

2016

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REMINDERS

Math Night
Thursday
February 2, 2017



PTO FunQuest Night
Friday
February 3, 2017



Second semester is here! We look forward to continuing our year with fervor and excitement for learning. It is our goal to maintain and consistently bring forth the best we can with the learning process.

Within a few weeks, we will kick-off portions of our **45-Day Plan**. This instructional plan provides our school with a clear plan of action for the time from the end of the third marking period until the beginning of the SOL testing period. Amelon will begin this process earlier. The purpose of the plan is to indicate strategies that will be implemented during the 45-day period preceding SOL testing. The plan clearly states the strategies will be "all hands on deck"! This is a plan that involves all grade levels to some degree. Most noted, the largest percent of the plan will be dedicated to 3rd – 5th grade students. Amelon's plan will be posted on the Amelon website no later than mid-February.



Celebrating 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!

The 100th day of school is literally the 100th day of the school year. More importantly, it is a great way for elementary school teachers to celebrate the various mathematical concepts that can be taught using the number 100. From the very first day of school, classes begin keeping track of the number of days they've been in school in anticipation of the 100th day. It's this anticipation that is actually the first math lesson, as the days are often marked using coffee stirrers or Popsicle sticks, ten of which become a "ten bundle," paving the way to counting by tens and ones. Ask your children about the 100th day of school! Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten celebrated in a big way, all day!



AMELON BULLDOGS ARE...

Prepared, **A**ct Responsible, **W**ork hard, and **S**how Respect!

Mrs. Copp
Amelon Assistant Principal



School Buses

Transportation is offered daily to ACPS students. Amelon Elementary has many school buses taking our children to and from school safely each day. Sadly, we have had too many behavior problems on our buses over the past few months, making the bus driver's job more difficult. Students **MUST** follow the bus rules to ensure that our bus drivers can transport students to and from school safely. Please review bus behavior with your child if they ride the bus. Common courtesy and respect for the bus drivers and other students should be given at all times. It is also important to be home and visible when the bus delivers your child in the afternoon. It is the policy of ACPS that an adult be at the stop to receive a child. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this situation.

Make-Up Day

We now have school on Monday, February 20th. This day will be used as a make-up day for one of the snow days we had in January.

Science Fun at Randolph College "scifest". Free for all! March 14, 2017

- Poetry Contest with over \$1000.00 of prizes awarded.
- Science Day registration for 3rd-6th graders is open now, limited to 400.
- Little Science Day registration for 3-6 year olds is open now, limited to 300.
- Our Pi Run is a free 5K fun run open to all, and it has free t-shirts and free pie!

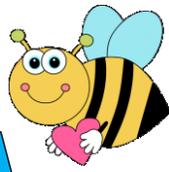
Registration is required.

Tons of other events, including a MAKER FAIRE (Sunday, March 26, information coming soon) in partnership with Vector Space in Lynchburg are free and open to the public, not requiring registration.



Please go to www.RANDOLPHSCIENCE.ORG for more information and free registration.

Mrs. L. Walker
Amelon School Counselor



Partner with
someone who
usually has trouble
finding one.
#RAKWeek2017

A person's a person,
no matter how small.
— Dr. Seuss

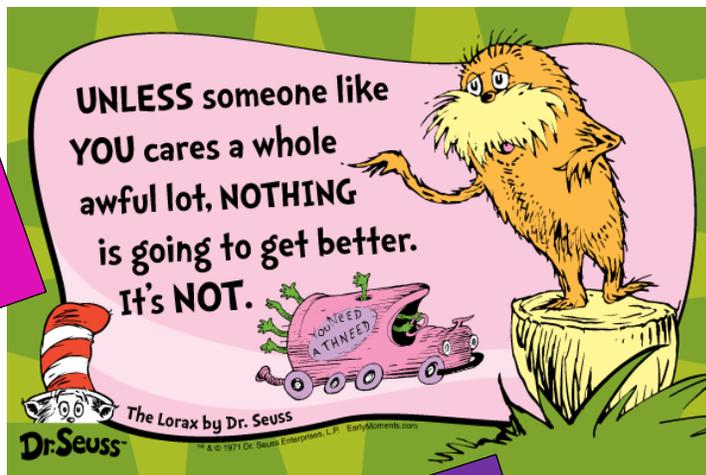
Invite someone
playing alone to join
your game.
#RAKWeek2017

February 13th-17th is **Random Acts of Kindness Week 2017**. This week-long celebration of kindness is based on the idea that kindness can start with just one person, and it's contagious!

