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A Note from the Administration

Hello Anthony Families!

February is Black History Month: Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976 the month of February has been designated "Black History Month". Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history. For more information please go to:

http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month.

NAAPID (National African American Parent Involvement Day) is Monday, February 8. Anthony will host all families from 8:00-9:00 am in our new school gallery—right outside of our auditorium. Minneapolis Public Schools instituted this day 21 years ago. It began as a way to engage and bring parents of African American students into their child's school. Please join us for breakfast and a short program starting at 8:00 am. Any questions, please call Ms. Price at 612-668-3274.

Talent Show and Soul Food Dinner: There will be a Talent show and Soul Food Dinner on February 18th, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please come see all the great talent here at Anthony, then keep the night rolling with a Soul Food Dinner, sponsored by our PTA.

Conferences are Coming Up! Our new style of SPT (Student Parent Teacher) Conferences will be on February 11, from 4:30-7:30! Please plan to attend with your student. Other conferences will be held on February 12, from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. February 16 and 22nd from 4:30-7:30pm.

Recess: We are very excited to be able to be outside almost every day for recess. This year we were able to buy some sleds with money from the PTA (Thanks PTA!). It has been wonderful to see how many kids enjoy sledding, some of whom may not have the opportunity outside of school. The sleds we purchased have begun to dwindle. We were only able to initially purchase 12, and are now down to five. If you would like to donate money or sleds please contact Mr. Glaser at 612-668-3247 or jim.glaser@mpls.k12.mn.us.

The Anthony Admin Team!

Dates to Remember

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| Sat Feb 6 | School Fair Showcase Minneapolis Convention Center 9am-2pm |
| Mon Feb 8 | Nat'l African-American Parent Involvement Day 8am Gallery 6th Grade Honor Roll Celebration |
| Tues Feb 9 | School Tour 8:45am Site Council Mtg 5pm Media Center PTA Meeting 6pm Room 205 |
| Weds Feb 10 | History Day 10:30-3:30 Media Center |
| Thurs Feb 11 | Student/Parent/Teacher Conf 4:30pm |
| Fri Feb 12 | NO SCHOOL Student/Parent/Teacher Conf 8am |
| Mon Feb 15 | NO SCHOOL Presidents Day Holiday |
| Tues Feb 16 | Student/Parent/Teacher Conf 4:30pm Vision Screening Room 108 |
| Thurs Feb 18 | Perfect Attendance Ceremony School Tour 2:45pm Talent Show 6pm Soul Food Dinner 7pm |
| Mon Feb 22 | School Tour 2:45pm Student/Parent/Teacher Conf 4:30pm |
| Weds Feb 24 | School Tour 8:45am AVID 7th grade field trip Normandale (periods 2-3) 9:50-11:35am |
| Thurs Feb 25 | Vision Screening Room 108 |
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8th Grade Career Fair

Spirit Day-Wacky Hair Day

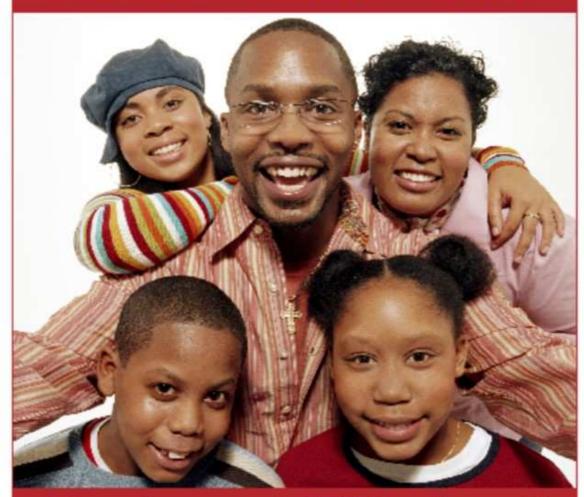
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Feb 26

Anthony Admin Team

* FAMILY INVOLVEMENT DAY *



Join us for a great, FREE family event!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016 # 6-8 P.M.

ROLLER GARDEN • 5622 W. Lake Street • St. Louis Park, MN • 55416

Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.





Parents are our strongest allies.

Let's strengthen this partnership by having fun together!





Supporting the Emotional Needs of Your Middle Schooler Presented by Dan Magnuson and Leah Otterlei, Anthony Social Worker

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 6 - 7 PM **ROOM 205**

Our middle schoolers go through a lot both physically and emotionally during these years. What can we do to support them? How can we maintain a close relationship with them while allowing them to begin spreading their wings? Come to this valuable session with Anthony's own Dan Magnuson and Leah Otterlei. Dan and Leah will give us the information we need to greater connect and relate to our children as well as offer tips on how to manage behavioral issues that may arise during this phase. Free and open to the community.

