

# Amberly Elementary Summer 2010 Newsletter

## Last Day of School: Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> - Full Day of School

The final day of the 2009-10 school year is Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be a FULL DAY of school and students will be dismissed at 3:47 p.m.

## Be Sure to Pick Up Student Medications at School

If your child has medication in the school office, a parent/guardian will need to come and **pick up the medication prior to MONDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>**. *Unused medication will not be sent home with elementary students.* All medications left at the Amberly Elementary School office after June 8<sup>th</sup> will be discarded. ***Note:*** *New medication consent forms with physician signatures are required for the upcoming school year for students who must take medication, both prescription and over-the-counter, at school.*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BBQ Kick-Off: Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 7 p.m.

Mark your calendar for an evening of fun and a chance to “kick-off” the school year with classmates and neighbors at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Amberly BBQ Kick-Off to be held September 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m.! Along with good food and camaraderie, many fun family activities are planned including a dunk-tank full of Amberly teachers and staff! *We are still in need of volunteers for a few events. If you can help, please contact Lori O’Brien at 216-3942 or via email at: [lorijon1005@yahoo.com](mailto:lorijon1005@yahoo.com)*



## BBQ KickOff Basket Raffle



Once again we are planning an exciting Basket Raffle at the BBQ Kickoff this year! The BBQ Kickoff will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m. We plan to raffle at least 6 baskets, each with a different theme. The money raised from the Basket Raffle will be used to purchase new furniture for student use (hopefully cafeteria tables!). **Please show your support by donating items for any of the baskets below. Donations can be dropped off at the Amberly Office up until June 10<sup>th</sup> or after August 31<sup>st</sup>! If you have any questions or suggestions for possible donations please contact Robin Neeb at 375-0418.**

### Basket Themes Donations Are Needed For:

- ❖ *Family fun Night* (DVD, movie passes, board games, jump ropes)
- ❖ *Fun with Cooking* (cooking supplies, cookbooks, gift certificates)
- ❖ *Creative Crafts* (kids crafts, scrap booking, jewelry kits, sidewalk chalk)
- ❖ *Pamper Yourself* (lotions, nail polish, gift certificates, bubble bath)
- ❖ *Fun with Sports* (basketball, soccer balls, nets, jump ropes, water bottles)
- ❖ *WMU Spirit* (tickets, t-shirts, blankets, stadium cushions, anything WMU)
- ❖ *A basket promoting your business* (Avon, Tastefully Simple, Discovery Toys, etc.)

## Report Cards Mailed Home

Students’ fourth quarter report cards will be mailed to parents/guardians by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Families should expect to receive report cards no later than June 17<sup>th</sup>.



## Summer Verification of Class Placement



Amberly families will receive notification of their child’s class placement via the mail by the second week of August. Letters from the principal and the upcoming year’s teacher, along with registration materials and a requested supply list will be mailed to each Amberly student by August 16, 2010.

## 2010-11 Kindergarten Paperwork Due!!

*If your child will be entering Young Fives and/or Kindergarten next school year, please be sure to have all paper work turned into the office prior to June 11<sup>th</sup>. . Documentation and forms needed include: Transportation Information Form, Health Appraisal, immunization verification from doctor's office, a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residency in the Amberly attendance area.*



## 2010-11 Grade Level Supply Lists

Requested classroom supplies for the 2010-11 school year will be mailed to parents/guardians with fourth quarter student report cards. An updated 2010-11 School Year Requested Supply list can also be found on the Amberly website homepage at: <http://www.portageps.org/schools/elementary/amb/>

## 2010 Open House & Amberly's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party: Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>!

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for the 2010 Amberly Open House and celebration of our school's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Fun events are being planned to reminisce our past and celebrate all the learning and wonderful memories that have occurred at Amberly. Open House is also a time for students and parents to come visit the school, classrooms and teachers on a drop in basis. This is sure to be a fun and educational event!

## Remember to Check Lost and Found

We have many items in the Amberly Lost and Found located by the Multipurpose Room. Before the school year is over please take time to claim any items your child may have lost. Items unclaimed by June 7<sup>th</sup> will be donated to a local charity. *Valuable items (keys, watches, etc.) that have been lost can be claimed in the school office.*

## **Thank You Schuring Greenhouses & Beautification Committee**

Thank you Amberly families! Our gardens must be blooming by now, helped by the Daisy Dollar sales. We raised \$411.00 for Amberly with this program this year. We have been using these funds to purchase the 1/2 tables in the hallways at school. If you haven't used yours yet, don't forget to spend them at Schuring's Retail Greenhouse! Thank you to all who purchased Daisy Dollars!

*Also thank you to Patti Mais and Dawn Hart for making the entrances of Amberly so beautiful and welcoming!* Dawn and Patti are former Amberly parents who continue to make a difference in our school by putting in many, many hours in the design, planting and upkeep of our entrances and courtyards! Many thanks to these hardworking ladies!!





