

# Ahern Middle School Newsletter

May 2017



## Notes from the Principal;

I would like to extend thanks to Foxborough H.U.G.S. for funding the presentation of "Bus Stop" by Deana's Educational Theater Group for grade 5 and grade 6 students. Its message of 'doing the right thing' when observing poor behavior and online harassment and bullying is one that cannot be reinforced too often. I was proud of our students' attentiveness during this event.

A few days ago, I overheard two eighth graders commenting on how quickly the year has been flying. I agree! And now, it seems that Spring brings a new energy and even greater speed! So much to do! May and June are very busy months and challenging to schedule both with activities within school and those outside of school!

I would like to give as much information as possible to alleviate misunderstandings. Also please check the FPS website, Ahern pages, and the Foxborough Music link on the FPS home page for any changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

This weekend the Drama Club is presenting 'Everyone Gets Abducted by Aliens'! The first show will be on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 with two additional shows on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 and 7:30. The Ahern Art Show is Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. See the works of the talented artists in grades 5-8 under the direction of Art Educators Kristen Gerardi and Stephen Doherty. It's always a spectacular art event!

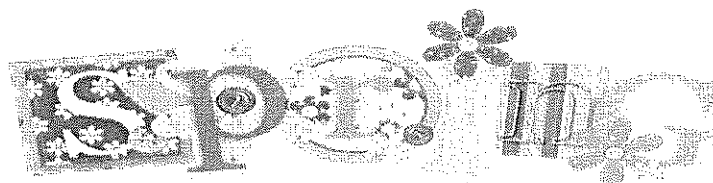
Also, check the calendar for the many concerts this month and next!

## Planning Ahead for Grade 8 Students:

- End of year celebration (party) from 2:30-4:30 on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- On Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, the end-of-year trip to Canobie Lake Park is planned for eligible grade 8 students.
- Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, grade 8 students will participate in a promotion ceremony in the Ahern gym at 10:00. The gym entrance will open at 9:40.
- If you are dismissing siblings to attend the promotion ceremony, standard procedures remain in effect: **dismissal is in the office with exit of building necessary to walk around to the gym entrance.** I apologize that we do not have sufficient staff to supervise walking through the school unless there are special circumstances. Thank you for understanding that safety is our primary concern.
- It is an early dismissal day so it is assumed that grade 8 students will leave with the adults who are coming to share in their ceremony. The ceremony should be complete by 11:00 and students can meet parents in the "New" gym.
- More details to follow in the June Newsletter.

Enjoy the Spring weather!

Respectfully,  
*Sue Abrams*





The school year is coming to an end!

To end the year, we like to celebrate to thank the StuCo for all their effort and hard work they put in! Just remember that you must have all of your required volunteer hours if you want to go! We are going to be having a pizza party at Papa Gino's this year! The party will be after school on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> so make sure to add it to your calendar. Field trips are always fun and the StuCo really enjoys them!

A reminder that the Animal Fundraising Drive is still going on! All donations go to benefit the Milton Animal League.

Spirit week is the first week of May! On Monday we have pajama day, Tuesday we have character/costume day, Wednesday is America day, Thursday is color day, and as always, Friday is Foxboro day. For color day, 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be wearing blue, 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be wearing purple, 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be wearing green, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be wearing red. Please remember to keep things school appropriate and no masks will be allowed! Spirit week is a great way to relax and have a little fun as a school! After all, summer is near!

## Order Your YEARBOOK

A simple line drawing of an open book, showing its pages and spine, positioned below the yearbook title.

### **Yearbooks on Sale Soon!**

The Ahern Yearbook Club has been hard at work this spring creating the 2016-2017 yearbook. The yearbook is a fun way to celebrate and remember this year at the Ahern. This year's edition includes lots of pictures from events and activities, as well as photos from around the school and some special sections for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

### **Dollar Drive was a Great Success!**

In March, the sixth-grade students raised a record total of \$1,491 this year to benefit Child Fund International. We are helping to purchase food and income resources for needy families around the world such as dairy goats and chicken farms. We are also donating money to purchase water filtration systems, mosquito nets, and training for nurses and health supplies. The students really got behind this community service project. Great job Grade 6!



### Orchestra News

Congratulations to our students in the Ahern Middle School String Orchestra, who received a Silver medal at the MICCA festival on April 1st. Our students performed at a very high level, and we are all proud of their effort and hard work in preparation for the festival. We thank all of the families for coming out to support their children on that day!

#### Summer Music Camp:

The Summer Instrumental Music Program for vocal, wind, string, and percussion students entering grades 5 through 9 will be held from June 26th to July 14th, 2017 (July 3rd and 4th will be off due to Independence Day). The camp hours will be from 8:15AM to 12:15PM Monday through Friday. **There is no camp on July 3rd and 4th due to the 4th of July Holiday observance.**

**Visit [www.simc.info](http://www.simc.info) to register, or fill out the attached form.**

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[Summer Instrumental Music Camp - simc.info](http://www.simc.info)

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Summer Instrumental Music Camp - Sponsored by the Foxboro Music Association

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## PAC NOTES



As you can see in this newsletter, the school staff and parents are already gearing up for the end of the year. Planning is underway for many activities that are PAC supported and parent organized, providing enrichment opportunities and fun for our school community.