ParentLab takes place at Anthony Middle School, 5757 Irving Avenue South, Mpls, 55419. Questions? Contact flash2fire@gmail.com.





2nd Quarter Perfect Attendance AWARDS CEREMONY

THURSDAY, FEB 18 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Anthony Auditorium

One of Anthony's School Improvement Plan (SIP is to increase and maintain attendance at 95% or above.

Title I and SIP information will also be available.

Students who attend school regularly are more likely to do well in high school, get a diploma, and find a good job.

Thank you for helping your student reach this school achievement!

Please join us in celebrating our students who have maintained perfect attendance for 2nd quarter. Refreshments will be served.



STAFF APPRECIATION DINNER

Please help us feed our hardworking teachers during conferences!

Feb 11, Feb 12 (am), Feb 16 and Feb 22. Due to time constraints the staff will have to eat quickly so light snacks and finger food is requested.

Consider signing up to bring snacks, fruit or veggie platters and desserts.

Drop off any non perishables beginning February 8th and perishables Feb

11th, Feb 16th and Feb 22nd.

Please sign up with the link below:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49a8a62ca0f49-febraury

Students and or Parents may drop off items to front office.

Please label Staff Meal.





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Cultural Exploration (FACS) would appreciate your donations!

We are changing up one of the projects for this quarter and next quarter, if all goes well, and could use some extra supplies to help make the project a success.

We could use:

- * Teddy bears or other stuffed animals 12"-18" tall preferably ones that can sit or stand up
- * Assorted fabric remnants (any color/material)
- * Sewing needles
- * Assorted colors of thread
- * Fabric scissors
- * Fabric markers
- * Measuring tape for sewing

** Monetary donations are also always appreciated!

Thanks! Jamie Bushey

Southwest High School Lady Lakers Basketball Youth Night!

Youth Night - Tuesday, Feb 16

Southwest High 7:00pm

All youth basketball players, K-8 boys and girls, wearing their team jersey, or one of our summer Kids Camp tee shirts get in free.

Arive before the 7:00pm tip-off to receive a raffle ticket for half-time drawing.

Other treats, contests and give-aways. And, you can cheer on the Purple and White as they take on state power Edina Hornets.

See our website at http://swgirlshoops.weebly.com or info and updates on the program.







A Call for Volunteer Judges Please!!

Anthony History Day will be Wednesday, February 10th in the Media Center from 10:30 – 3:30. One of the best things about History Day is the opportunity for students to talk with an adult about their project. To make this possible, we need volunteer History Day judges.

You don't need any special training or qualifications to be a judge, just the desire to spend time with students talking about important events and people in US History. Any materials and instruction necessary to volunteer will be available when you arrive for your volunteer time slot.



If you are willing to help, please sign up for any time slots that work for you. We'll be grateful for any help you can give us. The link below will take you to the volunteer sign-up page.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b45a8a62fa3f85-history

Thanks so much for making this History Day experience a success!

After School Update

Reminder: No after school classes or buses on Thursday Feb 11.

Please attend conferences with your student!

There are still plenty of spaces let in all of the after school enrichment classes!

For more information, check out the winter brochure at http://youth.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/anthony flyer.pdf

I will soon be working on the spring session class offerings and I'd love to have some interesting new classes! If you have ideas, or know of a community member who would like to share their talents with kids teaching after school classes, please let me know; cyndi.fraedrich@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612 668-3256. Surveys show that kids would especially like to see dance, coding, languages, outdoor activities, acting, and music-related classes!







SAVE THE DATE: Social Media World Cafe Forum

Thursday, February 25 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Anthony Middle School, Room: TBD

Forum Purpose: To create conversation and relationships around our kids' use of social media and to name new possibilities for how we navigate social media in our families and communities.

Social media is affecting all of us. Whether our kids are using it, wanting to use it, or watching others as they use it, they are wrestling with difficult issues of boundaries, bullying, and relationships. And we as parents wrestle with what to do with it all. Join us for a World Cafe conversation to explore why this is a topic worthy of our best efforts, what threads run through our collective thinking, and what courageous action might be for each of us.

