

Ahern Middle School Newsletter

October 2018



Notes from the Principal;

It is very hard to believe that school has been in session for only four weeks! Those quiet summer days here are but a memory and the school is now alive with energy! Within the classrooms, routines are in place and students have adapted to them very nicely.

Each grade level has its own unique start to the year. Our 5th graders continually amaze me with their seemingly swift acclimation to the middle school. Each year they appear to be more comfortable in a shorter amount of time. I hope the WEB program assisted in making the transition to middle school seamless.

Our 6th graders have moved into more middle school curriculum, still within the two-person team structure and are continuing their work at a higher level. Some 7th graders expressed that they feel much like 5th graders. Going 'upstairs' seems as big a step as entering 5th grade! They are also acclimating well, through teacher and parent guidance, to a greater number of teachers in their day. We cannot believe that our 8th graders are in their last year. Seventh grade is behind them and they are demonstrating attention to their studies with maturity. All in all, we are terrifically proud of them so far.

Don't forget that PowerSchool and teacher websites provide information for parents. Teachers are trying to make their websites more informative and useful for parents and students, assimilating new tools through Office 365. If you do not have, or have misplaced, your access code to PowerSchool, please contact our Guidance Office. Students in grades 7 and 8 also have their own access to PowerSchool in order to track their progress.

Our Ahern website contains a great deal of useful information. We have also added a Homework Hub for grade 7 and 8 parents / students for a quick summary of homework assigned without needing a password. Scroll to the bottom of the Ahern home page for additional links to PAC information, drop off/pick up procedures, daily announcements, monthly activity calendar, etc.

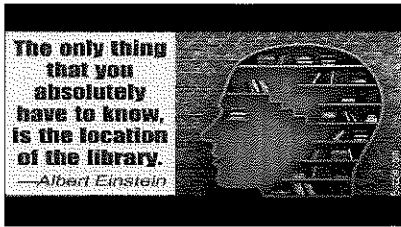
Our Fall Fundraiser this year has been a direct donation. Direct donations will be gratefully received by your student's homeroom teacher or the Ahern office, even if you have misplaced the information sheet or envelope. Checks may be made payable to Ahern PAC. Thanks to all who have supported PAC's efforts thus far! Funds are used to help defray costs of field trips at each grade level.

Reminder, at drop-off and pick-up at the rear of the school, cars are not permitted in the teacher parking lot (between the building and football field). This is for safety reasons, as students are often shorter than vehicles and move quickly into potentially dangerous situations. We can all work to keep our students safe at these times by observing the flow of traffic through the small lot at the right. Crossing guards are there to assist.

I look forward to a wonderful year!

Warm regards,
Sue Abrams





Ahern Middle School Library

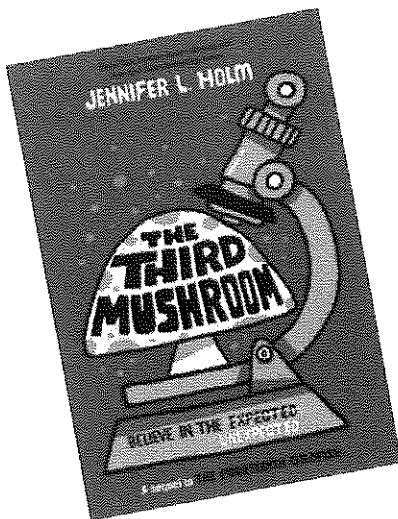
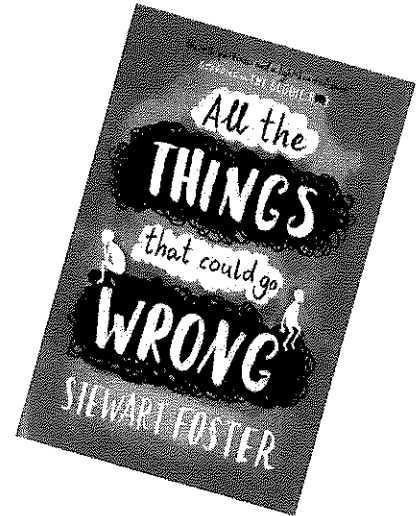
OCTOBER'S NEW TITLES

Come Check It Out -Ask Mr. Rossetti!!

