

January 19, 2012

Congratulations to 8th Grader Caitlin Huffman on winning the 2012 Appomattox Middle School Spelling Bee! She is a Champion! Our 1st Runner up is 7th grader Harmonie Elliott, she grappled with Caitlin in a grueling battle, and spelled with Gusto. The 2nd runner up is Tristan Hensley, who demonstrated tenacity and a great attitude. 25 students competed in a challenging contest, everyone did their best and they DID shine! Caitlin will be representing our school at the Spelling Bee in Lynchburg soon, we will let you know the dates. If she cannot attend, Harmonie will step into her place to represent us! Thank you to all participants and teachers! Each and every one of you is an asset to our school!

The "Warm and Fuzzy Clothing" drive for AMS is underway. Please turn in new or gently-worn jackets/coats, hoodies, gloves/mittens, scarves and blankets to Mrs. Williams in the Library. ALL items will be in house at AMS for the exclusive use of AMS students. Sooooo, clean out those closets and bring in your warm and fuzzies!

The PTO is selling gourmet lollipops during bell time outside of Mrs. Sprouse's room (room 207). The cost per lollipop is 50 cents.

UVA Summer Enrichment Program - The University of Virginia Curry School of Education announces the upcoming season of the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) for rising fifth through eleventh grade students. The program's mission is to engage gifted and/or high ability students in quality learning experiences designed to cultivate interest and potential in a wide variety of fields and disciplines. The program focuses on meeting both the cognitive and affective needs of these learners while fostering a passion for lifelong learning and leadership. Qualifying students should be identified as gifted or show high potential in academic fields or intellectual, creative, artistic, and/or leadership capabilities. The courses are taught by specialists in gifted education and experts in fields ranging from engineering and economics to linguistics. The application and all other details can be found online at <http://curry.virginia.edu/sep>. The application deadline is February 15, 2012.

Any girl interested in the Girl's on Track program, please see Miss Thompson or Miss Dudley on the 6th grade hall for more information. You can go by her room any day before or after school.

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at 8:20 in the cafeteria for all girls wishing to participate in Soccer this year.

There will be an informational meeting tomorrow, January 20th at 8:20 in the cafeteria for boys and girls wishing to participate in Track this year.

Tennis try-outs will begin February 20th for 8th graders at ACHS from 3:30 - 5:30.

FFA Parliamentary Procedure Practice is canceled for today. Practice will be held again on January 24th.

Today's Anti-Bullying theme is - Be cool in our school. It's Bully Free and so are we!!!!

Happy Birthday to Ashton Ferguson and Jimmy Brightwell!

We would like to wish a BIG Happy Birthday yesterday to Theresa Harper in Day Treatment!



Today's Lunch - Chicken Nuggets with Roll, Philly Cheese Sub, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Veggies and Dip, Selection of Fruit Cup, Variety of Fresh Fruit, and Milk.

Tomorrow's Breakfast - Chicken Sandwich, Cereal and Muffin, Bagel with Cream Cheese, Yogurt and Muffin, with OJ and/or Milk.