

## Notes from the Principal;

As the school year draws to a close, the tempo increases! The calendar at home and those at school are filled with celebrations and ceremonies. Students and staff try to remain focused on academics while making preparations for year's end.

There are many year-end activities so please look at the attached calendar carefully. Also, please check the website calendars which are updated as plans change and activities are added! The last day of school is Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and it is a half-day for students. Dismissal is at 11:37.

### A few important dates:

**Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grade 8 Career Day**

**June 9<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 Stem Day at school**

**June 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Grade 5 to Boston  
(One House per day)**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> – Variety Show - 6:30**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7 House B trip**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7 House A trip**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> – 2:30-4:30 - Grade 8 Party in Gyms!**

**Permission slips will be  
coming home later in June.**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> – Grade 8 Trip**

**Grade 6 Trip**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Grade 8 -Promotion Ceremony in the  
Old Gym – 10:00**

**Families Invited - Gym Doors will open at 9:40**

It is anticipated that the Promotion Ceremony will end by 10:45. (Grade 8 students will be bringing home dismissal slips prior to June 20<sup>th</sup> for ease of exit.) **If parents wish to dismiss younger siblings, 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.

Following the ceremony parents may dismiss their students if they so choose. Homeroom teachers and office staff will be in the New Gym following the ceremony to facilitate signing students out to parents. This will help to alleviate congestion, and confusion in the office on the busy last day of school.

Finally, we are proud of all of the accomplishments of our students this year in academics, art, music, health, interpersonal relations, etc. We truly have an exceptional group of students and parents who make up the Ahern community. Each year we make strides in working more effectively as a community while reaching higher academic goals individually and as a school. We want to thank you for all your help and support this year. We would like to thank our students, their parents, and the staff for a wonderful year.

Please enjoy your summer with your family and encourage reading for pleasure. It's the finest way to keep that brain active!

Warm Regards,  
Sue Abrams



# Math Corner

With the lazy days of summer quickly approaching, we wanted to offer some math related activities that your child can engage in during the summer months. Just a few hours a week can help keep your child's brain engaged using fun and enjoyable activities.

## Games

Below is a list of games for middle school age children that develop and reinforce all types of skills that can help your child directly and indirectly with their math learning.

Battleship	Concentration	Othello
Blink	Connect Four	Parcheesi
Blokus	Dominos	Shut the Box
Checkers	Mancala	Stratego
Chess	Master Mind	Yahtzee
Chinese Checkers		

<u>Card Games</u>	<u>Puzzles</u>
Sleeping Queens	Ken Ken ( <a href="http://www.kenkenpuzzle.com/">http://www.kenkenpuzzle.com/</a> )
Uno	Sudoku
Loot	SolveMe Mobiles ( <a href="https://solve.me/edc.org/Mobiles.html">https://solve.me/edc.org/Mobiles.html</a> )
Number War (to develop math facts; uses a regular deck of cards)	Kakooma ( <a href="http://gregtangmath.com/kakooma">http://gregtangmath.com/kakooma</a> ) For directions: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lk_gvu3GuPI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lk_gvu3GuPI</a>

## Summer Reading

If your child likes to spend time reading during the summer we have some titles that are math related. Math and reading are not usually thought of as one activity but there are books that promote and extend math learning.

Below, please find suggested titles for each grade level. The books overlap grade levels and the enjoyment of the book will depend on your child's current math abilities and reading level.

<b><u>Book Title</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>	<b><u>Suggested Grades</u></b>
Millions	Frank Cottrell Boyce	5 – 8
Hannah Divided	Adele Griffin	5 – 8
Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster	5 – 8
Toothpaste Millionaire	Jean Merrill	6 – 8
Chasing Vermeer	Blue Balliett	6 – 8
The Wright 3 (sequel to Chasing Vermeer)	Blue Balliett	6 – 8
A Gebra Named Al	Wendy Isdell	6 – 8
Flatlands	Edwin Abbott	6 – 8
The Man Who Counted	Malba Tahan	7 – 8
Parrot's Theorem	Denis Guedj	7 – 8
Number Devil	Hans Magnus Enzensberger	7 – 8
Conned Again Watson, Cautionary Tales of Logic, Math and Probability	Colin Bruce	7 - 8

For additional reading selections, please visit <http://letsreadmath.com/math-and-childrens-literature/middle-school-mathematics-literature/>

### **Online Games and Apps**

There are many online games and apps that are math related and can be fun and engaging to play. An online game which also is found in APP form is “Deep Sea Duel”. This game was developed by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and can be played at a level that meets your child’s abilities. Another engaging game that promotes logical thinking is “Bloxorz”.

