



## AMPS Be Safe, Be Happy, Learn A Lot

### JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2023

#### ACADEMIC ALLEY

This month, each grade will begin a new science unit. Some basic concepts students will explore are as follows:

**Kindergarten** will begin a unit on Pushes and Pulls. They will explore concepts of forces and interactions; how an object can change the speed or direction of motion or stop it. Also, how force, direction and height can propel an object into motion and determine speed.

**Grade 1** will begin a unit on Light and Sound. They will explore the cause and effect of vibration on matter to produce sound and how objects can only be seen if light is present. Concepts related to: shadows, mirrors and opaqueness will be explored.

**Grade 2** will begin a unit on the Structure and Properties of Matter. They will learn about three types of matter and how temperature impacts matter.



#### JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

3-School reopens

4-New Year's Celebration - Wear your fancy clothes

6-Class Trip to LI Science Museum - Mrs. Esposito and Mrs. Shaw's classes

13-Peace and Kindness Day - Wear Light Blue

16 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

31 - STEAM NIGHT

#### JANUARY SPECIAL EVENTS

**NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION:** Student's are invited to wear a special party outfit, if they would like. We will celebrate the New Year with decorations and by creating New Year's Academic Goals/Resolutions.

**PEACE and KINDNESS DAY:** In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, students will be involved in activities that promote friendship and kindness on January 13th. They will work on projects that will let them know how unique they are, while still having so much in common with others. Students will discover small acts of kindness that they can do to make their world a nicer place. Thank you to our SIT Committee for planning this wonderful day.

**STEAM NIGHT:** Save the Date!!! The night of January 31st, students are invited to participate in hands on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Music Activities. More information will be sent out when we return from break.



#### SCHOOL REMINDERS

- 1-Please label all clothing.
- 2-Mid-year benchmarking will take place in January and February to assess student gains. Your child's teacher will be in touch with you if there are any concerns.