All The Things That Could Go Wrong

First Generation: 36 Trailblazing Immigrants

Game Changer



LifeBoat 12

On The Field With Tom Brady

The Big Game

The Third Mushroom

The 91 Storey Treehouse

We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices

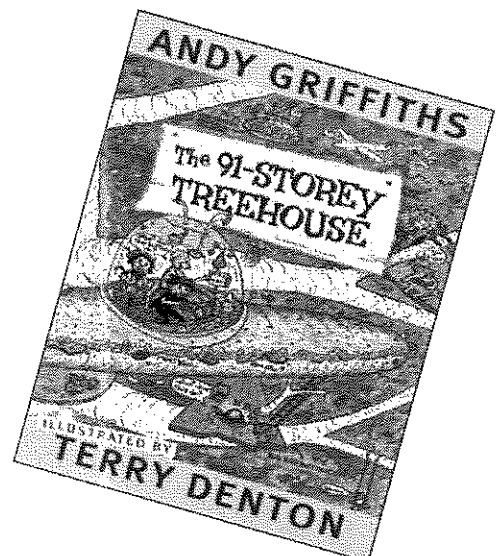
Who Was Selena?

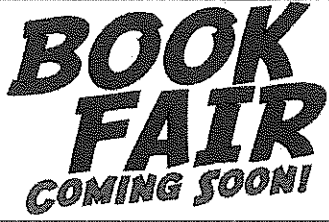
Who Were The Tuskegee Airmen?

GRAPHIC NOVELS:

Front Desk

Kristy's Big Day





Dear Ahern Families and Friends,

The Scholastic Book Fair will be back again this November in the Ahern Library during school and both conference days. We will also be offering an e-wallet option for ease of purchase!

Thursday, November 15th (8:15 – 2:15)

Friday, November 16th (8:15 – 2:15)

Monday, November 19th (8:15 – 11:15) & (12:00 – 4:00)

Tuesday, November 20th (8:15 – 11:15) & (5:00 – 8:00)

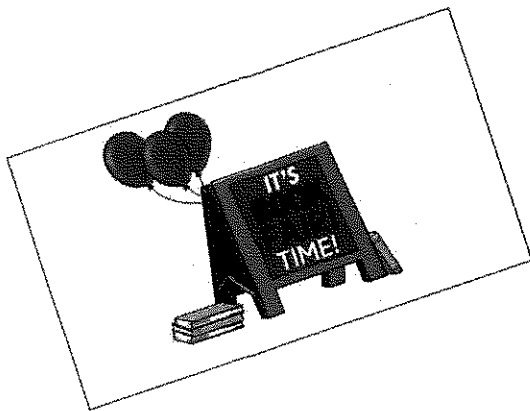
The positive effects of the Ahern Book Fair abound! Book fairs:

- Motivate students to read by offering a **wide, engaging selection of books**.
- Enable families and students to make a lasting contribution to their teacher's classroom. **Be on the lookout for the "Classroom Wish List" board displayed at the Book Fair.**
- Allow our community to help others in need through the "**All for Books**" program through which Scholastic donates one book for every dollar raised to a number of non-profit organizations.
- Connect kids with more books than ever while instilling a **love of reading**.

All English classes will visit the Book Fair at designated times. However, students are also permitted to return to the book fair at any time with their teacher's permission. For more information, or to shop online, please check out our webpage:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/johnjahernmiddleschool>.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me with your name & email address.



Thank you for your support!

Miss Breda Annis, M.Ed. Reading

Literacy Specialist (Grades 5-8)

John J. Ahern Middle School

Email: annisb@foxborough.k12.ma.us

Webpage: <https://bannis.weebly.com/>

For more information, or to shop online, please check out our fair's webpage:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/johnjahernmiddleschool>.

Ahern School Nurse: (508)543-1646

Ahern School Nurse FAX: 508-543-1654

Jen Rosenberg: Rosenbergj@foxborough.k12.ma.us

Nicole Quin: Quinn@foxborough.k12.ma.us



Welcome Back Parents/Guardians:



We are excited to announce our **new part-time nurse, Nicole Quin**, to the health services team. Mrs. Quin has jumped right in and has been a fantastic addition to our staff at Ahern.