### **Tip for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Knowing multiplication facts through 10 x 10 is essential for learning the math concepts during middle school. Multiplication facts are to math learning just as sight words are to learning to read. If you notice that your child is struggling with assignments that involve multiplication facts, please encourage your child to continue practicing their facts. Some suggested APPS are Number Bubble, Sushi Monster and Math Slide. Also, Multiplication.com and Sheppardsoftware.com are great websites for keeping up with math skills.

If you have general questions on math related information that is not class specific, please feel free to email us at the addresses below.


Enjoy a fun and relaxing summer with your family!

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# Order Your YEARBOOK



## *Yearbooks on Sale Now!*

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. The easiest way to order your copy is online, by clicking the link on the Ahern website (or entering <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A03458350> in your web browser).

**Online sales end on June 2<sup>nd</sup> - so reserve your yearbook soon!**

### ***Ahern Students Show MAXIMUM Respect***

The sixth-grade students at the Ahern Middle School created "My Maxim" projects last month.

A maxim is a short phrase that communicates a personal philosophy. In this case, the students generated maxims about how people should treat one another. The creativity and the effort of the students was fantastic! ***This year's winners are:*** Delia F., Sydney L., Ashley B., Alexa C., Josh C., Molly S., Ava S., Juliana P., Liam E., Myia L., and James S. Runners-up included Lauren M., Taylor F., Jack G., Abby G., Catherine C., Adyson Y., Victoria D., Isabelle P., Vaughn H., and Samantha C.

## PAC NOTES



As the year comes to a close, we want to thank all the parent volunteers who have lead and supported events and given ongoing support throughout the year. We appreciate all the time and effort given. We are proud of the PAC contributions to the school this year including over \$12,000 of funding support to student agendas, field trips, and programs like Shakespeare Now and the Traveling Art show.

**Our next PAC meeting is on June 13th at 7pm in the Library.**

Upcoming Events:

Career Day – June 2<sup>nd</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party – June 20 2:30-4:30 – All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to celebrate together after school! Permission slips will be going out soon.

Please join me in officially welcoming Sarah LiDonni and Robin Stelmach as PAC Co-Presidents and Lori Lavallee as Secretary for 2017-2018.

Please join us for the final meeting of the year!

2016-2017 PAC Leaders

Bryn Yozzo, President

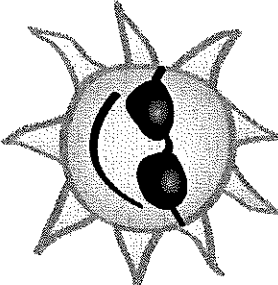
Jennifer Pollart, Treasurer

Mindy Taylor, Secretary

**HAPPY  
SUMMER  
VACATION!**

# PARENT CALENDAR

## June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						
	<b>4</b> <b>5 Day 2</b>	<b>6 Day 3</b> Taylor 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Visits	<b>7 Day 4</b> Burrell 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Visits	<b>8 Day 5</b> Gr. 8 Move-up to FHS 9:10-12:00	<b>9 Day 6</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>11</b> <b>12 Day 1</b> Gr.5A (Matthews/Williams) to Freedom Trail 8:15-2:00	<b>13 Day 2</b> Gr.5E (Allen Franzem) to Freedom Trail 8:15-2:00	<b>14 Day 3</b> Gr.5D (Abreau/Farrow) to Freedom Trail 8:15-2:00	<b>15 Day 4</b> Gr.5B (Mr. V/Blanchard) to Freedom Trail 8:15-2:00  Staff Meeting No Late Buses	<b>16 Day 5</b> Gr.5C (Annis/Ziobro) to Freedom Trail 8:15-2:00  Variety Show / 6:30	<b>17</b>
	<b>18</b> <b>19 Day 6</b> Gr. 7B Camp Everwood 8:15-2:00	<b>20</b> Gr. 7A Camp Everwood 8:15-2:00  PAC Meeting 7:00	<b>21</b> Gr. 8 To Canobie Lake 8:30-3:30	<b>22</b> Last Day Early Release 11:37  Gr. 8 Promotion Ceremony Enter at Gym Doors Only starting at 9:40	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

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