



The Weekly Torchlight

January 27, 2025

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Message From The Superintendent of Schools

Dear Ardsley Families,

This week offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on and learn from the diversity and history that shape our world with two significant cultural observances—Holocaust Remembrance Day and Lunar New Year.

Today, January 27, we observe Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. This solemn day serves as a reminder of the six million Jewish lives and countless others lost to the Holocaust. It is also a call to reflect on the importance of standing against hatred, discrimination and intolerance. I encourage families to engage in conversations about this history and its lasting lessons. [The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#) and the [Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum](#) offer resources to support these discussions.

This week, we also celebrate Lunar New Year, the most important holiday in China and celebrated by millions of Asians worldwide, with each adding unique customs to the festivities. Rooted in centuries-old traditions, the holiday begins with the first new moon of the lunar calendar, celebrates the arrival of spring, and emphasizes family, renewal and hope. To learn more about the traditions and stories behind the Lunar New Year, visit the [National Museum of Asian Art](#) and the [Asia Society](#).

Thank you for joining us in honoring these significant observances. Together, we can foster a deeper understanding of history and culture, creating a community rooted in respect, learning, and connection.

Sincerely,
Dr. Matt Block
Superintendent of Schools

Smooth Transitions, Bright Pathways



Eighth Grade Students Get a Taste of AHS's Band Opportunities

The AHS Band program hosted a performance on Friday morning for visiting eighth-grade band students, highlighting the talents of the Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band.

AHS Highlights

AHS Model UN Delegates Gain Global Insight at ILMUNC Conference

Ardsley High School students recently participated in the Ivy League Model United Nations Conference (ILMUNC), joining peers from around the globe to tackle pressing international issues and develop essential leadership skills.

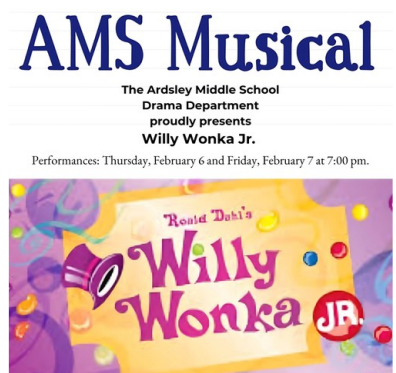


Club Events & School Programs

The Ardsley Middle School Musical Production club proudly presents Willy Wonka Jr.! The performances are on Thursday, February 6, and Friday, February 7, **at 7:00 PM** at the Middle School auditorium. Click on the links below to purchase tickets.

[Thursday Tickets](#)

[Friday Tickets](#)



Supporting Organization Events

Paint Night at AHS

The AFVA (Ardsley Friends of the Visual Arts) and the PTSA are teaming up to offer a Paint Night at AHS on January 30 at 6:45pm! No previous experience is necessary. Optional childcare provided the Wellness Club and Art Honor Society.



PAINT NIGHT



Jan 30
@6:45pm
Ardsley High School Cafeteria

Join us to create your own work of art and tour the new AHS Wellness Center!

All materials will be provided.
No Previous Experience Necessary!
Optional childcare provided by Wellness Club and Art Honor Society.

Register at ArdsleyArt.org

AFVA



Sponsored by PTSA and AFVA

ACE-PTO Sweetheart Dance at CRS

Attend the Ardsley Community Enrichment PTO's Sweetheart Dance on February 7, 2025, at the Concord Road Gymnasium from 7:00 - 8:30pm. Sign up [here](https://sweetheartdance2025.cheddarup.com).

PTSA and the Ardsley Multicultural, Diversity, Inclusion Committee's Family Ramadan Crescent Lighting Ceremony

Learn about the colors, symbols and traditions of Ramadan on February 10, from 6 to 7:30pm at the Ardsley Middle School Library.

Events Happening in our Local Area

Family Sweetheart Dance

Friday, February 7th, 2025: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Snow Date: Saturday, February 8th: 7:00-9:00pm

A.F. Veteran Park

click on photo for registration or download flyer [here](https://sweetheartdance2025.cheddarup.com)



Town of Greenburgh
Department of
Parks & Recreation



Family Sweetheart Dance

Children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade – bring a parent or adult relative/friend and enjoy a wonderful evening of music, dancing, photo booth!



When: Friday, February 7th, 2025: 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Snow Date: Saturday, February 8th: 7:00-9:00pm

Where: Anthony F. Veteran Park, 11 Olympic Lane, Ardsley, NY 10502
The Gerard J. Byrne Center

Cost: \$ 7.00/person for advanced registration
\$10.00/person on the day of the event if still available.

You must pre-register for this event!

Resident Registration starts 1/6/25

Non-Resident Registration starts 1/13/25

In person at Greenburgh Parks and Recreation,
11 Olympic Lane, Ardsley, NY 10502, 10am-5pm or online at
greenburghny.com/parks

Advanced Ticket Sale Deadline: Thursday, February 6, 2025

Light Refreshments will be served!

For more information please email
ajacoby@greenburghny.com or call



The Junior Naturalist Program at the Nature Center at Greenburgh

The six-week program starts on February 6. It is designed for middle school students aged 11 - 14 and includes hands-on activities, workshops, and leadership opportunities.



New Program for Middle Schoolers!

Junior Naturalists

The Junior Naturalist Program is a badge program designed to engage and educate youth about the natural world through hands-on activities, workshops, and leadership opportunities. This program also serves as a pathway to volunteering at the Nature Center.

Session 1: Conservationist Badge
6 Week Series: February 6th, 13th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th
Day & Time: Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm

First Session: Conservationist Badge
Students will consider ways they can be environmental stewards through conservation action. Includes topics of:



Sustainable fashion



Carbon footprint & climate change



Sustainable food systems



Scan for more information & to register!
For more information, contact instructor
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