



Antilles Middle School

Parent Newsletter

IMPORTANT***IMPORTANT***IMPORTANT

Item # 1 School grounds are “off limits” after school hours, 3:00 PM or when school is not in session, unless authorized by a school official or attending an AMS sponsored event. Page 15 in the AMS Handbook, Campus/ School Property, has the details. The Middle School Program office number is 707-3783 and is free to all AMS students.

Item # 2 Our school breakfast program is available from 6:45-7:20 AM. If school busses arrive late, students will be allowed to have breakfast. Students may want to carry a snack with them in case they arrive late, for any reason, since classes start promptly at 7:30AM. The student meal programs are discussed on pages 17-19 of our handbook.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP)

This Goals and Objectives for the School Improvement Plan (SIP) at the Antilles Middle School are as follows:

Goal # 1: All students will improve their problem-solving skills across the curriculum.

Essence: All students will solve problems using inductive reasoning by means of analyzing, inferences and synthesizing techniques.

Goal # 2 : All students will improve literacy across the curriculum.

Essence: All students will write effectively and improve comprehension through vocabulary building.

Both goals are aligned with the DODEA Standards to improve student’s skills.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Our nurse, Ms. Barbara Castro, would like all parents who have a child turning eleven this school year to have them immunized for Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV4) & Tetanus/Diphtheria Booster (TDAP) within ten days of their birthday. This is a DoDEA regulation and failure to do this might preclude your child from continuing at AMS. To avoid this situation, make your appointments now to get the required shots on time. Don’t forget to update your child’s physical exam and TB test at the same time if they were done more than five years ago.

Also, if you have any AMS shorts or polo shirts that your children have out-grown or are no longer in the middle school, the nursing office can use these items for school emergencies. The nursing office telephone number is 787-707-2463.

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September 2008

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 23-25-Student
Council campaign

Sept. 26- Student Council-
Election Assembly

Oct. 9- End of First
School Quarter

Oct. 10-Teacher Workday-
No Students

Oct. 13-Columbus Day-No
School

Oct. 14- Begin Second Qtr

Oct. 17- Report Cards
Issued

Oct. 22- Early Release Day

Oct. 31-Awards Assembly
8 A.M.-Cafeteria

Nov. 4- Election Day-No
School

Nov. 11-Veterans’ Day-
No School

DDESS Puerto Rico 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

June 12, 2008

11 Professional Development Day
First Day for All Teachers
12-13 Teacher Workdays-No Students
14 First Day for Students K-12
PK – ½ morning, ½ afternoon
15 PK – ½ morning, ½ afternoon
18 PK – Full sessions
27 District Staff Development Day,
No Students @ Ramey
29 District Staff Development Day,
No Students @ Fort Buchanan

AUGUST '08						
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SEPTEMBER '08						
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1 Labor Day – No School
17 Early Release – Staff Dev @ Fort Buchanan
18 Early Release – Staff Dev @ Ramey

9 End of 1st Quarter
10 Teacher Workday-No Students
13 Columbus Day – No School
14 Begin 2nd Quarter
16 Parent Conferences-No Students
PK
17 Parent Conferences-No Students
PK-5
21 Early Release-Staff Dev@ Ramey
22 Early Release-Staff Dev@ Fort Buchanan

OCTOBER '08						
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4 Election Day – No School
11 Veterans' Day – No School
19 Early Release-Staff Dev @ Fort Buchanan
20 Early Release-Staff Dev @Ramey
27-28 Thanksgiving Recess – No School

15-18 Final Exams
18 End of 2nd Quarter
19 Teacher Workday-No Students
PK-12
22-31 Winter Recess – No School

DECEMBER '08						
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1-9 Winter Recess – No School
12 Begin 3rd Quarter
19 M. L. King Day – No School

10 Early Release – Staff Dev @ Ramey
11 Early Release – Staff Dev @Fort Buchanan
16 Presidents' Day – No School

FEBRUARY '09						
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MARCH '09						
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2-6 TerraNova Testing
9-12 TerraNova Test (Makeup)
12 End of 3rd Quarter
13 Teacher Workday-No Students
PK-12
16 Begin 4th Quarter
26 Parent Conferences-No Students
PK
27 Parent Conferences-No Students
PK-5

1 Early Release – Staff Dev @Ft Buchanan
2 Early Release – Staff Dev @ Ramey
6-10 Spring Recess

APRIL '09						
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MAY '09						
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5 Early Release-Staff Dev @ Ramey
6 Early Release-Staff Dev @Ft Buchanan
15 Early Withdrawal Date
25 Memorial Day – No School

1-4 Final Exams
4 Last Day for Students PK-12
5 & 8 Teacher Workdays-No Students
8 Last Day for Teachers

JUNE '09						
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Days in the School Year

Quarter	Teachers	Students PK	Students K-5	Students 6-12
1	44	39	39	39
2	45	42	43	44
3	43	42	42	42
4	55	51	52	53
Total	187	174	176	178