



Inside this issue:

Battle of the Books -----	2
Math League -----	2
Box Tops -----	3
Community Food Drive -----	3
Media Center Volunteers -----	4
Substitute Teachers & Paraprofessionals ---	4
After School Enrichment -----	5

## Co-Presidents' Proceedings

By Jennifer Jawahir & Amy Goodwin  
2016/17 Amberly PTA Co-Presidents

Hello Amberly Families,

We hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful Michigan fall and had a safe and Happy Halloween! Thank you to everyone who attended our last PTA meeting on October 18. Minutes from this meeting can be found on the PTA board in the hallway outside the office.

October has been a very busy month!

- There has been a great turnout for Math League which launched this month. Thank you to Denise Robinson for overseeing the set up and instruction for the new system of math logic games.
- The PTA sponsored an assembly with Rick Allen who taught the kids how to "No, Go, Tell, Yell" when a stranger or someone they know tries to trick them. He also discussed internet safety with the upper elementary.
- Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Amberly Dine Out Event at Y'opa.
- Boys Night Out on October 27 was a huge success. Kudos to Mahsa Teachman for organizing such a fun even for our Amberly families.

Upcoming Events:

- Dine out event Chuck E. Cheese – November 7
- Community Sharing Food Drive – November 14-18
- PTA General Meeting – November 15 at 9:15 AM in the cafeteria
- Conferences – November 15 & 17
- No school – Thanksgiving recess – November 23-25

We welcome your input and hope to see you at our next meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions or concerns regarding Amberly PTA.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Jawahir and Amy Goodwin  
2016-2017 Amberly PTA Co-Presidents



## PTA Notes & News



### Battle of the Books

It's time for Battle of the Books at Amberly!

All 4th and 5th graders are welcome. Students form their own teams and read 6 books to prepare for the "Battle" in February. More information and the sign up form went home this week already. Forms are due by Friday, 11/11/16. We hope to have a great turn out this year. 4 other Portage elementary schools have joined this year and will be part of the Grand Battle which takes place later in February.

Please contact Staci Andrews at [staciand@gmail.com](mailto:staciand@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Second Grade Math League

Dear Second Grade Math League Parents,

Our second grade math leaguers have been hard at work counting differences and beginning to form strategies for playing our game, PAR-55. It has been fun watching them grasp these concepts and the rules of the game. We introduced a new idea this week, where you can "bump" the other team back 5 spaces if you land on the same spot. Many had fun with this rule!

We will play this game for one more week and then will move on to another game, called Ramrod.

Thank you to everyone for remembering to pack peanut and nut free lunches. We ask each student if they will be ordering school lunch the following week. Some students are unsure if they will be, so we will send home the sack lunch form with these students. If your child brings a form home, please return it by Friday if he/she will be ordering school lunch on math league day. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers -- we could not have Second Grade Math League without you!!

Sincerely,  
Denise Robinson  
2nd grade math league chair



## PTA Notes & News

### Box Tops for Education

Thank you Amberly families!

I just sent in our first Box Tops submission and, if approved, our school will earn over \$750.00! That is well over halfway to our \$1,200 total from last year.

With money from Box Tops, our PTA helps pay for wonderful student resources like reduced cost field trips, student enrichment, and extra classroom tools.

As always, I want to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Meyers, her awesome 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, and the parent volunteers who help sort and count Box Tops. What an overwhelming job this would be without you!

Remember to check the Box Tops for Education website ([boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com)) often for information on Box Tops products and sweepstakes.

Your Amberly Box Tops Coordinator,  
Lori O'Brien  
Keep on clipping!



### Amberly Community Sharing Food Drive

The Amberly Community Sharing Food Drive will be taking place during the week of NOVEMBER 14th thru NOVEMBER 18th of this year. During that week we are asking Amberly students to bring in canned goods or money donations to school to help less fortunate families in Portage. The donations will be taken to the Portage Community Center where they will be distributed to families in need. Look for fliers in your Friday Folders in the coming weeks which will give you more information on the types of food that are needed.

If you would like to volunteer your time to help count, sort, and deliver the food to the Portage Community Center on Friday, November 18th at 1:00pm.

Please contact Becky Bach at #323-3871 or at [thebachfamily@charter.net](mailto:thebachfamily@charter.net).

Thanks for your help!



## PTA Notes & News



### Media Center Volunteers

We have some great volunteers in the Media Center this year, thank you so much to everyone who is already giving up their time to help. Mr. Butts and Ms. Seabright are still in need of more helpers. Mr. Butts is in need of help during instructional hours Mon-Wed. He could use help with Tibble, and Scheeler's class every week and Minger and Reinhart's every other week. The volunteers work directly with the kids aiding Mr. Butts in the lesson for the day. You do not need to have a child in the class to help, nor do you need to work every week. Ms. Seabright needs one more volunteer who would be able to come in on Thursday afternoons and help re-shelve books.

If you are interested in helping in any way, or have any questions, please contact, Kristi Booton at [ksbooton@gmail.com](mailto:ksbooton@gmail.com).

Thank you

### Substitute Teachers & Paraprofessionals

Are you looking for flexible, part-time employment? Do you enjoy working with kids? Portage Public Schools are looking for Substitute Teachers and Paraprofessionals for many of our district schools. If you or someone you know are interested in finding out more about these exciting opportunities, check out the employment page on the Portage Public Schools web site at

<http://portageps.org/district/employment/>

or go to

<http://edustaff.org> for availabilities and requirements.

Help Your Schools — Help Your Children — Help Yourself!



# PTA Notes & News

## After School Enrichment

After School Enrichment is a program where parents, teachers and/or community members teach classes after school at Amberly that last for one hour. Some examples of the subjects taught in previous years are Forensics, 3D Printing, basketball, drawing, yoga, crafts, foreign language, cake decorating, Legos, dance and for many years there has been a play. **Do you have a special talent or hobby that you would like to share with our students?**

### Basic Info:

- After School Enrichment runs from 1/16/17 - 2/23/17
- Option of teaching a 3 or 6 week class
- Classes meet one day per week - M, T, W or Th, 4:00-5:00 (teachers must arrive by 3:50)
- You are reimbursed for your time: \$25 for each class that meets (e.g. meets 3 times = \$75)
- Teachers of the courses must remain until all students are picked up (if picked up late more than once, students are dropped from the class)
- Classes are not held on conference nights, half days, non-school days or snow days (should your class fall on one of these days, makeup classes will be held through 3/17/17)

**If you are interested in teaching a class please complete the form below and return to the Amberly Office no later than Wednesday, November 16th.**

If you have any questions, please contact Kammi Freed at amberlyase@gmail.com or 743-7076.

-----  
**After School Enrichment Parent/Guardian/Staff Interest Form**  
**(Return to the Amberly Office by November 16th)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home or cell? (circle one)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level Preference: \_\_\_ Y5-2 \_\_\_ 3-5 \_\_\_ Y5-5 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Class size limit: \_\_\_\_\_ (usually under 20)

Length of Class: \_\_\_ 3 weeks long starting: \_\_\_ Week of January 16th OR \_\_\_ Week of February 6th

\_\_\_ 6 weeks long: January 16th through February 23rd

Day of Week to Teach Class: \_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_ Thursday

Proposed Class Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Class Description (use back of sheet if needed):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Supply Budget and Items Needed (use back of sheet if needed):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_