This will be OUR conversation. The experts in the room will be US - in guided conversation with one another in small groups. Click here for registration: http://bit.ly/1IXIZAi

If have questions or would like more information, contact Scott Marshall atscottethan@gmail.com

Nurse Notes

Want a quick and easy way to help out at your kid's school? The Health Office is in need of 1 or 2 volunteers to help during the vision screening for 6th graders:

February 16 11:00-2:00 February 25 9:00-11:30

Give Kids a Smile Program:

This program offers free dental care to kids in need on February 5th & 6th. An appointment is mandatory and there are numerous clinics all over the state. Go to mndental.org/gkas or call United Way 2-1-1 (just dial 2-1-1) or 800-543-7709 to make an appointment.



Thank you, Robyn Hansen, School Nurse







Volunteers Needed for the Career Fair!

Each year, the 8th grade students participate in a career fair. This is a time for students to talk to various professionals about their career path, education, training, and work tasks. This year, the career fair is scheduled for Friday, February 26th during 7th hour (2:55-3:45). You don't need to be a parent of an 8th grade student to volunteer. We welcome ALL parents to be involved as a guest presenter regardless of their child's current grade level. Our students have a wide range of interests so we're looking for a variety of different careers. The fair is set up gallery style so students will be coming around to you to ask questions about your career. No need to plan a presentation speech... just be ready to answer questions!

If you're interested, please contact the school counselor, Justina Bisch, at: Justina.Bisch@mpls.k12.mn.us

Online school request site is open. Requests due by March 5th!

For elementary and middle school requests:

http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us<http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/>

For high school requests:

http://highschoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us

For the 2016-17 school year, please use the school request site to request:

- A school for an incoming kindergartner
- A new school for a current K-11th grade student
- A middle school (only if your 5th grader wants to request a school other than the middle school pathway)
- A high school for all incoming 9th graders

The site is easy to use and requires your address with zip code to learn more about your school options.

Anthony Families,

We have been sliding 3 times so far and could sure use more sleds!

If you have any plastic saucers or plastic sleds that you are not using any more we would love to have them!!!! Please send them with your child and they can bring them to me.

Thank you very much, Diane Krueger, PE Teacher





Grade Level News

6th Grade News

6th Grade Math Update: In the past few weeks, 6th graders have been learning about ratios, unit rates, and conversions. They have been working on solving real world problems involving unit prices and converting with different measurements like cups, gallons, feet, inches, and more. Next time you are at the store and see a sale like "2 for \$3.50", ask your student if they can figure out the price for 1 item! Students will have an assessment with these concepts this week so be on the lookout for study materials to come home.

7th Grade News

Math 7 students are starting a new unit with Proportional Relationships where we begin looking at multiple representations of functions and will start solving one- and two-step equations. We are picking up the pace in all Math classes in order to help prepare students to do their best on upcoming MCA tests this Spring. We are working on reviewing basic skills as well as high-rigor questions. To give your student extra practice, encourage him/her to go to IXL.com for practice. Students should have their username and password to log in to the site.

8th Grade News

Attention All Eighth Graders!

We have an incredible opportunity for 8th graders to attend a field trip to Eagle Bluff that is completely FREE! You must receive a personal invitation and paperwork from Ms. Frye in room 104 if you are interested, because there are only a limited number of spots.

The trip will take place during Spring Break, on March 30th through April 1st. Students will meet at Anthony at 8:00 AM on March 30th and a bus will transport students to Eagle Bluff. Students will return to Anthony on Friday April 1st at around 4:00 PM, where they will need to have transportation to take them home.

This trip is a district offered field trip, and is an opportunity for students to participate in many different activities and opportunities to learn about college and career readiness. There will be ropes courses, team building activities, night hikes, campfires, and much more.





The trip is sponsored by Fast Track Scholars, a program run through the summer for 8th graders going into high school to get high school credits. It is an incredible opportunity and any interested candidates should see Ms. Frye in room 104 with any questions or to pick up the permission forms and paperwork.

Again, this trip is completely FREE!



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2016 Anthony Summer Olympics

Friday, May 27th

Second semester has begun and there are many events coming up. One of the most fun and memorable for many Anthony students is the Anthony Olympics. Our former Physical Education teacher, Ms. Rochelle Patten, started this tradition of celebrating on Olympic years. This year the 2016 Anthony Summer Olympics is scheduled for Friday, May 27th. In case of rain it will be rescheduled for Friday, June 3rd.



