



# A.M. Cunningham Elementary School

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## May 2017 Newsletter – A.M. Cunningham School

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

### Kindergarten Registration



As of February, Kindergarten registration for September 2017 has been taking place for children born in 2013 for JK and in 2012 for SK (who have not attended JK). Please encourage friends and neighbours to call the school to enroll their child. A.M. Cunningham School provides a full day Kindergarten program. Registration forms are available at the office and on-line.

As determined by HWDSB and trustees in February 2012, only those students living in the English catchment area can attend Junior and Senior Kindergarten at A.M. Cunningham School. For those families who have a JK or SK aged child but live in our French Immersion catchment area, they will need to enroll their child at their English catchment school. We understand that this causes difficulty for parents to have children attending different schools. These decisions have been made to help alleviate accommodation challenges at French Immersion Schools.

### New Kindergarten Students for September 2017



A.M. Cunningham will once again be holding a “**Welcome To Kindergarten**” orientation session for parents and guardians. This program will be offered to families entering either JK or new to SK. New registrants will receive a post card in the mail about this event that will take place on **Tuesday, May 16th from 3:45 – 5:00**. At this event, parents will receive information to help prepare their child for school, as well as participate with their child in a variety of activity centers.

### Education Week Celebrations & Open House



The theme of Education Week this year is “**HWDSB: We All Belong**”. You will have the opportunity to view your child’s classroom during **Open House on Thursday, May 4th from 5 – 6:30pm**. This is a great opportunity for parents and guardians to participate in their child’s learning. **Pizza will be sold for \$1.50/slice while quantities last.**

## **Class Building for September 2017**

When preparing for class organization for September 2017, it is important to know if any families will be moving out of catchment. If so, please share this information with us as soon as possible. Great care and consideration is taken by teachers and administration when building classes for September. Many factors are taken into account, including the student's social, emotional and academic profile, in order to create equitable classes that maximize student learning and special programming. Please note that the final decision of class placement remains with the school, based on the above criteria.

## **Grade 3 Standardized Assessment – EQAO**



Grade 3 students will participate in the yearly standardized assessment from the Education Quality and Accountability Office. This is an assessment of the Ontario Curriculum and is based on the type of work that is done daily at A.M. Cunningham School. The assessment will be written in six segments for approximately 1 hour over a six day period – May 24 am, May 25 am, May 26 am, May 30 am, May 31 am, June 1 am. Grade 3 parents, if scheduling appointments, please refrain from choosing these dates. A “Pancake Breakfast” will be held on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am to kick off the assessment period. More information will follow!



## **Grade 5 Transitions**

Grade 5 orientation visits are scheduled as follows:

Grade 5 French Immersion students visit Glen Brae School on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30 am.

Grade 5 English students visit Memorial School on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 12:00 pm.

## **Volunteer Celebration – Tuesday, June 6 – 10:30 – 12:00pm**



A.M. Cunningham is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who work in various capacities within the school. We have classroom volunteers, library volunteers, milk volunteers, pizza volunteers, School Council volunteers, trip volunteers, sport coach volunteers, garden volunteers and the list goes on and on. If you have volunteered in any capacity throughout the school year, please join us for lunch, entertainment and some social time.

## Fire Safety Reminders



At AMC, we care about fire safety. Please read the following Key Messages and discuss them with your family to ensure that everyone has a Fire Safety Plan for your home...

- Have a home fire safety plan and practice it. Choose an outside meeting place.
- A smoke detector works like your nose when you sleep. Have a detector on every floor of your home.
- Smoke rises, you stay low.
- When you hear the signal, roll out of bed, stay low to the floor and crawl to the door.
- Use the back of your hand to feel the door and door knob.
- If the door is cool, crawl low and go to your family meeting place outside.
- If the door is hot, crawl to a window, if you are on the first floor go out the window and go to your meeting place.
- If you are on a second floor and the door is hot, crawl to a window and call loudly for HELP.
- Call 911 once you are outside.
- Never go back in a burning house.
- Do a fire drill with your family, just like we do at school. PRACTICE YOUR PLAN.
- Ensure your smoke alarm is working. Check it once a month.
- If you catch on fire, STOP, DROP and ROLL.

