

# Ardsley Middle School Parent Newsletter

June 23, 2008

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Just a reminder: the newsletter will be posted on the AMS website and emailed to anyone that has requested to join our distribution list. If you would like to join, please email Ms. Soto at [sotop@ardsleyschools.org](mailto:sotop@ardsleyschools.org). Of course, it is never too late to join.

A. Monday, 06/23/08

1. Regular school day schedule (B Day).
2. Foreign Language Proficiency –periods 1, 2, 3
3. No late buses.

B. Tuesday, 06/24/08

1. Regular school day schedule (A Day).
2. Graduation for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at 6:00pm – AHS
3. Last day of school for grade 8
4. No late buses.

C. Wednesday, 06/25/08

1. Abbreviated Wednesday Schedule- Dismissal at 2pm (B Day)
2. No late buses.

D. Thursday, 06/26/08

1. Early dismissal at 11:00 a.m. (A Day).

E. Friday, 06/27/08

1. Early dismissal at 11:00 a.m. (B Day).
2. Last day of school for grades 5, 6 & 7.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE NEWSLETTER?

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### *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation*

We cordially invite you to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2008, starting at 6:00 pm at Ardsley High School. The ceremony will be held on the athletic field and will honor and celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. In addition, the students will be formally welcomed into the high school by Dr. James Haubner, Ardsley High School Principal. As this is the final culminating activity for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, this will also serve as their last day of school. Eighth grade students are not expected to return to school on Wednesday, June 25, Thursday, June 26 or Friday, June 27.

### *Dismissal Times*

**As indicated on the Ardsley PTA School Calendar, Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27 are listed as half days. The dismissal time for students on both days will be 11:00 am.**

### *Open Mic*

The Student Council will be holding an 'Open Mic' to allow students to showcase their talents. The Open Mic will be for all grade levels and will be held on Tuesday, June 24 for grades 5, 6 & 7 during periods 7, 8 and 9. As the 8<sup>th</sup> graders eat lunch during period 7, they will attend the event during periods 8 & 9.

### *2008 Yearbooks*

The 2008 AMS Yearbooks are here!! Pre-ordered yearbooks for 8<sup>th</sup> graders were distributed during lunch on Thursday, June 19. In addition, a limited quantity of extra books will be sold for \$35 after all pre-ordered books have been distributed. Extra year books will be sold during lunch periods on Tuesday, June 24 and Wednesday, June 25.

Remember, the 2008 book is in all-color for the first time in AMS history! The staff has done a beautiful job of capturing the memories of the past year. Extra yearbooks will be sold on a first come, first serve basis during all lunch periods for \$35.

### *Lost & Found*

Located outside the cafeteria is a table for lost and found items. Unfortunately, there seems to be an over-abundance of lost and very few found items. If your son or daughter has not returned home with their coat, towel, shoes, backpack, lunch bag or other items, please take a moment to visit our table. On June 27, items not claimed will be donated to a local charity.

### *PPLT Information*

The PPLT (Planning and Performance Leadership Team) will meet monthly to discuss and review issues and concerns regarding AMS. Thank you to the parents that have already brought their concerns to the parent members on the PPLT. Our next meeting will be held in early September. If you have any issues or concerns, please contact one of the members. For your convenience, email addresses for PPLT members are listed in the PTA calendar. If we haven't addressed the concern, we will add it to our list of agenda items. Our goal is to keep the lines of communication open! Minutes will be posted on the web page under the PPLT link. **The PPLT continues to review the Codes of Conduct from several different school districts as we finalize a new Code of Conduct for Ardsley Middle School. If you have any comments, please share it with a member of the PPLT.**

## **FROM ARDSLEY PARKS and RECREATION**

### *Open Rec*

For 7th and 8th Grade kids -- Open Rec on Tuesday and Friday from 3:00 to 6:00. Come down to the Rec Center (18 Center Street) and hang out with your friends!

## **FROM THE COMMUNITY**

### **MESSAGE FROM RYE PLAYLAND**

#### *Environmental Clean-up*

On Saturday, June 28, 2008, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., kids who bring 100 or more used, clean, and dry plastic bags will receive a Fun Card for three free rides and free mini-golf at Playland Park in Rye, New York. Accepted bags include grocery and produce bags, newspaper bags, dry cleaning film, and packaging for toilet paper and paper towels.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE ARDSLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Village of Ardsley wants to keep our kids as safe as possible. Parents and children, if you observe or know of any illegal activities taking place, particularly pertaining to underage drinking or substance abuse, please call the Ardsley Police Department main number - 693-1700 - and ask for Community Police Officer Anthony Vacca. Your call will remain confidential. Officer Vacca is working with our Youth Advocate to increase the village's prevention activities in town, at our parks and in our schools and they are reaching out to kids and parents for help. Officer Vacca will address every call with sensitivity and discretion, and all calls will remain confidential and, if you choose, anonymous.