughout the building so students can refill their bottles.

From the Nurse

To all parents who have children who may need medication in school: If you have not done so already, please obtain our medical order authorization form on the Amity website or pick it up in the nurse's office.

These orders must be completed by the pediatrician and signed by both the Dr. and guardian. This is **required** for all prescription and non-prescription medications, except Tylenol. No medications are allowed to be left at school without an order on file. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the nurse at Patricia.Masella@amityregion5.org

Student Accident Insurance Flyer

Please look under the tab "Forms & Applications" for more information on the insurance

AMSO PTSO

Please consider joining as your support truly helps the PTSO run many great events and activities for the school community.

If you have any questions regarding anything PTSO related, or if you just have a question you'd like to ask a fellow parent without it being on social media, please feel free to email us at:

ptsoamso@gmail.com

PTSO Membership

Thank You!



Kathy Burke's Weekly Newsletter

Amity Middle School - Orange Principal