## Coins For Kids



As you are aware, our annual Coins For Kids loose change collection supports Hamilton Food Share. For every dollar raised at the school, Hamilton Food Share can purchase \$5.00 worth of food. A special thank you to Mrs. Gruza for organizing the event and to the AMC community for generously donating. **This year your donations totalled an amazing \$2,626.00.... our highest year ever !!!! A cheque was presented to Hamilton Food Share representative, Mr. Jim Martin at our assembly on Monday, May 1st.** Over the last 5 years, A.M. Cunningham has donated over \$12,000 to Hamilton Food Share. Thank you so much for your generous support. **Also, a big thank you to the Tim Horton's location at Kenilworth & Roxborough, for generously providing one winner from each class with a Tim Horton's gift card !**

## Jump Rope For Heart



Once again AM Cunningham will support the Heart and Stroke Foundation through the Jump Rope For Heart event. On Monday, May 1st, an assembly was held to present information about the Heart & Stroke Foundation and the importance of a healthy, active lifestyle. Students will bring home a pledge envelope for sponsorship of our skipping event on Friday, May 19th. All students can participate in our healthy, active May 19th event.

## Mad Science



Almost 100 of our AMC students have signed up for the six week Mad Science program. This will run on Wednesdays from May 17th – June 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:15 – 4:15pm.

## News from the Gym



May is the time when we are finishing up gymnastics routines and starting track and field. Please start packing sun screen and hats in case we are outside for the entire phys-ed period.

Inter-school track and field try-outs have already begun. The Track & Field event is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> at Mohawk Sports Park. This will give the athletes time to practice before the meet.

## Choirfest



AMC students participated at the HWDSB Choirfest at Sherwood Secondary School on Thursday, April 27th. A big thank you to School Council for providing bussing to and from this event. The choir did an amazing job and represented AMC with style and grace. Thanks to Mme Clarke for all her time and effort, and to Mrs. Nguyen for being the teacher supervisor at Chiorfest.

## Grease The Musical



On Tuesday, May 2nd, several classes, both English and French Immersion, will be attending Grease The Musical at Westmount Secondary School.

Classes going on this trip include: C3, 201, 204, 206, 301,305, 306.

**\*\*\*\* Parent's Social Night has been cancelled \*\*\*\***

Due to a lack of interest and an apparent conflict with Mother's Day, the decision was made to cancel the Parents' Social Night event scheduled for May 13th. If you bought tickets through the school office, you will be reimbursed through there. There is a possibility that the event will be held in the Fall, but we need a larger group of people interested in attending and helping to run it. Please reach out to the School Council to help plan this event, or any of the other things that Council organizes throughout the year. Thanks to those that were supportive!



## Scholastic Book Fair

**“BOOKANEER BOOK FAIR!!! That’s this year’s theme for AMC’s BOOK FAIR!! MAY 11, 12, 15**

Last year was a stellar year for students, parents and AMC. The parent volunteers manned the Book Fair, helped students find books and answer questions, and made sure orders were taken. The success of their efforts can be measured in a few ways - over 700 books were sold! This translated into **1,567 hours of reading**, and raised enough funds to buy books for each teacher’s classroom and the library.

This year, we will again be open for buying and browsing books before and after school. Doors open at 8:15. The fair will be open during the day for purchases and after school until 4pm.

Look for a ‘wish list’ to come home from school, after your child’s class has a chance to browse first with their class on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Buying days for students during class time will May 11, 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Debit machines and cash only. No cheques please.*

See you at the Fair!

AMC Book Fair Committee

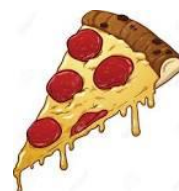
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## **AMC OPEN HOUSE**

