

Ahern Middle School Newsletter

May 2018



Notes from the Principal;

A few days ago, I overheard some students 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!

Weather poses a challenge also! Yesterday was 30 degrees and by the time you read this it will be in the 80's! Our air conditioning has just been turned on in anticipation of the hot days. Students should have a sweater or sweatshirt in school in case it is chilly in some rooms.

I would like to give as much information as possible about upcoming events in order 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.

The Ahern Art Show is Tuesday, May 22nd 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!

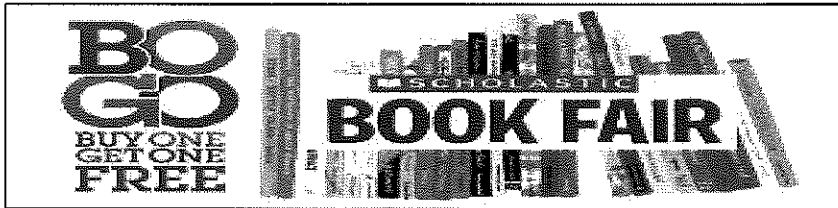
Planning ahead for Grade 8 students:

- End of year celebration (party) from 2:30-4:30 on Wednesday, June 20th
- On Thursday, June 21st, the end-of-year trip to Canobie Lake Park is planned for eligible grade 8 students.
- On Friday, June 22nd, grade 8 students will participate in a promotion ceremony in the Ahern gym at 10:00. 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 10:45 and students can meet parents in the "New" gym. A dismissal note will be given to students in advance attached the parent invitation and will be available at the checkout tables in the new gym.
- More details to follow in the June Newsletter.

Enjoy the Spring weather!

Respectfully,
Sue Abrams

*Happy
Spring!*



May 29 – June 1, 2018
During school hours in
Ahern Library

VOLUNTEERS are the key to our success!! If you want to volunteer on any of the dates, please contact ASAP, **Miss Breda Annis** (5-8 Literacy Specialist) at annisb@foxborough.k12.ma.us

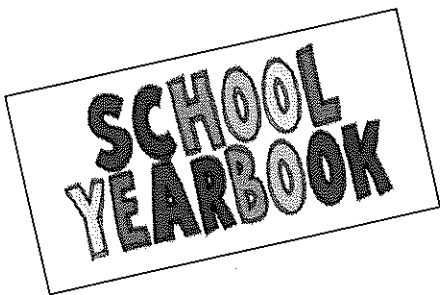
Ahern Middle School Spring Book Fair is a **Buy One Get One Free event**. Students can choose a second book of equal or lesser value for free! A great way to stock up on challenging, engaging summer reading material!

NEW PAYMENT OPTION!! Families can set up an online eWallet (like for school lunches) to avoid forgotten book fair money on a student's designated day!

Watch for more flyer in backpack next week.
Site opens 5/15!



Book Fair eWallet
A digital payment method for students
Visit scholastic.com/fair to find our school's homepage and learn more!
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Buy Your Ahern Middle School Yearbook Today On Sale Now!

The yearbook is a unique keepsake to cherish for years and a look back on your time in Ahern Middle School.

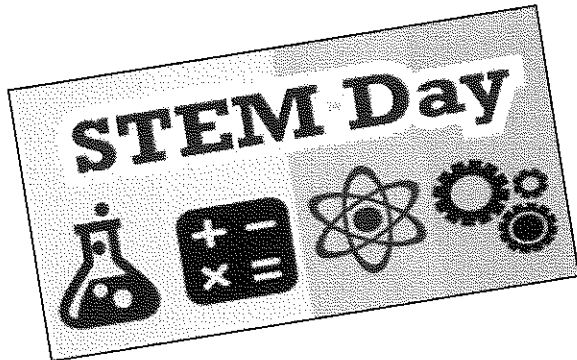
This 64-page glossy yearbook is full of pictures, quotes, and memories. It's also a great place to collect messages from classmates and friends.

Supplies are limited, so act soon to reserve your copy of this fun memento!

