

Academy of Math & Science

May 2011 Newsletter

Greetings!

As part of our commitment to ongoing communication with parents, students, and the community, we are excited to share the latest edition of the Academy of Math & Science's electronic newsletter with you.



News

All AMS Sophomores Meet or Exceed AIMS Performance Level!

All of the Academy of Math and Science Sophomores were notified by the State of Arizona that they met or exceeded the performance level, and so passed the Reading portion of AIMS (Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards). The Reading portion of AIMS is a requirement for graduating from High School in Arizona.

In addition, all of the students passed on their first attempt!

Congratulations! We are proud of all your hard work!

AMS Student State Finalist in Google Art Contest

AMS 8th grader Annabel Nevarez received notification on Monday, May 9th, that she was a Arizona State Finalist in the 2011 **Doodle for Google Art Contest**. Her art work will be featured later on this month on the contest website at www.google.com/doodle4google. Well done, Annabel!

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Summer Learning Opportunities at AMS!

This Summer, AMS will be hosting Summer opportunities for new, existing, and prospective students entering Grades K-8.

Space will be limited, so be on the lookout for more information!

If you believe you may be interested in tentatively signing your student up for these programs, or to get more details, please call JoAnn at 293-2676.



Career Fair: What the Future Holds for AMS Students

Thursday morning, May 5th, the Academy of Math and Science hosted a Career Fair for their Secondary students (Grades 6th-12th). Students were able to spend time talking to representatives from eight colleges and schools from

Arizona, four trade unions and their apprenticeship programs, and seven professionals who were here to share about what it takes to have a career as an engineer, a doctor, a film maker, a financial advisor, a member of the military, and as an insurance agent.

Students spent the morning moving around the cafeteria, talking to various representatives and individuals and asking questions about what it takes for that career and what it takes to prepare for the life they want after high school. It was an important and valuable experience for the AMS secondary students.

New Programs for 2011-2012!

Due to student feedback, AMS is proud to announce that next year there will be new program offerings and supports for all grade levels.

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Now Enrolling for 2011-2012!

If you are the parent of a new or returning AMS student, don't forget to complete your [registration packet](#) and return it to the front desk as soon as possible!

New students should also bring in a copy of their birth certificate and vaccination forms.

Please contact us if you have any questions 293-2676.



Quick Links

[Visit the AMS Homepage](#)



Examples of programmatic enhancements include:

- Dedicated Math and Science Specialist
- Love-to-Read Program
- New Computer Applications
- Enhanced Art Program
- Accelerated Reader at All Elementary Grade Levels

Thank you to all students for their survey feedback. Your input guided AMS to provide you with many new learning opportunities!

Be on the lookout for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Principal Potter at tbrownpotter@amstucson.org, or you may call 293-2676.

AMS Yearbook Sales

There are only a limited number of yearbooks left for sale for the 2010-2011 school year!

Please bring cash, or a check made out to AMS for \$26.00, to JoAnn in the Front Office. The yearbook order form can be found [here](#).

The yearbook is a valuable gift to ensure you have cherished memories of your child, their friends, their teachers, and special activities and events from the school year. Act now to secure your yearbook!



Summer Box Tops and Labels

Mrs. Todd would like parents to please save General Mills **Box Tops for Education** and labels over the Summer to turn in and help us with our Art, P.E., and Music programs and equipment.

Thank you for keeping your eyes open and your scissors ready to use!

Events

Upcoming Spring Recitals and Open Houses

The Academy of Math and Science will be hosting Open Houses followed by Spring Recitals on Friday, May 13th and Saturday, May 14th.

Schedule for Friday, May 13th

Open House will be held from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. for prospective and new students.

Spring Recital for 4th through 8th grade students will be held in our Cafeteria at 6 p.m.

Parents, please note on Friday, May 13th at 5:45pm...

- All 4th and 5th grade students are to be in the Cafeteria and seated at the designated area by the front window.
- Any special performers need to be seated by the wall in a noted area.
- All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students need to be in the Cafeteria in the designated area near the far side of the stage.

Following the Spring Recital, we will celebrate by having refreshments in the main office. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be taking place during this time.

Schedule for Saturday, May 14th

Open House will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for prospective and new students.

Spring Recital for Kindergarten through 3rd grade students will be held in our Cafeteria at 10:30 a.m.

Parents, please note on Saturday, May 14th at 10:15am...

- Ms. Cameron's and Ms. Pretzel's classes need to be seated in the designated side area by the front window.
- Ms. Roser's and Ms. Bejarano's classes need to be seated on the other side of the stage by the far wall.
- Ms. Andrist's 2nd grade will need to meet in the Guitar room.
- Ms. Westwater's and Ms. Hamdan's classes will need to meet in the Piano room.

After the performance, we will celebrate by having a light lunch in the Cafeteria.



Promotion and Graduation Dates and Times

This May, the Academy of Math and Science will celebrate four different graduation/promotion ceremonies:

Kindergarten Promotion - Friday, May 20th at 9 a.m. in the Cafeteria
5th Grade Promotion - Wednesday, May 25th at 9 a.m. in the Cafeteria
8th Grade Promotion - Wednesday, May 25th at 10:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria
High School Graduation - Wednesday, May 25th at 6 p.m. at the Viscount Hotel, 4855 E. Broadway Blvd.

End of the Year Comprehensive Exams

The Academy of Math and Science ends its school year with comprehensive final exams in core subjects (Math, Science, English, and Social Studies) for our students. These exams will be given during the week of May 16th through the 20th (see the attached [schedule](#) for Secondary students).

These exams are an important determiner for advancing students to the next grade level. Please help your students prepare.

Elementary Field Day for Grades K-5

During the morning of Tuesday, May 24th, grades Kindergarten through 5th will participate in a Field Day at Jacobs Park from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Signed permission slips from each student are required for this field day. Contact your child's teacher about driving and chaperoning. Students will need a sack lunch (either from the school or from home).

Last Day of School Schedule

On May 25th, the Academy of Math and Science will be holding our last day of school for the 2010-2011 school year.

Parents, this is a half-day and there will be no lunch served on this day. There will also be no extended care available on this day. Students will need to be picked up at 12:30 p.m. Thank you!



Calendar

With it being so close to the end of the school year, May is looking to be a busy month!

Take a look at the [calendar](#) for a list of all May events.

Other News



Volunteer with AMS!

Volunteering is a great way to give back to AMS students and families!

We actively seek individuals to volunteer at the school to help enhance our programs and services.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeff Michaelson, Assistant Principal at jmichaelson@amstucson.org, or by calling 293-2676.

As we make our way towards the end of the school year, May is a busy month filled with exciting activities and opportunities for students to shine. If there is anything I can do to assist you or your child, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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