Each Advisory classroom is researching a different country in preparation for this amazing day of learning. There will be many athletic games to challenge our young Anthony Olympians. A Global Village, and other cultural activities are planned for a full day of fun.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR TALENTED PEOPLE who are interested in doing multicultural performances that day. If you have a special talent or are part of a group or you know of a group that could perform that day we would like to hear from you. We are interested in performances in the area of music, dance, storytelling, spoken word, anything that could be connected to this international multicultural day. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Casey Strecker, MYP Coordinator. Casey.Strecker@mpls.k12.mn.us

WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER to make this the best Anthony Olympic Day ever. There are many opportunities for all families to share their time and talents. Please consider volunteering for this fantastic event. Help set up before school, help with an athletic event during the day, help with water stations, donate lunch fixings for the volunteers, serve lunch for the volunteers, clean up at the end of the day or help with a performance.

Online signup to volunteer is on Sign Up Genius at the following link:

http://tinyurl.com/Anthony-Olympics2016

There is something for everyone to help make this day a success. You won't want to miss this fun day so make sure it is on your calendar. Please contact Beverly Price, Anthony Parent and Family Liaison with questions or to volunteer. Beverly.Price@mpls.k12.mn.us



Student Council

Reminders:

Council will be selling Valentine grams from February 4th – 9th.

We are also discussing other service projects that we will help with such as Feed my starving children, selling ribbons for Breast Cancer Awareness, and Anthony's Summer Olympics. Information will be coming in February.

Every Friday is Red Day - Anthony Spirit Day!



Upcoming Spirit Days:

February 26 Wacky Hair Day
March 18 Backward Day
April 29 Neon Day

May 27 Super hero Day

Upcoming College Wear Days:

The First day of Every Month Wear a college t-shirt or sweat shirt to school!

March 1

April 4

May 2

June 1

Get your Anthony Spirit Wear!

Click link to check out photos of currently available Spirit Wear:

Link to Anthony Spirit Wear

Complete your order on this website and submit the order form. Send a check or cash in with your child, have him/her give the money to the office Secretary or Advisory teacher and we will deliver direct to your child's Advisory classroom.

There are some great deals on Women's, Girl's and Men's yoga and athletic pants and Women's V-Neck T-shirts!



Any questions or comments, please contact Jill DeSanto at jilly_rica@yahoo.com



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MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT INFORMATION PRE-KINDERGARTEN – HIGH SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES: PRE-KINDERGARTEN — EIGHTH GRADE

Feb 6, 2016 School Fair Showcase

March 5, 2016 School requests due for priority placement

Early April, 2016 Placement letters mailed

April 15, 2016 Kindergarten *early admission* deadline May 5, 2016 Citywide kindergarten registration day

Mid to late August Bus stop postcards mailed Aug. TBA, 2016 First day of school - grades 1-12

Aug. TBA, 2016 First day of school - high five and kindergarten

Sept. 5, 2016 Labor Day - no school

IMPORTANT DATES: HIGH SCHOOL

Feb 6, 2016 School Fair Showcase

March 5, 2016 School requests due for priority placement

Early April, 2016 Placement letters mailed

April 15, 2016 High school placement appeal deadline
April 29, 2016 High school appeal letters mailed
Aug TBA, 2016 First day of school - grades 1-12

Sept 5, 2016 Labor Day - no school

MINNEAPOLIS SCHOOL FAIR SHOWCASE:

- For families looking for a school High Five through grade 12
- Date: Saturday, February 6, 2016
- o Time: 9 a.m. 2 p.m.
- Location: Minneapolis Convention Center 1301 5 2nd Ave, Minneapolis, 55403
- Free parking see where: http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us
- Free child care for children ages 3-5

CONTACTS:

- Student Placement Services
 Davis Center
 1250 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis 55411
 612.668.1840
- New Families Center
 Wilder Complex 34th & Chicago Av, Door 1
 Student Placement & English Assessment
 3345 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis 55407
 612.668.3700
- Early Childhood Screening 612.668.3715
 Screening is available at the above locations.
 It is recommended for all children beginning
 at age three; and is required for children
 entering High Five and kindergarten.