ALLERGY/COLD SEASON: It has been a busy start to the year as it seems the allergy season is lingering, and the cold and virus season has started a little earlier than usual. We ask that you keep in mind our sick policy (see below) when deciding to keep your child home or send him/her to school.

EXCUSED WELLNESS: We ask if your child sustains an injury/concussion and needs to be excused from wellness class that a medical note be sent in to school with your child. All notes can be faxed directly to **508-543-1654**. We will also need a note from the doctor to allow your child to return to gym.

7TH GRADE PHYSICALS: If you are a parent of a 7th grader, please make sure to send in an updated physical and verification of second dose of varicella and Tdap vaccine per state law requirements.

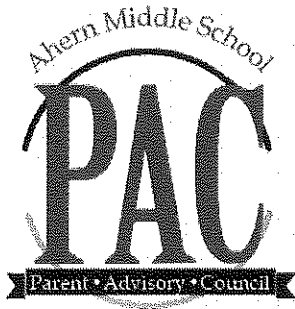
LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGY PROCTOL: If you are a parent of a child with a life-threatening allergy and still have submitted the necessary items including the epi pen, Emergency Health Care Plan, and MD orders. We have made multiple attempts to obtain these documents. Students will not be allowed to attend upcoming field trips if our office does not have the required documents.

AHERN SICK POLICY IMPORTANT:

- *A child should be kept at home for a fever of 100.5 degrees or higher and may not return to school until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.*
- *If your child is on an antibiotic for an infectious disease (I.e. strep throat), he/she must be on the medication for a full 24 hours before returning to school.*
- *If your child has had a vomiting/ diarrhea episode, please keep them home for a full 24 hours prior to returning to school.*
- *Children should not be in school with any rash that has not been identified by a doctor and deemed not contagious.*
- *Please let the school nurses know if your child has had strep throat, chicken pox, fifth disease, flu, pneumonia, pertussis, conjunctivitis, or any other infectious disease. We monitor these illnesses closely in the school setting. CONFIDENTIALITY IS ALWAYS MAINTAINED.*

We ask that you strictly adhere to these rules as we have several immunocompromised (weakened immune system) students in the school.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns! We thank you in advance for your help keeping our students healthy this year!



2018-2019 PAC BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Sarah LiDonni
Secretary: Lori Lavallee
Treasurer: Michelle Thackston
Board Member: Jacqui Gill



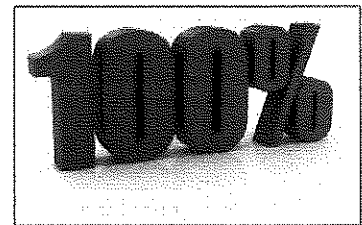
WEBSITE: www.AhernPAC.com

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/ahernpac>

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the new school year! With your help, we had an amazing 2017-18 rebuilding year for the Ahern PAC through fundraising and grants.

Ahern PAC will be **fully funding transportation for all field trips at 100% AND we will be fully funding at least ONE field trip per grade level through the remainder of 2018.** Thank you!



Field Trips to Be Funded By Grade:

- Grade 5 – TBD by Staff
- Grade 6 – Camp Finberg "Ropes Course" (October)
- Grade 7 – Trinity Repertory "A Christmas Carol" (Dec)
- Grade 8 – TBD by Staff

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 17 7pm

Special Guests: 5th Grade Chorus Preview

Wednesday, November 14 7pm

Special Guests: AMS Drama Club Preview

Wednesday, December 12 7pm

Speaker TBA



We enjoy seeing everyone at the meetings, but if you can't make it, you can still participate.

WE ARE FACEBOOK LIVE! Have a question, submit it LIVE so we can discuss it!

