



Phoenix Family News December 2018

Mark Your Calendar!

January

7	Classes Resume
10 - 11	6th Grade FAST Testing
11	Anwatin Ski Trip
14-18	Spirit Week
15-16	7th and 8th Grade FAST Testing
15	Site Council
18	Phoenix Day, Last Day of Quarter 2
21	No School
22	PASS (Parent Group) Meeting
24	No School
25	No School
31	8th Grade STEM field trip

February

8	Anwatin Ski Trip
11-14	ACCESS Testing - All Grades, English Learners
15	No School, Winter Parent-Teacher Conferences
18	No School, Presidents' Day

March

18-20	MCA/MTAAS Science Test, 8th Grade
19	Site Council
23	History Day: MPS Regional Competition
25	Spirit Week
26	PASS (Parent Group) Meeting
28	Phoenix Day, Last Day of Quarter 3
29	No School

Updates from the Principal

As we wrap up the 2018 school year, I am proud of the amazing school year we've had so far. There have been so many successes and things to celebrate. I want to thank our dedicated students, staff, and families for everyone's tireless work and support of our community. As a community we truly are An'Rockin. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2019 renewed and ready to continue the work that is underway.

Middle Years Programme Update

As an IB school, 8th-grade students are required to do their own Community Project. Students have selected an issue in their community that they are passionate about and have determined the steps they will take to address the issue. Please talk to your child about their Community Project and how you can help them in making it a success.

Notes from Beacons and After School Programming

- All young people currently registered in Beacons will have the opportunity to choose new classes the week of January 7th.
- Beacons will resume programming on January 14th.
- No Afterschool programming the week of January 21st.

News from the Health Office:

The 6th grade vision screenings have been completed. The Health Office is sending home the referral letter for students who fail their screening. Parent, please follow the instructions on the letter, sign the consent form and return it to school if you have no health care coverage. For those of you who has coverage, you may call your health care provider, take the letter with you so that your health care provider may complete fax it to E.Y.E or return it back to us. If you need vision care services (exam, new glasses, etc.) please feel free to contact the E.Y.E. Program directly via our E.Y.E. Vision Care Coordinators at (612)775-8785 or eye@allina.com.

We wish you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season! Nori and Kim

Notes from the Counselor and School Social Workers

- January 28th starts the Spring semester so all student's schedules are expected to change.
- There's an 8th-grade trip coming up in January to tour North High School. Dates TBD.
- All Students on the Honor Roll in 1st, 2nd & 3rd quarter will go on a free roller-skating trip in May.
- High School Choice are due on Feb 8th. Please visit schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us to register your 8th graders up for high school.

Winter break food access - help spread the word!

The Sheridan Story has an exciting new partnership to expand access to food for our community over winter break. December 27th, 2018 - January 6th, 2019, all YMCA Twin Cities Branch locations will have The Sheridan Story bags of food available for anyone who requests it (while supplies last). A map of locations can be found here: <https://www.thesheridanstory.org/break/>

Please note:

- Families do NOT need to be registered for The Sheridan Story at their school site.
- To receive a bag, they simply need to ask for a bag at the front counter at the YMCA.
- Families do NOT need to be a member of the YMCA.
- Families will NOT be asked for any identifying information or to "prove need."

Volunteer Opportunity: Science Reading Groups

Please reach out to Heidi Quimby (Heidi.Quimby@mpls.k12.mn.us) if you would like to volunteer to lead a small group of 6th-grade science students in weekly readings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 12 and 4 p.m. English and Spanish speakers are welcome and needed!

Conferences Survey

There's still time to share your feedback and ideas around conferences and school communication.

[Please take the survey online.](#)

Bilingual Seals and World Language Proficiency Certificates

Students in grade 10 or above who can read and write in another language can take a test to earn up to 4 semesters of college credit for free at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Students who take the test and demonstrate proficiency in another language (and in English) will earn a MN World Language Proficiency Certificate or a MN Bilingual Seal. Anwatin is proud of its role in developing bilingual learners - no matter how far along the students are in their journey. We offer to begin to advanced level Spanish classes.