PRINTABLE MATERIALS AVAILABLE:

Print or view all materials at:

http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us

- Explore MPS catalog (Pre-K HS book)*
- Pre-K, K-8 and high school request forms*
- Preparing for Kindergarten booklet*
- * Available in English, Hmong, Somali & Spanish

FINDING INFORMATION:

- MPS Website www.mpls.k12.mn.us
- MPS School Request Center (PK-8) http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us
- MPS High School Request Center http://highschoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us
- o School Websites http://schoolname.mpls.k12.mn.us (example: http://cityview.mpls.k12.mn.us)
- MPS Research Evaluation and Assessment Department http://rea.mpls.k12.mn.us/
- Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) http://education.state.mn.us

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR NEW STUDENTS:

All new students need: Birth record (birth certificate, immigration documents or passport), immunization record, record of physical exam. Additional documents needed for:

- High Five and kindergarten: Early childhood screening
- High school: Transcripts for completed grades 8-12
- In many cases, proof of address will be required (especially for High Five and high school)

HIGH FIVE:

High Eve is the Minneapolis Public Schools preschool program, located in 24 schools. To be eligible, students must be four years old by September 1. Students who are residents of Minneapolis and qualify for free or reduced price meals are prioritized for placement, followed by those who submit school request cards by the priority deadline date of March 5, 2016.

KINDERGARTEN:

Students who are five by Sept. 1 are eligible for kindergarten. For the best chance to get the school you want, turn in the school request card by the priority deadline date - March 5, 2016. **Note:** High Five students are *not* automatically enrolled in kindergarten. A school request must be submitted for kindergarten placement.

Students whose HOME LANGUAGE is not English:

Minneapolis Public Schools must assess English language skills of all incoming students who speak a home language other than English to determine whether they qualify for English Learner (EL) support at school. Parents should call the New Families Center, 612.668.3700, to schedule an appointment. Staff members at this office speak multiple languages.

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Important Dates

at Anthony Middle School



Site Council Meetings

Each school in the district has a Site Council comprised of administration, parents and school staff which meets throughout the year to provide direction and discuss long-range program goals and initiatives for the school. The council is also charged with examining everything that might be standing in the way of student achievement. At Anthony, we partner our site council meetings with PTA meetings to make it easier for parents to attend both events. Everyone is welcome to attend the Anthony Middle School site council meetings.

PTA Meetings

The goal of the PTA is to offer meetings at a variety of times to ensure that everyone is able to join us at some point during the year. Evening meetings are offered directly after Site Council meetings and morning meetings are offered after "Coffee with the Principal" meetings. PTA meetings are the perfect time to learn about relevant parenting topics as well as a chance to discuss joys and concerns about our school.

Everyone is welcome to attend PTA meetings.

Meeting dates/times subject to change or other meeting dates may be added. Always check the weekly Panther Post or the school website for the most up-to-date information. We look forward to seeing you! Site Council Meeting Time: 5 pm - 6 pm PTA Meeting Time: 6 pm - 7 pm

- October 27: State of the School
 - ▶ PTA Meeting Topic: How Anthony School Manages Discipline
- ▶ February 2: Update on Progress
 - ▶ PTA Meeting Topic: Supporting the Emotional Needs of Your Middle Schooler
- April 26: Update on Progress
 - PTA Meeting Topic: Social Media and Your Middle Schooler

Coffee with the Principal

Get to know Principal Vue, Assistant Principal Matthews and some of the teaching staff over coffee and treats. Various departments may be brought in as special guests as well. Then stick around for a brief PTA meeting to meet other parents and discuss issues, challenges and successes.

Dates

September 24 November 12 January 21 March 17

Coffee and Treats 7:45 am - 8:30 am PTA Meeting 8:30 am - 9 am

Questions? Call Anthony Middle School at 612.668.3240 or Julie Flaskamp, PTA President, at 612.910.5347.

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Easy Ways You can Donate to Anthony School

Save Your Box Tops:

There is a pink collection box in the office.

Use Your Target Red Card:

Target will donate 1% of your REDCard purchases made in-store or on-line when you enroll in their "Take Charge of Education" program. Just go to target.com/tcoe and follow the directions to sign-up from there. You will need to enter your REDCard number and designate Anthony Middle School as your school choice.





File Your Kowalskis Receipts:

Place your Kowalskis receipts in the labeled Anthony bin at the front of the store. Donations are made quarterly based on the total number of receipts collected in each school's bin.



Go to giveMN.org:

Donate or raise funds through giveMN.org

Purchase through Amazon Smile:

Anytime you purchase from Amazon, 0.5% of your purchase could go back to the Anthony PTA. Just follow this link for your next purchase and don't forget to Bookmark it. At the top of the Amazon order page you will see in red: "Supporting: PTA Minnesota Congress Anthony Middle School PTA". http://smile.amazon.com/ch/65-1262307





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Read the Panther Post:

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http://anthony.mpls.k12.mn.us

- Access the Anthony school calendar along with the entire 2015/16 MPS School Year Calendar
- Access the Anthony Athletic Calendar
- Access the Staff Directory
- Access After School Program information and updates

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