Middle School Principal Update

Friday, December 22, 2023

Please review the weekly update with your student

Wishing you a Happy Holiday from our AKFCS Middle School Family

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Student Arrival Reminder

- Middle School doors open at **7:05 a.m.**
- First breakfast ends at **7:19 a.m.**
- Students arriving after **7:25 a.m.** are marked late
- Second breakfast ends at **8:06 a.m.**

Reminder: Please Dress Appropriately for the Winter Temps!

Please remind your students to dress appropriately for the cold weather. Students will be outdoors for recess and PE when the weather permits.

Congratulations to our December 2023 Character Virtue Winners

Character Virtue: Fairness

Grade 4

Madison B.
Michelle A.
Kairo B.
Jackson R.
Talia M.
Pedro A.

Grade 5

Necha B.
Mia N.
Ainslee B.
Blessing S.
Samantha N.
Darin W.

Grade 6

Andrew A.
Alysha A.
Kofi D.
Joel N-G.
Lulu N.
Giselle J-R.

Grade 7

Nigh S A

Anita N.
Natalia M.
Aaliyah M.
Daniella M.
Johnathan L.

Dean of Students Spotlight

Grade 5:

Zoey K. does not give up in the face of challenges. She tries hard and takes responsibility for her actions.
Stella V. is a star student. She is involved in many extracurricular activities and is an all around joy to have.

I had the opportunity to see some of our middle school strings players perform in the community to celebrate the holidays. **Well done:** Udo A, Cheryl D, Axel D, Valentina D, Willow N, Lev N, Samantha N, Vianna N, Kaylynn N, Zoey P, Isabella W. Congratulations to all and thank you for the invitation!

Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Gleason

Middle School Mural in Progress

Club Update

Change-makers

Grade 4 & 5 After School Club

Thursdays 2:15-3:30

*snack will be provided

Session 1: January 11-February 15, 2024

Please pick up in the Middle School (back) parking lot.

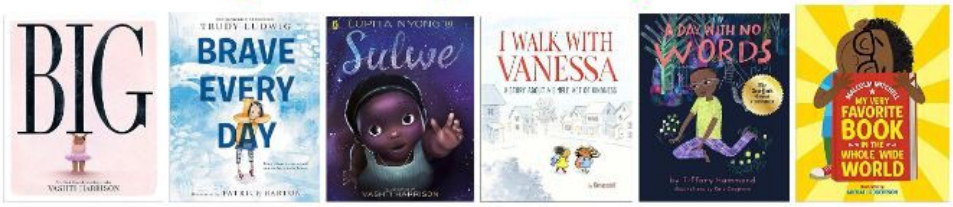
The first 15 students to register will be accepted.

We will be reading books and completing short writing and art projects to share our own ideas about self-awareness, social awareness, and responsible decision-making.

~ authoring wordless picture books

~creating affirmations cards for self and community

~reflecting on our own experiences using art and writing



Upcoming Dates and Events...

December 25th - 29th Holiday Break
January 2nd - Students return to school
January 12th - Grade 6/7 Winter Wonderland Dance
January 15th - No School - MLK Day
January 17th - Early release day
January 18th - Abby's Attic *(alternate snow date - January 25th)*
January 19th - Middle School Play (Finding Nemo) 7.p.m.
January 19th - Dress Down Day ($1.00)
January 20th - Middle School Play (Finding Nemo) 2.p.m.
January 25th - Character Virtue Breakfast
January 29th - Dental Screening #2
February 6th - Winter Concert
February 16th - Dress Down Day ($1.00)
February 19th -23rd - Winter Break
February 26th - Students return to school

See the AKF website and calendar for additional dates / information https://www.akfcs.org/

Brain Teasers

1. What starts with an E, ends with and E and usually contains only one letter?
2. In which sport do winners move backwards and losers move forward?
3. Kevin's mother has three children. The first was called Alpha, the second was called Beta. What was the name of the third?
4. Can you find a five letter word, which when typed in upper-case, reads the same upside down?
5. What does this represent: mce, mce, mce?