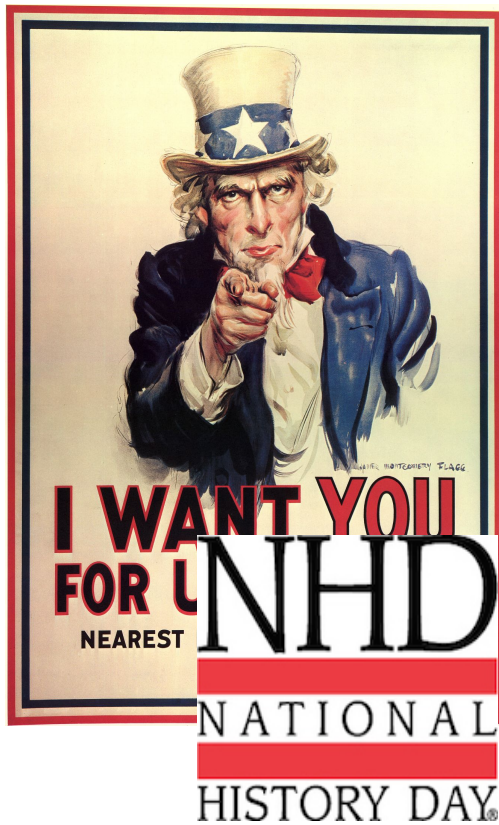
Anwatin Ski Trip

Our Buck Hill Ski trip is scheduled for Friday, January 11th. Feel Free to inform students and if they want a permission slip to find Mr Dean in room 413. This is open to all students.

Notes from the Media Center

Many students are showing their responsibility to their Anwatin community by addressing book fines at the Media Center. If you believe your child has a fine, please ask them to connect with Mr. Brad. FAST testing for all grades will begin January 10th-17th.

Volunteer Opportunity: History Day - Judges Wanted



Anwatin Middle School Wants **YOU** For National History Day!

What: National History Day is an academic research competition that takes place in classrooms across the country. All Anwatin 7th and 8th graders will participate. Finished projects are presented at the school for a school-level competition. Winners go on to district and state competitions.

Who: Anwatin is looking for teams or individuals to volunteer as judges for our school competition. We are reaching out to local universities, neighborhood organizations, corporations, businesses and community members. *No history knowledge or past judging experience needed!* While we will call you judges, you are really adult mentors taking the time to help kids verbalize what they have learned. You provide feedback and acknowledgement.

When: Wed. February 20th 9:30 AM – 4:00 P.M. Judges can choose a block of time that works for them, one hour or all day! There will be a short “introduction to History Day judging” session at 9:00 for anyone interested – although this is not required for judging.

How it works:

- Sign up for “judging” for a block of time by emailing robyn.eliason@mpls.k12.mn.us
- Spend a few hours talking to amazing kids about all the hard work they did. Ask them questions. Listen. Acknowledge their work. Push them to tell you more. Look for evidence of critical thinking and critical reading. Remind them that they are developing important academic skills.
- Judges will individually “judge” as many projects as their time allows.
- Signing up as a judging team with your organization? Consider comparing judging notes together as a team. Choose one to three “winners” to be awarded by your organization. We will provide certificates. Feel free to come up with a creative name for your award, or add an additional prize of some type. Attend the awards ceremony the next day to present your winners yourself, if you are able! If not, we will do it for you.
- Email robyn.eliason@mpls.k12.mn.us with question or to sign up!
- Visit nhd.org or <http://education.mnhs.org/historyday/> for more information

Where: Anwatin Middle School library and auditorium

Why: To celebrate and honor our student’s work. To help them see themselves as scholars. To help our students think critically about their work.

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the total of true education.” Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Minneapolis Public Schools will be on Winter Break from Monday, Dec. 24 – Friday, Jan. 4. Classes resume on Monday, Jan. 7. Below are some resources for families during break.

Meals and Snacks

The following sites will be serving free snacks and/or meals over the winter break. Days and times of service may vary, so those interested are encouraged to check in directly with the site for more specific information.

- **Audubon Park**
- **Bottineau Park**
- **Central Gym Park**
- **East Lake Library**
- **Farview Park**
- **Luxton Park**
- **Northeast Library**
- **Powderhorn Park**
- **Webber Park Library**
- **Whittier Park**

FoodPantries.org maintains a list of local food banks and meal sites (soup kitchens). Culturally specific organizations are included.

