



MEAP 2011

We have completed another session of MEAP testing. Our outstanding parent volunteers provided beverages and snacks for our students each day of testing. Our dedicated staff prepared MEAP encouragement cards for each student in every subject area tested and, again, our parent volunteers delivered these to students on the day of testing. Above all, we are very proud of our students for their effort in taking the MEAP and giving their very best each day. Great job parents, staff, and students!

LOW COST INTERNET SERVICES – STUDENTS ON FREE LUNCH

As our school district continues to move more and more to electronic communication and anytime, anywhere learning opportunities, it will be vital to have our students able to access the Internet from home. Cable giant Comcast has assisted us in getting more homes connected. Comcast will provide low-cost Internet service to families of students who receive free lunch at school. Through the Internet Essentials program, qualified families in all communities where Comcast is available can receive Internet service for just \$9.95 per month, with no activation fees or future price hikes. Families can also receive a voucher to purchase a Netbook computer for \$149.99 and receive training either in person or online.

How to qualify:

- have at least one child receiving free school lunches
- may not have subscribed to Comcast Internet service within last 90 days.
- cannot have an overdue Comcast bill

How to apply:

- Call 1-855-846-8376 to request an application.
- Comcast will mail families an application. Complete and return it, along with lunch program documents from your child's school.

DRESS CODE

Students are required to dress in an appropriate manner not to interfere with the health, welfare, or safety of either themselves or the other students. Dress that disrupts the instructional and learning process will not be allowed. Algonac has an official dress code policy. Please comply with the following:

1. Students must recognize that brief and revealing clothing are not appropriate apparel in school. The following guidelines on brief clothing are examples and do not cover all situations. Students shall not wear tank tops, halter tops, garments with spaghetti straps, or strapless garments. Garments that are "see-through," cut low, or expose one's midriff are not acceptable. Sleeveless garments must extend to the end of the shoulders and fit closely under the arms. Skirts and shorts must not be shorter than three inches above the knee. **Undergarments must not be visible.**
2. Shorts must be loose fitting (no form fitting spandex).
3. Students shall not wear pants that, when fastened, sag or fit below the waist. All pants must fit around the waist and be properly fastened.
4. Students shall not wear clothing items that contain messages that are vulgar, offensive, obscene, or libelous; that denigrate others on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability; that promote/display alcohol or drug use or violence or that are otherwise contrary to the school's educational mission.
5. All students are required to wear shoes.
6. No boxer shorts, pajama pants, shorts or pants with rips or cutouts.
7. Hats, coats, and outerwear are not to be worn in the school building. They are to be placed in the student's locker. A hat is defined as, "a covering for the head".

The following measures may be taken in regard to inappropriate clothing:

1. The student will be given the opportunity to correct the problem.
2. If no proper clothing is available, the student will call his/her parent and request that proper attire be brought to the student.
3. Students who choose not to comply will be viewed as insubordinate.

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If you'd like to be added to the BLAST email list, please send an email to: btreaster@algonac.k12.mi.us

If you are interested in joining an Intramural Boys Basketball league, please sign up in the front office by Nov. 18th.

The schedule will be contingent upon the number of participants.

UPCOMING PARENT CONNECT MEETINGS

January 10, 2012
 March 6, 2012
 May 8, 2012

(The February 8, 2012 meeting has been cancelled.)

The purpose of the Parent Connect meetings is to sustain valuable and prudent communications between all stakeholders at Algonquin Middle School. Meetings begin at 9 a.m. and take place at the middle school.

All parents are welcome to attend.

2011—2012 AMS YEARBOOK

Order forms are available in the front office for the 2011-2012 Algonquin Middle School yearbook. Parent volunteers will again be working hard this year to produce a great yearbook, displaying not only the student pictures, but also the various activities that happen here at Algonquin throughout the school year. Please complete an order form, making checks payable to "Jostens". We look forward to seeing the yearbook in the spring.

The Yearbook staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you have great photos of you and your friends during school events, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere, so help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book!

Here is how you can submit your photos online:

- Go to www:https://images.jostens.com. If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 400113993 and password: algonquin
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information
- Click "Save Details"

It's that easy! The yearbook staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions will be used in the book.

MUSKRAT ALL-STARS

The Muskrat All-Stars program (formerly Winning Warriors) recognizes students each marking period who have both good grades and good behavior. Students who earn a C or better in every class and who have not received any classroom or office detentions or suspensions are rewarded with the chance to attend a Muskrat All-Stars event. Students who are eligible to attend each event will be notified about 2 - 3 weeks after report cards have been sent home each marking period. The Muskrat All-Stars events for this year are listed below with an approximate time when they will be held.

1. First Marking Period Reward (Mid-December): Movie at AMS
2. Second Marking Period Reward (Early March): Roller Skating at Skate World of Troy
3. Third Marking Period Reward (End of April/Early May): Detroit Tigers Baseball Game

School Calendar

September 30	Picture Day
November 9	Evening Conferences
November 10	Parent Teacher Conferences - not a student day
November 11	No students - no staff
Nov. 23, 24, 25	Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28	Staff In-Service - no students
December 20	Last day of class
December 21 - Jan 2	Christmas Break
January 3	Classes Resume
January 19, 20	Half days - (students a.m. only) - Records Day
February 16, 17, 20	Winter Break Days
April 2-9	Spring Break
April 10	Classes resume
May 28	Memorial Day
June 13	Last day for students and staff (students a.m. only)

