



# AMPS

## Be Safe, Be Happy, Learn A Lot

### SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2024

#### ACADEMIC ALLEY

Throughout September teachers will be getting to know your children, helping them build friendships and establishing routines. Teachers will also begin academic instruction. Teachers and Rtl staff will begin assessing students academic skills in formal and informal ways. This helps us gauge where to begin teaching and how to best differentiate classroom instruction. If your child qualifies for Rtl services, you will receive notification.

#### DRILLS

Each year, we hold a variety of drills to ensure student safety. These drills include emergency procedures for fire, lock down, early dismissal, bus and weather. Please do not be alarmed if your child comes home and tells you they “practiced being safe”. Drills allow everyone to be informed, review and improve our procedures. You will receive notice of lockdown drills a week in advance. These are only drills. If there was a real emergency, the district would contact you via Black Board Connect.

#### Arrival and Dismissal

**Buses** Please note that the buses run late the first week or two as bus drivers learn the routes and get to know your children’s stops. As a reminder, students are not allowed to switch buses and if a student needs to go to a different location, the parent(s) needs to make alternate transportation arrangements with the Miller Place Transportation Office at 631-474-2700 ext. 730.

If you would like your child to be able to get off the bus alone or be released to someone who is not an adult, please fill out the following [online form](#) and return it to the Miller Place Transportation Office

For Parents Picking Up and Dropping Off:

**Drop Off** is at the bottom of the steps closest to the upper playground.

- Drop off is from 9:15-9:25 a.m.
- Please wait with your child until they are in the door.
- Please be on time. Teachers have assignments with students right after this arrival period.

**Pick up** is at the bottom of the steps closest to the upper playground.

- Please park in the upper parking lot and walk to the bottom of the stairs.
- Pick up begins at 3:45 p.m.
- Please send a note to your child’s teacher if you will be picking up everyday. This will be considered a permanent note for the year.
- If you will be picking up periodically, please send a signed note with the date and time of pick up and the name of the person picking up, if not a guardian.

Everyone picking up will need a photo ID, even if the pick up is daily.

Please try not to pick up between 3:15-3:45, as it interferes with our regular dismissal routines.

#### SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

**9/19**

6:00- 7:00 p.m. Grade 1 Open House (Adult Event)

**9/30 & 10/1** - Photo Days - Teachers will let you know which day your child’s picture will be taken.

#### Technology

We have witnessed an increase in cell phone and i-watch use at AMPS. These electronic devices and others like them, have become a distraction from schoolwork and person to person interaction. Students are not permitted to video or record other individuals. Students are not permitted to share TikTok or other social media videos.

If your child must have these types of technology, we ask that they remain in their backpacks and that they are turned off **during the school day** and **on the school bus**. Additionally, school laptops are to be used for educational purposes. Laptops should remain off while on the school bus.

#### SCHOOL REMINDERS

- 1-Please label all clothing.
- 2-Please tie a bus tag to your child’s backpack with their name, classroom teacher, go home bus letter and address of the bus stop.
- 3-If you have not already done so, please return the blue census card as soon as possible. Please review and sign on the back.
- 4-Please practice your child’s pin number with them if they will be purchasing lunch from the cafeteria.
- 5- Please pack and label lunch and snack separately.
- 6-Students should wear sneakers or closed toed rubber soled shoes everyday.
- 7-If you are sending home invitations, there must be one for each student. Envelopes must be unsealed.