

AMA Lower Newsletter

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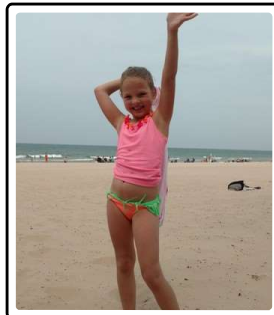
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello and welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! My name is Andrea Curd and I am thrilled to be the principal at AMA Lower. This is my fourteenth year at AMA. This is an amazing school that I am privileged to call my home.

I have been married to my wonderful husband, Chris, for twelve years. We have two beautiful daughters, Natalie and Carlie, and we have another baby on the way! We are expecting our third child in late January. We recently renovated a home and moved over the summer, so that kept us pretty busy! We love spending time together as a family. In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, reading, and going for walks.



Mrs. Curd and her family



Mrs. Curd's oldest daughter, Natalie

Fun at the beach in Ludington!



Mrs. Curd's youngest daughter, Carlie

More fun at the beach in Ludington!



Perfect Attendance Starts on Day One!

Our goal every school year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life. We realize some absences are unavoidable. But, we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year. Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!! Clearly going to school regularly matters! We don't want your child to fall behind. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

AMA Attendance Letter

If you would like to read the entire policy, it is in the student handbook located on our website.



ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- Kidstime AM can enter through the Kidstime Door, you will press the button on the call box and a Kidstime staff member will buzz you in.
- Arrival Door will open at **8:00 AM**.
- There are Z car spots where cars unload students, we ask that parents remain in the car and make your goodbyes prior to your child exiting the car to keep the carline moving.
- Parents will then depart the line at the exit by making a **RIGHT TURN ONLY**.
- If you are behind the Z car spots please have your student remain in the car until you have approached the appropriate car spot. A staff member will be outside greeting and guiding cars.
- Arrival doors will close at **8:20 AM. After 8:20 AM:** Parents are to park and walk their students through the office lobby to **SIGN IN** student(s).
- Office walkups before 8:20 am are discouraged, please proceed through the arrival carline.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

- Dismissal will begin at **3:50 PM. After 3:50 PM** we strongly encourage that you wait in the dismissal line to avoid traffic back ups.
- We **strongly discourage** walkups during dismissal to keep the carline moving efficiently and for the safety of all persons.
- Traffic will enter through the **South** driveway only and there are two lanes formed. This line wraps around the building until you see a staff member on the back deck.
- You must present the current car sign to the staff member to call the student(s) from the classroom to head to the dismissal door. Please proceed through the line.
- The car line will merge from 2 lines into 1 line, a designated staff member will guide cars and call your student(s) to exit the building to be ready to load into the car.
- Staff members will be present at the car loading spots and help your child into the vehicle. We encourage the safety of all children to buckle up upon entering the vehicle and all parents remain inside the vehicle then proceed to the exit in a timely fashion.
- Should your child not be outside, you may be asked to pull up to wait.
- **Any car that does not present a valid car sign:** must park at the side parking lot, enter through the **OFFICE** to present the appropriate identification in order to release any student.

Character Counts at AMA

Each month we will focus on a specific character trait and teachers will positively reinforce this in the classroom and throughout the campus. September's character trait is Respect.



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