



Arthur S. May School News

December 6, 2024 Edition #1



A Message From Ms. Todd

Report Cards & Conferences



- ❄️ Parent/Teacher conferences for ASM are December 11th and 12th.
 - December 11th is a full day for conferences with NO SCHOOL for students.
 - December 12th is a half day for conferences in the afternoon with students dismissing at 11:30 am.
- ❄️ Report cards will be available December 7th via Parent Portal.
- ❄️ Letter from Mr. Orcutt about changes to the Report Card.
- ❄️ Here is a link to Accessing Report Cards Through Parent Portal.



A Message From Ms. Todd, con't.



Winter Weather Information:

- In the event that we have a delay or an early dismissal, all Before School & After School activities are **cancelled**.
- We will go outside for recess most days throughout the winter. We continuously monitor the temperature and wind chill each day.
- So that your child is prepared for the recess, please send them to school with winter weather gear each day.
 - Hat
 - Coat
 - Gloves

What's Been Happening at ASM?

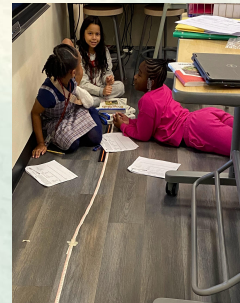
Kindergarten and K-2 Journeys classes walked the halls showing off their "floats" after reading about the Macy's Day parade!



Mr. Gitlin read a Hanukkah story and shared gelt with second graders!



Gators went hands-on with their science and engineering!



The gift of
friendship was
celebrated at
kindergarten's
Friendsgiving
celebration!

Kindergarten's Friendsgiving!



Important Dates

December 9th-20th

Grades 3-5 Panorama Survey (in school)

December 11th ~ No School

Parent/Teacher Conferences (all day)

December 12th ~ ½ Day of School

½ Day for Students (dismissal @ 11:30)

½ Day for Parent/Teacher Conferences

December 13th ~ Snow Date

Parent/Teacher Conferences

December 17th & 18th

Holiday Boutique

December 23rd - January 2nd

No School (Winter Break)



A Message from Nurse Carrigan

Thank-you for continuing to be mindful about your student's illnesses and symptoms. Please continue to **NOT** send students to school sick!

District Policies :

- ❄ Students **MUST** be 24 hrs free from fever, vomiting, and/or diarrhea **WITHOUT** medication before returning to school
- ❄ If your student tests positive for **Flu or COVID** , they must be fever free for 24 hours without medication and symptoms must be resolved and/or significantly improved.
- ❄ If your student has tested positive for **Strep** , they must be on antibiotics for a **FULL** 24 hours before returning to school.

Please note that the Health Office does **NOT** act as an Urgent Care.
Therefore, you should not send a symptomatic student to school
to be assessed by the nurse.



A Message from Nurse Carrigan, con't.

Absence Notifications from School

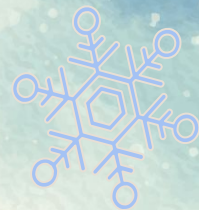
If you have sent me an email regarding your students absence and then receive an absence notification from the school via phone call, text, email etc. you do **NOT** need to send me a second email or note. These notifications are automated for all students absent that day.

If you received one of these notifications and have **not already notified the school** with a reason for the absence, then you must send in a note on return to school or email myself.

Absent Notes/Emails include your students full name, teacher, dates of absence, and reason for absence.



Dutchess Outreach Donation Drive



ASM students will be working together this holiday season to benefit people in our community that use Dutchess Outreach. Dutchess Outreach has given us a list of their most needed items to help the people in our community.

What is Dutchess Outreach?

Dutchess Outreach is a place where people who need things such as food, clothing, and toiletries can get the things they need.

***We are asking ALL grade levels for donations of gender neutral adult/child hats and gloves**

- **Donations will be collected from November 11th – December 11th.**
- **Please send in items with your child.**
- **Wrapping day /reveal assembly will be December 12th.**



Requested Donations

- ❄ Hats, mittens, and gloves for all ages
- ❄ Baby wipes/diapers
- ❄ Toilet paper
- ❄ Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss & mouthwash
- ❄ Chapstick
- ❄ Deodorant
- ❄ Shaving cream
- ❄ Shampoo & conditioner
- ❄ Soap/body wash



December Lunch Specials



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grilled Cheese	Chicken Tenders	Mozzarella Sticks	Popcorn Chicken	Hot Dogs
				



P.T.A. Information

Happy December! Whatever holidays and traditions you're preparing for this month, come be a part of the festivities at ASM by volunteering during the Holiday Boutique or Pause Day! At Holiday Boutique, you get to share in students' excitement as they shop for and wrap gifts for their family and friends. During Pause Day, deliver cheer to ASM students by serving hot cocoa—what could be better?!

Sign up to volunteer at Holiday Boutique on Tuesday, December 17th or Wednesday, December 18th.

Sign up to volunteer during Pause Day on Friday, December 20th.



P.T.A. Information

Buying gift cards for anyone on your list? Shop for gift cards from hundreds of brands—including Amazon and Target—all in one place, and your gift card purchases benefit the ASM PTA at no cost to you. You can also earn money for the ASM PTA just by shopping online at over 500 stores through your RaiseRight online account or the RaiseRight app! [Create an account here](#) (Enrollment Code: ZULQWGY1BZTY) and participate in the easiest fundraiser ever.

Stay connected with the ASM PTA! Check out the resources or become a member on the [Arthur S. May School PTA website](#) and [follow us on Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



As we prepare for a busy and fun month ahead, here are some useful [reminders and tips from the National PTA](#) to keep kids healthy during the holiday season and winter break. Encouraging kids to stay active with indoor or outdoor activities, take a break from screens, eat a variety of healthy foods (not just the sweet treats!) and, as always, wash their hands, can help keep the holidays joyful for everyone.

Quick Links to Important Information

Arthur S. May School Website

ASM News Slides

Arthur S. May School Google Classroom

Important Document Links

Arrival & Dismissal Information

Absences of any nature ~ Link

Daily Pick Up Note ~ Link

Early Pick Up Note ~ Link & Late Arrival Note ~ Link



District Resources

Do you have a question or concern about your child, a school, or the school district? We want to help! These links can help guide you to the right place to get the answers you need!

Where Can I Find... A Family Guide for Getting the Info and Help that You Need

We also encourage you to explore the Arlington website at:

www.arlingtonschools.org

Here's a sample of some of the information available in our parent section:


- Health Forms and Information
- Safety & Emergency Preparedness
- Links to our Food Services & Transportation Departments
- Technology Help Desk



Arthur S. May School – DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
		ASM Fall Picture Retakes	PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	
			NO SCHOOL	1/2 Day of School		
			Parent/Teacher Conferences	Parent/Teacher Conferences		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	
					Pajama Spirit Day	
22	23	24	25	26	27	
	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
29	30	31	1	2	3	
				Day 4	Day 5	
	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL			





Give the Gift of Education! The Perfect Holiday Gift

Are you looking for a great way to say thank you to a special teacher, principal, bus driver, custodian, secretary, counselor, coach or other supportive Arlington Central School District staff member? Why not honor these special and talented individuals by making a tax-deductible donation in their name. Simply scan the QR code, fill out the form and your gift; a message of recognition, will be sent!



Thank
you!

* All donations help support
our STEAM initiatives and
Scholarship Program.*