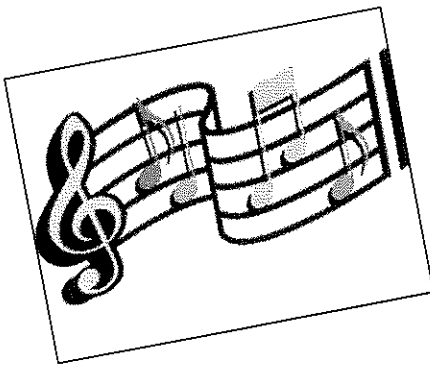
TWO WAYS TO BUY:

- **ONLINE:** Order online by going to the **AHERN WEBPAGE** and clicking the link called "**BUY A YEARBOOK**" in the center column.
- **ORDER FORM:** **Submit Order Form** to Homeroom Teacher and **\$25 CASH** (sorry, no checks). Forms were sent home with students on 4/30.

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Ahern's 3rd Annual
SIXTH GRADE S.T.E.M. Day
Friday, May 18th!**



SIMC 2018 - Summer Instrumental Music Camp

Registration is now open for the Summer Instrumental and Choral Camp- please visit www.SIMC.info for registration!
Sponsored by the Foxboro Music Association



AHERN PAC ENRICHMENT FUNDS AT WORK!!

On **May 25th**, the **8th Grade Class** will be visited by the Shakespeare Now Theatre Company. Thank you also to the **P.I.P. Grant**, who helped fund this activity as well!

STUDENT COUNCIL



Student Council kicked off the month of April with a **Hats On for Progeria** fundraiser.

We had excellent participation in the day and raised **over \$650** for the Progeria Research Foundation! Thank you!

FUNDRAISER FOR THE EARTH, NOW until MAY 4th!



Each grade level chose an organizational charity to raise money for that supports elements of the Earth. Please send your student contributions into your student's homeroom to give to the student council reps.

The grade level with the most donations for their charity will get to **watch a movie with their classmates!**



Grade 5th is raising money for the **World Wildlife Fund**, a charity that helps protect wild animals and their habitats.



Grade 6th is raising money for **Water for South Sudan**, an organization established by Salva Dut, the main character of "A Long Walk to Water" that helps drill for fresh water.



Grade 7th is raising money for **Direct Relief**, a charity that gives assistance natural disasters survivors.



Grade 8th is raising money for **Water.org**, a charity that helps give people access to clean drinking water.



Our Next General Student Council Meeting is **Tuesday, May 15th.**

Please bring your completed **community service hours** to this meeting. Thanks for your continued support!



MORE UPCOMING MEETING

P.A.C. MAY 3rd MEETING & GUEST SPEAKERS

Please join us on *Thursday, May 3 @7pm (Ahern Library)*

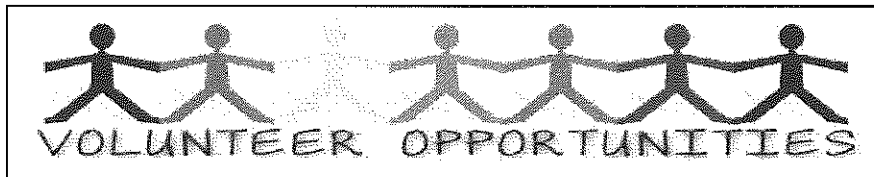
SPECIAL GUEST

Speakers - School Committee Candidates

Tina Belanger, Nancy Morrison, Richard Pearson

 **Conference Call DIAL IN: 319-527-2767, ACCESS CODE 850651**

Don't Forget www.AhernPAC.com & <https://www.facebook.com/ahernpac>



**7TH GRADE
PARENTS**

***We Need Your Help on Wednesday, June 20, 2018.
2:30-4:30pm for the 8th Grade Promotion Party:***

We are looking for **7th Grade Parents** between **2:30pm to 4:30pm** to help the Ahern Staff with the 8th Grade Promotion Party activities!

This new tradition of 7th Grade Parents with this important 8th Grade Event is so the 8th Graders can enjoy this tradition while giving the 8th Grade Parents time to be get ready for the big Promotion Day on June 22! Please consider helping!

Co-Coordinator, Sue Avery and Dana Fossella, will be sending out an email with a **Sign-up Genius** link with time slots. Any questions, please email Dana Fossella at dmfossella@comcast.net



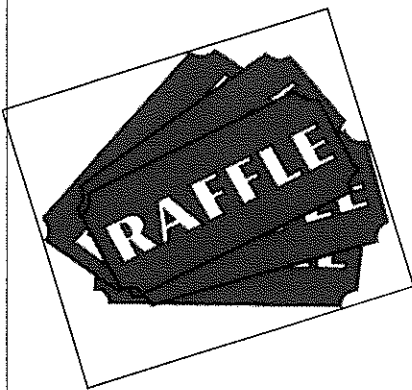
NEW OPPORTUNITY!! Ahern PAC is launching a new volunteer position for a new program, ***AhernCares***, and is looking for a ***LIAISON*** to help coordinate with guidance on families in need at the Ahern Middle School.