## Are You Moving????



As we attempt to verify the number of classrooms we need at specific grade levels for the 2010-11 school year, it is imperative that we maintain an accurate count on students we will have enrolled at Amberly Elementary for the upcoming school year. **If you are aware that you will be moving from the Amberly attendance area next school year, please contact the school office at 323-5900 as soon as possible.** *If your residence changes over the summer months, please notify the district office at 323-5000.* Having this information in a timely manner is key to insuring student records are transferred and your child is able to have a smooth transition to his/her new school.

The Amberly office staff has compiled a list of tutors who have made us aware they will be tutoring this summer. If you are interested in seeking tutoring support for your child this summer, please come to the Amberly office to obtain a list. *Please remember the tutoring list represents individuals who have made Amberly staff aware they are providing tutoring services. It is the parents/guardians responsibility to interview potential tutors and choose the one they feel will best meet their child's needs and their family's ability to afford the service. The school bears no responsibility for payment of or rate of student progress from the tutoring resource chosen by the parent/guardian.*

### Transportation for 2010-11

#### *Do You Want Your Child To Ride A Bus To School In 2010-11?*

Do you want your student to ride the school bus next year? Do you want to save time and money and help the environment at the same time? **With the start of the 2010-11 school year the Portage Public Schools will be requiring all parents requesting transportation to register their students for bus service.**

Portage students will **not** be scheduled for bus service unless the parents/guardians notify the transportation department in writing. You may sign up online or download the form at: <https://piv.portageps.org/bussched/> If you do not have internet access, you may obtain a Transportation Request form at any Portage school or transportation office.

Obtaining an accurate list of students who will actually be riding our buses is very important for us to design efficient, low cost bus routes and to assure the safety of the students. *As a reminder, all students may be expected to walk up to 1-½ miles to school. Elementary students may walk up to ½ mile to a bus stop and middle & high students may walk up to 1 mile to a bus stop wherever appropriate walkways and traffic signs are available.* Eligible students signing up for transportation will be assigned to bus stops based on their home address.

If you would like your students to ride the bus next year, please sign up early. Bus assignments will be based on the student's home address as listed on the schools records. Students signing up by June 30 will receive a postcard in late August with specific transportation information. **Students not replying by June 30 may compromise our ability to provide timely bus service in the fall.** For more information, please ask your bus driver or call Transportation at 323-5151. Thank you in advance for your timely responses.

## STAY INFORMED OVER THE SUMMER

Sign up for PPS email updates! The Portage Public School District offers a free list-service for anyone who would like to receive regular email updates regarding Portage Public Schools, specific schools and/or about the two district foundations – The Portage Education Foundation and the Portage Athletic Foundation. To sign up simply visit the PPS homepage at [www.portageps.org](http://www.portageps.org) and click on the box in the lower right hand corner. This will take you to a link allowing you to select the list-serve messages you would like. Once you subscribe you will receive a confirmation email alerting you that your subscription went through. Please call 323-5000 with any questions.

*Portage Public Schools is also on Twitter*, the micro-blogging social media tool. You can sign up for your free Twitter account at the district homepage at [www.portageps.org](http://www.portageps.org) and click on the “Follow Us On Twitter” link to receive regular brief updates regarding Portage Public Schools.

## Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

During this school year the Portage Public Schools Board of Education made available a voluntary student accident insurance program. Since the District has made this insurance available, an increasing number of parents/guardians have been taking advantage of this inexpensive policy. This fact dictates that as a community service we will continue to offer this voluntary insurance. The District offers this program because of trends in rising family health and dental insurance costs, increased deductibles and co-payments. Furthermore, in an attempt to limit the District’s rising insurance costs, this program provides an alternative for claims due to accidental injuries that unfortunately may occur on school property. This is the case for both during and after school hours.

The plan described in the brochure you’ll receive in the fall has been designed to respond to diverse family insurance needs. Coverage provided can help decrease the burden of unexpected medical and dental expenses, including those left unpaid due to family insurance deductibles and co-payments. Please watch for the enrollment forms at the start of next school year.



## Thank You Volunteers!

Amberly Elementary is **EXTREMELY** fortunate to have parent/guardian volunteers who consistently support staff efforts to provide students with educational excellence. From working directly with children, to supporting fundraisers, helping maintain and improve our building and grounds, organizing classroom parties, etc., your support is **GREATLY** appreciated and is what makes Amberly Elementary a great place to learn and grow! Thank you for your support of the students and staff of Amberly Elementary School.

## AMAZING TIGER TREK!!!

**Thank you to all parents/guardians, family and friends who supported our students via pledges for the Tiger Trek! APT has surpassed the fundraising goal set!!!! What a wonderful event Tiger Trek was, actively involving students in fundraising in a healthy and fun community building activity. We look forward to this event next spring.**