



Cardinal Capers

Annandale Elementary School
A Rich & Challenging Tradition of Excellence...
Empowering Students to Achieve Success.

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Dear Annandale Elementary Families,



Sleeping on the Roof!

On Thursday May 4th, Mr. Klippenes, Mr. Woodford, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Hunt, and some of our teaching staff will be sleeping on the AES roof for the night. The students were working towards raising money for the Annandale food shelf, Hope for Henry, and a school in Haiti and met their goal of \$2,583. We are excited to celebrate the success and also are holding up our end of the bargain. We look forward to a great view of the Annandale community (and are hoping for warm, dry weather).

PTO Event

We are excited about our upcoming PTO event. On Saturday, May 13th the PTO will be hosting a Cardinal Color Run for anyone interested. The cost is \$25 per person and all proceeds will go towards Chromebooks for our classrooms next year. Registration is from 12:00-2:00 p.m. and the run begins at 2:00 p.m. Please visit the AES homepage for a link to register and for more information.

MCA Testing

In April we completed our math and reading assessments for grades 3-5. We will finish up the Science MCA testing with our 5th grade students the first week of April. We are excited about how hard our students have worked on these tests and the preliminary results are looking good. The MCA scores will be finalized by state in August and families will be informed of the results early next school year.

Music to my Ears

Thank you to Mrs. Koets and 1st and 2nd grade students for an excellent concert two weeks ago. It was so much fun to see all of the music the students have learned this year. Below is a schedule for upcoming concerts. All concerts will be held at Annandale High School.

Kindergarten: May 17th at 6:00

3rd Grade: May 17th at 7:15 p.m.

4th Grade: May 11th at 7:15 p.m.

AHS Connection

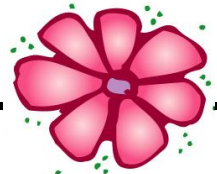
Thank you to Mr. Hermann's AHS Service Learning class and Deb Grim for taking care of the landscaping in the front of our school. It was great to see our high school students show their Cardinal pride and making AES look great.

Enjoy the last month of school,



Jon Klippenes
Annandale Elementary Principal





SCHOOL TOOLBOX

The SCHOOL TOOLBOX will be available once again for you to purchase for your child(ren) this year.

Parents will be ordering directly from the company website instead of sending orders to AES.

Order dates are
April 17-May 26



FUN & FITNESS DAY

Fun & Fitness Day will be held on
Monday, May 22nd.

In case of rain, make-up day will be
Tuesday, May 23rd.

Please remind your child(ren) to wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes that day. All events and activities will be held on the track/football field.

The schedule is as follows:

- Fifth Grade (8:15-9:00)
- Fourth Grade (9:15-10:00)
- Third Grade (10:15-11:00)
- Kindergarten (12:00-12:45)
- First Grade (1:00-1:45)
- Second Grade (2:00-2:45)



LIBRARY BOOKS

We would appreciate
your help getting

ALL BOOKS RETURNED
by Friday, May 19.

Thank you!



Last Day of School
Thursday, May 25



Message from Amy Miller

School Social Worker

Wow! May already! It is so hard to believe that we are looking at only a few short weeks until summer vacation! This has been a really wonderful year at Annandale Elementary! I feel so lucky to get to share my days with your children. It is a joy. As we get geared up as parents to spend more time with our children, I tend to share a sentimental quote or story in the final newsletter of the school year to help us realize the magnitude of our job as parents or care-givers. Here is one of my favorites, filled with wisdom and inspiration:

IF I Had My CHILD to Raise Over Again

If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd finger paint more, and point fingers less.
I'd do less correcting and more connecting.

I'd take my eyes off my watch,
and watch with my eyes.

I would care to know less and know to care
more.

I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.

I would run through more fields
and gaze at more stars.

I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I'd see the oak tree in the acorn more often.
I'd be firm less often, and affirm much more.

I'd model less about the love of power,
And more about the power of love.

--Diane Loomas

So as we enter this gorgeous time in Minnesota, I wish you a spring and summer filled with sunshine, laughter, fun, time and no regrets!

PTO HAPPENINGS

The **Color Run** will be on Saturday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m. We are raising money to purchase Chromebooks and carts for the Elementary School.

Flyers went out in backpacks this week.

We will be looking for 30 volunteers for this event. If you are interested in helping at this event, please call Jen at 612-743-9108.

We will be electing new officers at our next meeting on Thursday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m. at The Waterfront. Please consider helping to keep this group going not only to raise money for the school but more importantly to provide family friendly activities for preschool and elementary kids to attend. Come and bring new ideas and do as little or as much as you want.

This year's officers would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped to make our events a success. We also thank Mr. Klippenes for supporting us and the staff that have presented at our monthly meetings and volunteered at events. The kids love to see their teachers outside of the classroom. We could not have done it without all of you.

Officers for 2016-2017

Jennifer Filek – President

Heidi Adisano – Vice President

Becky Roskowiak – Treasurer

Kimberly Zeidler – Secretary