The PAC needs a ***Volunteer Website Admin*** Training on Wordpress, HTML, and CSS Coding is provided if unfamiliar; it is user-friendly.

The PAC Board would send the Web Admin the information to keep the website current.

This can be done from home, and doesn't require attending any meetings, so if you are good with computers and have a couple hours a month, please consider!



FOUNDERS' DAY – Saturday, June 9th

LOOK for the PAC Raffles Table for your chance to win:

Disney Passes, Tree Top Adventures, Martin Pest Control Mosquito & More!



Teachers Set the Stage for Learning, Help Us Set the Stage for them on Thursday, May 24th!

We will be looking for Food Donations & Volunteers!

- Volunteers will be needed for *Set-up/Clean-up of Luncheon Room*
- ***5th & 6th Grade Volunteers:*** 1 to 2 volunteers per house to simply ESCORT the children from lunch to recess, or recess to lunch.

Be on the look-out for a ***Sign-Up Genius Link***. We appreciate your help to make this a wonderful event for our wonderful staff! Thanks, Selena Cote and Lauri Carroll

PAC UPDATES

"Alone we can do
so little; together
we can do so
much."

Helen Keller

The logo for mixedbag designs, featuring the word "mixedbag" in a lowercase, sans-serif font with "designs" in a smaller font below it.

Thank you! Mixed Bag Fundraiser has raised \$2,491.42!

Still time to order online until June 1, 2018.

myfundraiser.mixedbagdesigns.com/catalogs

2017-2018 PAC BOARD MEMBERS:

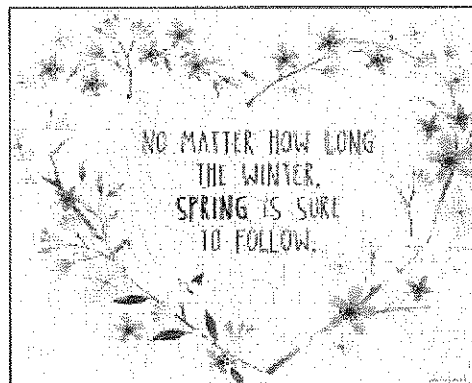
Co-Presidents: ***Sarah LaDonni & Robin Stelmach***

Secretary: ***Lori Lavallee***

Treasurer: ***Jen Pollart***

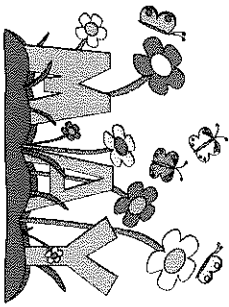
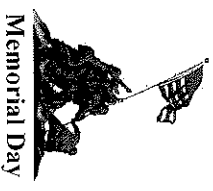
Board Members: ***Michelle Thackston & Jacqueline Gill***

Email: **president@ahernpac.org**



May

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 3	2 Day 4	3 Day 5 PAC Meeting 7:00 Ahem Library	4 Day 6	5
6	7 Day 1 MCAS Gr. 6 MATH	8 Day 2 MCAS Gr. 6 MATH	9 Day 3 MCAS Gr. 8 MATH	10 Day 4 MCAS Gr. 8 MATH	11 Day 5	12
13	14 Day 6 MCAS Gr. 5 MATH	15 Day 1 MCAS Gr. 5 MATH	16 Day 2 MCAS Gr. 7 MATH	17 Day 3 MCAS Gr. 7 MATH Staff Meeting No Late Bus	18 Day 4 Gr.6 STEM Day	19
20	21 Day 5 MCAS Gr. 8 SCIENCE	22 Day 6 MCAS Gr. 5 SCIENCE	23 Day 1	24 Day 2 Gr. 7 Band, Chorus, Orchestra Concert 6:30	25 Day 3	26
27	28  Memorial Day	Art Show 6:30-8:00 29 Day 4 Gr. 5 Band Tours Elementary Schools	30 Day 5 Gr. 5 Band, Chorus, Orchestra Concert 6:30	31 Day 6 Igo 4 th Graders Visit 10-12		

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