Last year during The NED Show assembly we learned about kindness and how one person doing just one act of kindness can inspire others to do acts of kindness, which then inspires others, and the kindness just continues! We can pay it forward! This year at Amelon, we want to put this into practice. During Random Acts of Kindness Week, Amelon students, faculty, and staff will be encouraged to engage in acts of kindness toward others, just because! The front hallway of the school will be used to track random acts of kindness in each grade using different colored sticky notes. Faculty and staff will be able to make note of the acts of kindness they see by writing them on sticky notes and placing them on the wall.

I encourage you to talk with your children about the importance of kindness. Being kind can be a simple act, even something as simple as a smile, but the **impact** may be much larger than we realize.

Smile at someone.
Just because.
#RAKWeek2017



Welcome students
new to our school.
#RAKWeek2017

Pick up litter and
put it in the trash.
#RAKWeek2017

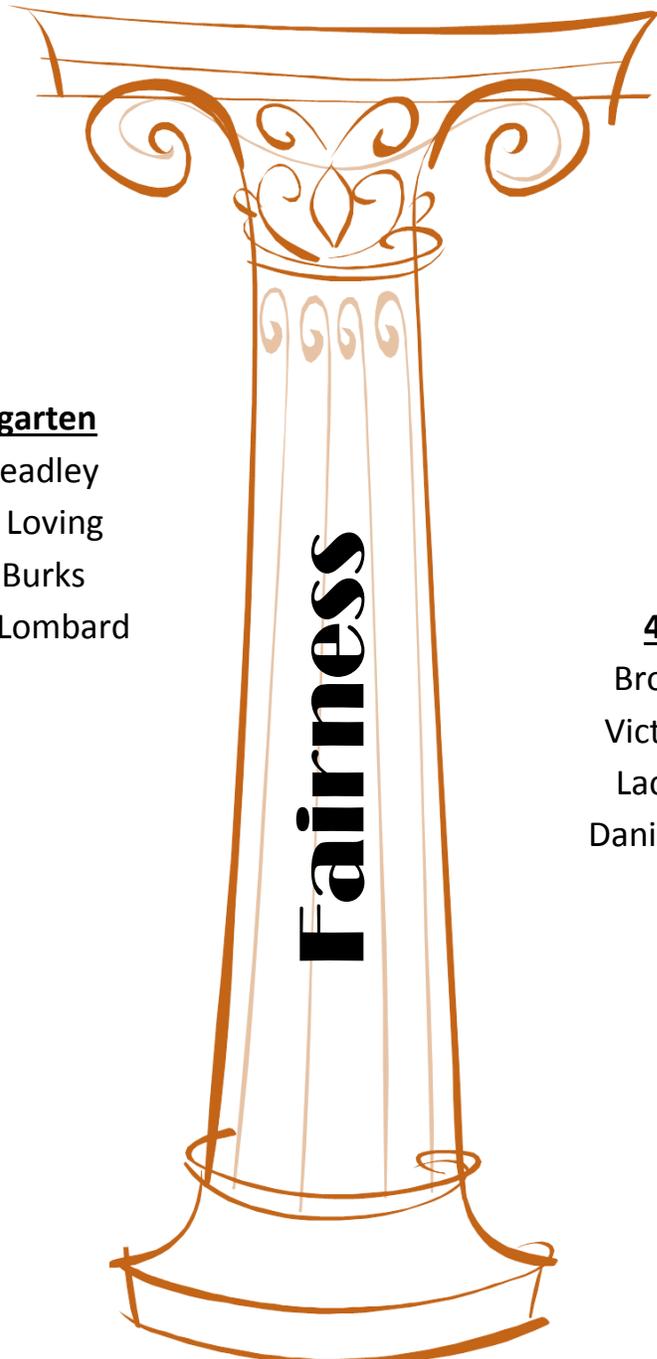
Compliment
someone or tell
them "Nice job!"
#RAKWeek2017

Pick up something
that has fallen off
the wall and give it
to a teacher.
#RAKWeek2017

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month students are recognized for showing good character at Amelon, and each month a different Character Counts trait is the focus.

In January, our focus was *Fairness*.



Smart Start

Wyatt Holzworth

Kindergarten

Tyler Headley

Kaleigh Loving

Ethan Burks

Mariana Lombard

1st Grade

Amarian Glover

Lucas Lamm

Ja'nise Clark

Ian Restivo

2nd Grade

Skylar Keesee

Drake Dendtler

Kendra Miller

3rd Grade

Sydney Page

Abi Niehaus

Franklin Moore

Christopher Bradley, Jr.

4th Grade

Brodey Smith

Victoria Peters

Laci Ellington

Danielle Hartless

5th Grade

Winter Milton

Joseph Moreland

Janae Crawley

Conner "Layne" Boyette

In February, our character trait focus will be *Caring*.