**Staff Appreciation Lunch – Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 10:55-12:00pm** - There will be a sign up genius to bring in items to make the teachers feel as special as they are! Please look for the sign-up genius link for that soon. We also need volunteers that day. If you are interested, please reach out to your room parent to help! Volunteers need to have a CORI on file with the Ahern office. It's easy to complete. Bring your license to the office to complete the CORI form.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party – Tuesday, June 20 – 2:30-4:30pm**. Permission slips will be required for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders to attend. There will be a DJ, pizza, snacks, a photo booth, and other fun activities. There will also be a sign-up genius for 8<sup>th</sup> grade families for snacks and drinks. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Tina Corkery at [tcorkery1209@verizon.net](mailto:tcorkery1209@verizon.net).

**CALLING ALL 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade PARENTS** – We are looking for pictures for the slide show at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party. Do you have pictures from the Taylor, Igo or Burrell or the Ahern school activities? PLEASE send them to Anne Marie Anderson at [handerson18@comcast.net](mailto:handerson18@comcast.net)

The PAC also provides Class Funds to each grade to support field trips and other programs.

Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who are leading and supporting these events and who have provided ongoing support throughout the year as room parents or on copying, newsletter, front sign updates, Walking club, Box Tops, Stop & Shop programs and so much more. It takes more than a few volunteers to make all these things happen. We appreciate any and all support you can give. If you can help or have new ideas please reach out to one of us.

**Our next PAC meeting is on Monday, May 15 at 7pm in the Library. (MONDAY is not a typical day for the meeting) At this meeting, PAC leadership for 2016-17 will be determined.**

**For 2017-18:**

**Co-Presidents** - Sarah LiDonni and Robin Stelmach

**Secretary** – Lori Lavallee

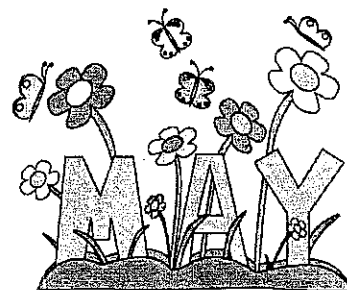
If you are interested in becoming the Treasurer, please contact Bryn Yozzo at [brynmyozzo@gmail.com](mailto:brynmyozzo@gmail.com). Thank you for your support. Best wishes for a great spring and a strong finish to the academic year!

### **2016-2017 PAC Leaders**

Bryn Yozzo, President


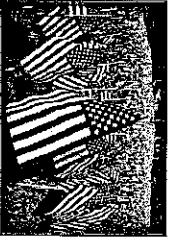
Jen Pollart, Treasurer

Mindy Taylor, Secretary



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## PARENT CALENDAR

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	 1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 6 Drama Club Play Everyone Gets Abducted by Aliens 6:30	6 Drama Club Play Everyone Gets Abducted by Aliens 2:00
7	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13
14	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3 Staff Meeting No Late Buses	19 Day 4	20
	PAC Meeting 7:00	Gr. 8 Band, Orchestra, Jazz Concert / 6:30		Gr. 7 Band, Orchestra, & 7/8 Chorus Concert / 6:30		
21	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27
		Art Show / 6:30 – 8:00				
28	29  Memorial Day No School	30 Day 4 Gr. 5 Band Tours Elementary Schools	31 Day 5 Book Fair 8:15-2:15	6/1 Book Fair 8:15-2:15	6/2 Book Fair 8:15-1:00	

# Girls Space Day Adventure

A DAY OF HANDSON SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

When: SAT, MAY 13, 2017

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Where: MIT Johnson Ice Rink

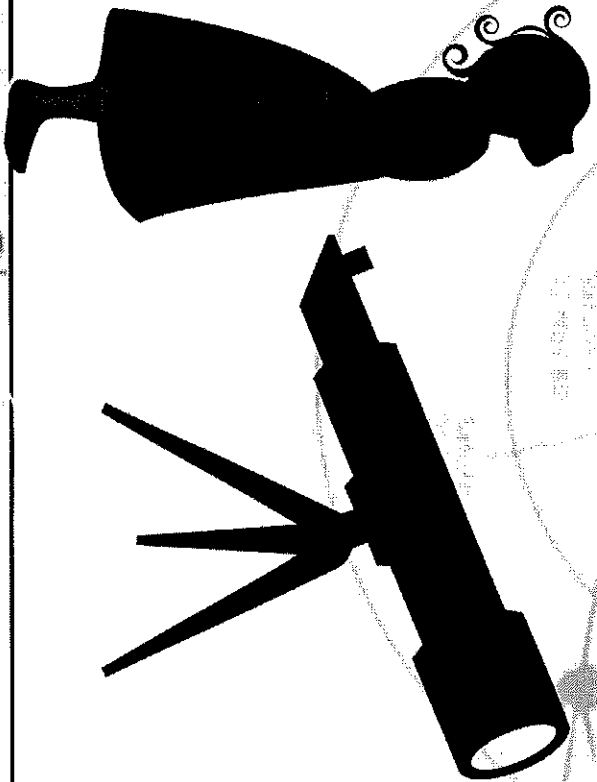
77 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, MA 02139

Cost: \$15 registration fee


Register at:

[swegsda.eventbrite.com](http://swegsda.eventbrite.com)



**WGGA**<sup>3</sup>  
Women's Graduate Association  
of Aeronautics and Astronautics

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LINCOLN  
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