Tongue Twisters

- I thought a thought. But the thought I thought wasn't the thought I thought I thought. If the thought I thought I thought had been the thought I thought, I wouldn't have thought so much.

- When a doctor doctors a doctor, does the doctor doing the doctoring doctor as the doctor being doctored wants to be doctored, or does the doctor doing the doctoring doctor as he wants to doctor?

- Betty Botter bought some butter; "But," said she, "The butter's bitter. If I put it in my batter, it will make my batter bitter." But a bit of better butter will make my bitter batter better. So she bought some better butter, better than the bitter butter, Put it in her bitter batter, made her bitter batter better.

Get it Done !

The first student in each grade to respond to the following questions correctly and will receive a FREE dress down day and four Bear Paws.

Rules:

- Send the correct responses to Principal Hinds between 7:55 p.m. and 7:59 p.m. on Sunday, December 24th.
- The email must be sent using your student AKFCS email account
- Responses must be in blue / comic sans /size 12 font

Questions:

1. Abby Kelley was a woman's rights advocate and an _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (12 letters)
2. RBG are the initials of what famous lawyer / Justice of the Supreme Court?
3. Africa has _____ Countries?
4. Who was Benjamin Banneker ?
5. The United States has _____ states?

6. Mechanics Hall in Worcester was built in (what year)_____ and restored in (what year) _____?
7. What is the date of the winter concert?
8. _____ yards equals 15 feet?
9. The capital of Massachusetts is _____ ?
10. What Type of fish is Nemo in Finding Nemo?
11. What does Ms. Borges remind students **not to do** every day at dismissal?
12. What animal is the Abby Kelley Mascot?
13. What is the name of gray hippo in Ms. Hinds' office?
14. What AKF event is scheduled to take place on January 19th and 20th?

Uniform Reminder

Reminder: UGG Slippers and Crocs - Not Allowed As Part of the Middle School Uniform

Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School Parent/Student Handbook

Please refer to the 2023-2024 Parent /Student Handbook (Page 16) for the middle school uniform policy.

Closed toe, closed heel only. (No Crocs, sandals, flip flops, dress shoes with heels, or open toe shoes allowed).

Student Pick-Up and Drop Off

No U-Turns on New Bond Street

Please refrain from making U-turns on New Bond Street. We realize that everyone is busy during the morning and afternoon commute but we must work together to keep our community safe.

Middle School Arrival and Dismissal Times

Student dismissal begins at **2:00 p.m.** with busses leaving the Middle School at approximately **2:15 p.m.**

Half Days: Student Dismissal begins at **10:35 a.m.**, with busses leaving the Middle School at **approximately 10:42 a.m.**

Any requests for **same day transportation changes should be made before 12:30 p.m. on full days and before 9:30 a.m. on early dismissal days.

****Family Requested Early dismissals** should occur before 1:00 p.m. on full days and before 9:30 a.m. on early dismissal days.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Students and Social Media - FAMILIES WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please monitor your students **social media & gaming accounts** at home. Negative social media & gaming exchanges between individual students and student groups are impacting relationships within our school environment.

Remember:

- Manage your privacy settings.
- Remember: once posted, always posted.
- Build a positive online reputation.
- Keep personal info personal.
- Protect your computer /tablet /phone
- Use strong passwords.
- Be cautious on social networking sites.

Resources for Middle School Families

Middle School Lunch Menus

Middle School Bus Routes

Middle School Staff Directory

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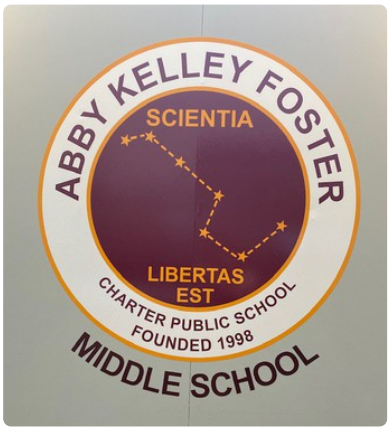

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