2018-2019 FUNDRAISER MAP: Choose One or All

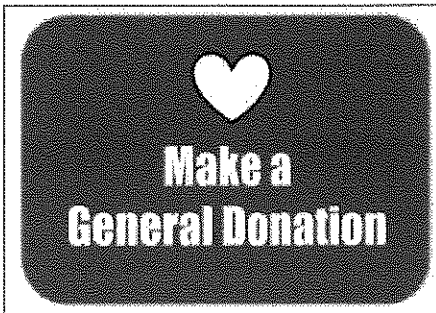
CURRENT FUNDRAISERS



LET'S GET FLOCKED FUNDRAISER:

Send Request to Ahernflock@gmail.com
\$20 to send a flock (Stays 2-4 days)
\$5 Flock Insurance so you won't be flocked.

Runs NOW until 11/16 (or weather permitting). Flocks arrive when kids are at school.



GENERAL PAC DONATION

Either send in your donation in envelope marked **AHERN PAC GENERAL DONATION**, or Go to the **PayPal Link on Ahernpac.com**

<https://www.paypal.me/ahernpac>

No amount is *TOO SMALL*; it all adds up. This is an ongoing donation drive.

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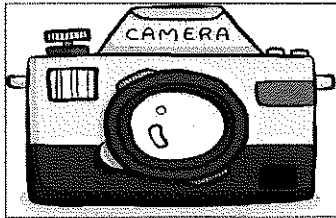
COMING IN NOVEMBER 2018

Just in time for the Holidays! Be on the lookout for Catalog packets at the end of the month! There will be all new items and patterns along with all-time favorites!

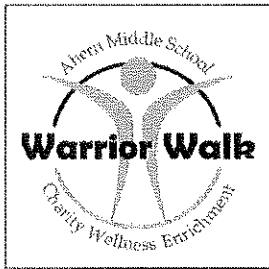


COMING IN JANUARY 2019

Our biggest community winter gathering for games, food, raffles & fun!



COMING IN SPRING 2019 Parents Photo Shoot: Update your Professional Photo for LinkedIn, etc.



Warrior Walk: June 2019
Our 2nd annual walk for Enrichment & Charity

ONGOING EASY WAYS TO HELP REACH OUR PROGRAMS GOAL

STOP & SHOP PROGRAM: Please remember to **Register your Stop & Shop Rewards card. OR UPDATE YOUR SCHOOL CHOICE!**

Go to www.stopandshop.com, under My Account, Rewards, Rewards & Savings Tab. Search for John J Ahern School and add it!



AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM: Just shop like you always would, but start with **SMILE** at www.SMILE.Amazon.com.

Simply choose our school as the charity, and a *percentage* of your shopping dollars are donated by **AMAZON to the school**. It's that easy!

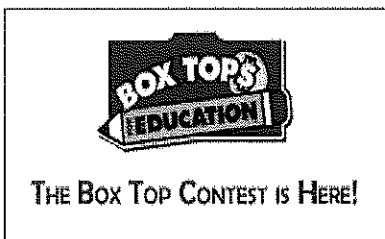


GIFT CARD PROGRAM: DETAILS COMING SOON! LOOK IN BACKPACKS - Information just can home in your students' backpacks – Orange Paper. Here you simply shop for gift cards like you normally would but use this program. A **PERCENTAGE** is donated to the school by the participating company. Cards are available in various denominations, various store. It's a great way to get end of year gifts for the teachers and staff!



Place orders at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>. USE ENROLLMENT CODE: A2631EBD57L89

Gift Card Program Coordinator, Ellen Hawrylcw, email: echawrylcw@gmail.com



BOX TOPS CONTESTS BEGIN!!

ATTENTION PARENTS: Send in those Box Tops to your child's homeroom. Homeroom with the most wins a PIZZA PARTY!

Thank you for your continued support! There is a Box Tops Collection Box in the Main Office. Happy Clipping!

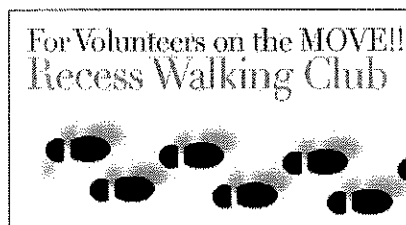
October 1st though October 12th – Contest for 5th and 6th Grades!