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from 5:00 – 6:30 pm**

**Meet the teachers and visit  
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# IMPORTANT DATES

- May 1 - Monthly Assembly (Coins for Kids announcement, Jump Rope Kick-off)
- May 2 - "Grease" The Musical field trip (C3, 201, 204, 206, 301, 305, 306)
- May 3 - "Hamilton 2041: Chase The Future" field trip @ Ancaster Fairgrounds (306)
- May 4 - AMC Open House 5 - 6:30 pm
- May 5, 6 - School Garden Clean-up ..... Volunteers needed (please bring a rake)
- May 9 - Promotional "Strings" Concert – Grades 3-5 12:50 pm
- May 10 - Book Fair browsing for students
- May 11,12,15- Scholastic Book Fair
- May 16,17 - Venture Engineering Workshops
- May 16 - Welcome to Kindergarten info night (3:45 – 5:00 pm)
- May 17 - School Council Meeting 3:15 pm (all parents are welcome)
- May 19 - Knights of Valour @ Ancaster Fairgrounds (C3, C5, 303, 306)
- May 19 - Jump Rope For Heart Event 1:45 pm
- May 22 - Victoria Day Holiday (no school)
- May 24 - Grade 3 EQAO Pancake Breakfast 8:15 am
- May 24,25,26,  
30,31,1- EQAO Testing (am)
- May 31 - Hamilton Water Festival @ Pier 4 (C3, C5, 303, 306)
- June 5,6,12 - Grade 3's go swimming
- June 6 - Volunteer Celebration 10:30 – 12:00 pm
- June 7 - Tim Horton's Field Day 9:30 – 12:00 pm (whole school)
- June 9 - - PA Day (no school)
- June 15 - AMC Family Picnic 5:30 pm
- June 16 - AMC Family Picnic (raindate)
- June 19 - Track & Field Day @ Mohawk Sports Park
- June 23 - Grade 5 year-end trip to Niagara Falls
- June 27 - Year-end Farewell School Assembly 9:15 am
- June 28 - Grade 5 Farewell Assembly 9:00 am
- June 29 - Last Day of School for Students

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## **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**



**Congratulations to the following students who received Principal's Awards for the month of April. May's character trait is RESPONSIBILITY.**

| <b>ROOM</b> | <b>ACADEMIC</b>               | <b>MOST IMPROVED</b> | <b>CHARACTER:<br/>TRUSTWORTHINESS</b> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>103</b>  | LIAM ROOSSIE                  | -----                | CHARLOTTE GRAY-MORGAN                 |
| <b>108</b>  | JACOB MARTIN                  | LANE WICKLUND        | PARKER REEDS                          |
| <b>109</b>  | AMELIA MADDEN                 | RAHAF HAMMACH        | BENNETT KASOIAN                       |
| <b>102</b>  | ELIZABETH<br>CUNNINGHAM-CRAIG | AVERY MEADE-SANTOS   | BRIXTON POLIFRONI                     |
| <b>204</b>  | RUDY CRACCHIOLO               | ISABELLA RONCATO     | KAI SKARUPA                           |
| <b>303</b>  | DAWN NEWELL                   | DOROTHY MAJOR-TURKEY | ZOPHIA MACLEOD                        |
| <b>C1</b>   | LIAM BERRY                    | LEELAND JENKINS      | ARIANA ROSAMOND                       |
| <b>106</b>  | YONAS BONERT                  | -----                | VALENIA CAMEY                         |
| <b>107</b>  | JASPER TAVES                  | MACKENZIE MICHILSEN  | PENELOPE JAMIESON                     |
| <b>202</b>  | LACHLAN POUSTIE               | DECKARD SMITH        | TRENT HOLDEN                          |
| <b>105</b>  | AVA KASOIAN                   | RACHEL PERRY         | CLAIRE WATSON                         |
| <b>201</b>  | SAM BARILLARO                 | ISADORA MOON         | JADE IRVINE-RAMOS                     |
| <b>206</b>  | ANNABELLE KAYO                | JETT METAXAS         | CLAVIN RUIZ-MACISAAC                  |
| <b>304</b>  | -----                         | NIMUE ELLIOTT        | AUTUMN RALSTON                        |
| <b>C3</b>   | JAKE NANCEKIVELL              | -----                | COLIN BARBAS                          |
| <b>C5</b>   | -----                         | RUDIE KNICKLE        | ISABELLA PROBA                        |
| <b>306</b>  | BILLIE KIELY                  | WASSIM ISSA          | AARON PAUL                            |
| <b>301</b>  | LAYLA KAAWAR                  | JACKSON HARDY        | CARSEN SHEWFELT                       |
| <b>305</b>  | BYRON WYNN                    | XAVIER BOTHELO       | JAYLYNN LAMAR                         |



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