Programs and Activities

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

Recreation Centers are open during Winter Break (all recreation centers closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1) for free, supervised, drop-in activities. Find a full list of recreation center locations, visit www.minneapolisparcs.org.

Hennepin County Library

Libraries in Minneapolis are open over Winter Break and have fun events and activities for youth and families. Find library locations and hours at www.hclib.org.

Other needs

United Way 211- United Way 211 provides free and confidential health and human services information for people in Minnesota. Assistance is available in all languages. Phones are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. United Way 211 can connect families with resources and information including food, warm winter clothes, and toys/gifts. Call 211 or 651.291.0211.

MPS Family Resource Center provides school-based resources and social services for families and students at Minneapolis Public Schools. The Family Resource Center is available by appointments and by walk-ins. For more information and office hours call 612.668.4281.

**FREE BAGS OF FOOD AVAILABLE
OVER WINTER BREAK!***

*while supplies last



What: Bags of food similar to what you receive on weekends

When: December 27th, 2018 - January 6th, 2019

Where: Twin Cities YMCA branches

How: Simply go to the front desk and ask for a bag of food.

You do NOT need to be a member of the YMCA

You do NOT need to provide any contact information

To find a convenient location:

Visit: www.thesheridanstory.org/break



Boletín para las familias fénix 2018 de diciembre

¡Marca tu calendario!

Enero

- 7 Regreso a clases.
- 10 - 11 “Examen Relámpago” para 6to grado.
- 11 Excursión del equipo de ski de Anwatin
- 14-18 Semana del espíritu Phoenix.
- 15-16 Examen relámpago para 7mo. Y 8vo grado.
- 15 Junta del Consul escolar.
- 18 Día Phoenix y el término del segundo trimestre.
- 21 No hay clases.
- 22 Junta del grupo de padres (P. A.S.S.)
- 24 No hay clases
- 25 No hay clases
- 31 Excursion STEM de 8vo grado.

Febrero

- 8 Excursión del equipo de ski de Anwatin
- 11-14 Examen ACCESS - Todos los grados, Para estudiantes de ingles.
- 15 No hay clases, Conferencia de Padres (session invernal)
- 18 No hay clases, Día del Presidente.

Marzo

- 18-20 MCA/MTAAS Examen de Ciencias para 8vo grado.
- 19 Junta del Consul escolar
- 23 Día de Historia: Competición Regional de MPS
- 25 Semana del espíritu Phoenix.
- 26 Junta del grupo de padres (P. A.S.S.)
- 28 Día Phoenix, Último día del 3er. Trimestre.
- 29 No hay clases.

Noticias de la directora.

Al concluir el año escolar 2018, estoy orgullosa del increíble año escolar que tenemos hasta ahora. Hay tantos éxitos y cosas que celebrar. Quiero agradecer a nuestros dedicados estudiantes, personal y familias por el trabajo incansable de todos y el apoyo de nuestra comunidad. Como comunidad realmente somos An’Rockin. Esperamos darle la bienvenida nuevamente en 2019, renovado y listo para continuar el trabajo que está en marcha.

Actualización de los años intermedios.

Como escuela IB, los estudiantes de 8° grado deben realizar su propio Proyecto Comunitario. Los estudiantes han seleccionado un problema en su comunidad que les apasiona y han determinado los pasos que tomarán para abordar el problema. Por favor, hable con su hijo sobre su Proyecto Comunitario y cómo puede ayudarlo a que sea un éxito.

Mensaje de Beacons (after school)

- Todos los estudiantes que están registrados en el programa, tendrán la oportunidad de escoger nuevas clases en la primera semana de enero.
- El Programa de After School (Beacons) regresará la segunda semana (enero 14).
- No habrá programa de After School la semana del 21 de enero del 2019.

Noticias de enfermería.

El examen de visión de los estudiantes del 6to grado se ha terminado. La oficina de la enfermería está mandando a casa un formulario para aquellos estudiantes que no aprobaron el examen de visión, Padres de familia , siga las instrucciones en el formulario, firme la constante y mande o regrese a la escuela , Si usted tiene algún tipo de ayuda o está cubierto por algún programa social por favor vaya a su proveedor de salud y pida que manden un fax a E.Y.E o regrese el formulario a la escuela. Si necesita servicios de visión como exámenes de la vista o reemplazo de armazones, Por Favor llame al programa directamente Coordinador E.Y.E (612)775-8785 o eye@alliana.com

Le deseamos un buen fin de año y merecidas vacaciones de parte de Kim y Nuri las enfermeras.