Contest for 7th and 8th grade contests will take place this winter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

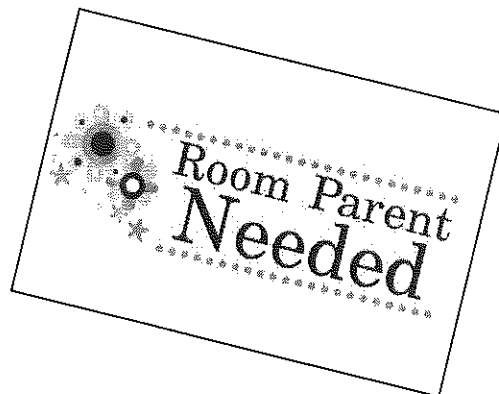
- **WALKING CLUB VOLUNTEERS: Help Wanted for 5th and 6th Grade Walking Club:** Fall Walking Club meets on Fridays from 11-12pm during the 5th and 6th grade recess until Thanksgiving Break.

Parent volunteers are needed to help monitor kids on the track. Parents must have a current CORI on file. Please contact **Holly Pacella at hollypacella@aol.com** for more information.



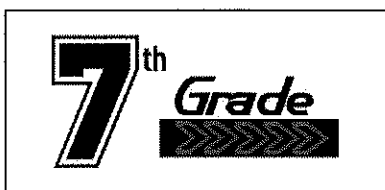
ROOM PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Room parents for 7th & 8th mostly forward PAC emails when needed, classroom emails when teacher needs something, and Winter Carnival Basket Coordinator. Most often Room Parents at these grades do not go into the classroom.*

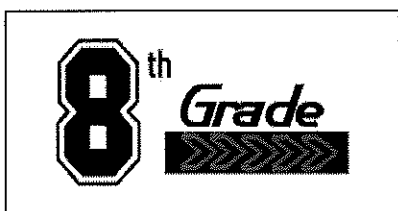


Grade 5 Rooms:

- *Mr. Gentile*
- *Mr. Scharman*
- *Ms. Ready*
- *Ms. Masciarelli*
- *Ms. Walker*
- *Mr. Gravit*



- *Ms. Lai*
- *Mr. Budge,*
- *Ms. Neagle*
- *Ms. Ricci*

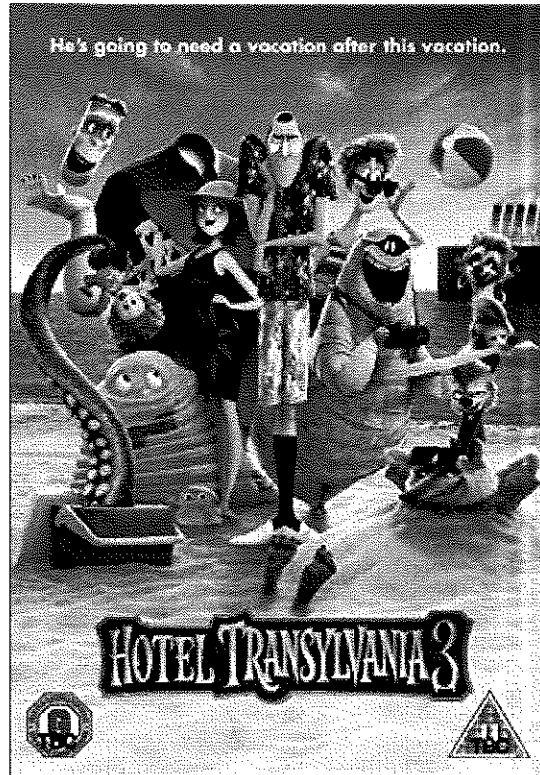


Please contact Connie Gonsalves
cvcg812@msn.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, OCTOBER 26th

6:30pm to 8:30pm



Hotel Transylvania 3

Ahern Middle School Auditorium


\$5 Movie, Popcorn and Water

Tickets Available at the Door, or Pay through PayPal

<https://www.paypal.me/ahernpac>

October

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 No School for Students Professional Development	6
7	8 Columbus Day No School 	9 Day 6	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13
14	15 Day 4	16 Day 5	17 Day 6	18 Day 1 Staff Meeting No Late Buses	19 Day 2	20
21	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24 Day 5 PAC Meeting 7:00 Ahern Library	25 Day 6 Student Council Induction Ceremony 5:30 – 7:00	26 Day 1	27
28	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 Day 4			