Noticias de las trabajadoras sociales y la consejera escolar

- El 28 de enero empieza el semestre de primavera y todos los horarios de los estudiantes cambiarán como lo esperábamos.
- Hay una excursión de 8vo grado que se aproxima en enero para hacer una visita a la escuela North High School, esté pendiente las fechas se confirmará en los primeros días de enero.
- Todos los estudiantes en el cuadro de honor del 1er al 3er trimestre irán gratuitamente a patinar sobre ruedas a mediados de mayo, esté pendiente.
- La convocatoria para la selección de preparatorias (High Schools) termina el 8 de febrero, por favor visite la pagina schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us para que registre a su estudiante del 8vo grado para la preparatoria.

Acceso a despensa alimenticias durante El receso escolar invernal.

El Programa "Sheridan story" acaba de unir fuerzas para expandir acceso a despensas alimenticias para nuestra comunidad durante el periodo de descanso invernal, a Partir del 27 de diciembre al 6 de enero en el YMCA de las ciudades gemelas tendrán este programa donde usted puede reclamar su despensa hasta agotar existencia. Un mapa de las diferentes locaciones está disponible en esta dirección en línea. <https://www.thesheridanstory.org/break/>

- Las familias NO necesitan estar registradas en (Sheridan Story Anwatin)
- Para obtener una de estas despensas simplemente pídale en la recepción de cualquier YMCA de su comunidad en Minneapolis.
- Las familias NO necesitan estar registradas en YMCA.
- Las familias NO tendrán que enseñar ninguna identificación para adquirir una de estas despensas.

Felices Fiestas.!

¿Quiere ser voluntario en Anwatin? Apoye en los grupos de lectura en la clase de ciencias.

Por favor, comuníquese con Daniel Burgos (daniel.burgos@mpls.k12.mn.us) ,si desea ofrecerse como voluntario para dirigir un pequeño grupo de estudiantes de Ciencias de sexto grado en lecturas semanales los días Martes y Miércoles desde las 12 del día hasta las 4 p.m. ¡ Voluntarios de habla hispana y en Inglés siempre son bienvenidos.

Encuesta acerca de las conferencias. Todavía está a tiempo de compartir sus comentarios e ideas acerca de las conferencias con los profesores y la comunicación escolar.

Si no ha hecho la encuesta [por favor hágala en el sitio web](#) .

Sellos bilingües y certificados de dominio del idioma mundial.

Los estudiantes a partir del grado 10 que pueden leer y escribir en otro idioma pueden tomar una prueba para ganar hasta 4 semestres de crédito universitario gratis en los colegios estatales de Minnesota y sus universidades. Los estudiantes que tomen el examen y demuestran proficiencia en otros lenguajes y en inglés, recibirán un certificado de proficiencia con el sello de bilingüismo. Anwatin está orgulloso de estar en vías de desarrollo no importa cuán lejos estén los estudiantes en su viaje de la educación. Ofrecemos clases de español de nivel principiante a niveles avanzados.

Excursión del equipo de ski de Anwatin

Nuestro viaje de esquí en Buck Hill está programado para el viernes, 11 de enero. Si usted quiere participar o quiere mandar a un miembro de la familia, por favor comuníquese con el Sr. Dean en salón 413. Esta excursión está abierta para todos los estudiantes.

Mensaje de la Biblioteca

Muchos estudiantes están demostrando su responsabilidad a su comunidad de Anwatin al hacer frente a multas de libros en la biblioteca. Si usted cree que su hijo tiene una multa, por favor pídale que se conecten con el Sr. Brad. Los exámenes de FAST para todos los grados comenzarán del 10 al 17 de enero.

Oportunidades para ser voluntarios: Necesitamos jueces para el día de Historia.

El día de Historia se acerca y nos estamos preparando para ello. Si le apasiona la Historia y quiere ser parte del grupo de jueces que calificarán a nuestros alumnos, si ese es su interés, por favor comuníquese con el coordinador de l día de Historia para más detalles de cómo registrarse para ser un juez.