

## Principal's Message – March 2017

The Academy for Math, Engineering & Science has concluded the 2017 lottery. This is the first lottery where we were not able to send out invitations to prospective 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Granite and Salt Lake School Districts. While we are fortunate to still have many students interested in the school and still have the need for a lottery we had many fewer applications this year and many fewer applications from Granite and Salt Lake School District students. The results of the lottery are as follows: 132 prospective student names drawn,; 55% female, 45% male, 106 students wait listed; Thirty-two siblings or 24%, 47 feeder schools are represented. The makeup of the students drawn: Caucasian/White 60%; Hispanic 28%; Asian 14%; American Indian/Alaska Native 8%; African American 6%

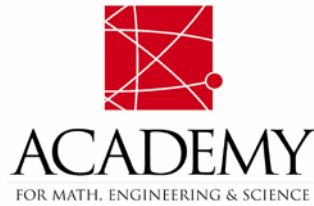
As always we have students doing some amazing things. Here are just a few of the recent accomplishments:

- Arthur Packard: State English semi-finalist in Deseret News Sterling Scholar contest.
- Preston Palmer was one of five winners (out of 600 applicants) in the Bryan J. Miller Silent Heroes Essay contest. It comes with a \$1500 scholarship.
- Sadie Rodriguez won the State of Utah Martin Luther King Jr. award (1 of 11 recipients).
- John York, Tristian Lopez, Isaac Bromley-Dulfano, Angela Pham all won awards at the Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair. Angela Pham won one special award and Isaac Bromley-Dulfano won two. Isaac will represent AMES and the State of Utah at the National Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, as well as, being awarded a special trip to Washington D.C. to represent Utah's young scientists. (As a side note, AMES has a long history of doing well at the Science Fairs. I'd like to thank our teacher, Mrs. Danielle Jones, who did a great job with the students. I would like to see more students take advantage of this opportunity in the future!)
- The following students were awarded MESA scholarships: Alysa Warlin, Daniela Zamora, Elisabeth Morrill, Ilham Batar, Jose Godinez, Joshua Nguyen, Maria Chavez, and Parker Kvenvold.

We are now in the fourth quarter of the 2016-17 school year with 7 weeks left in the school year. Senior parents: Please help us with your students to pass their classes, complete any credit recovery needed, and complete senior portfolio. We have many students who even this late in the school year are not on-track to graduate. We are not seeing the urgency from the students we are accustomed to seeing at this late date in the year. A reminder is that if your student is in a University of Utah class they do not get a grade for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter but that class also qualifies for high school credit and may impact graduation.

Upcoming Dates:

- April 4<sup>th</sup> & April 12<sup>th</sup> - 9th Grade Registrations. Two sessions each night 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm
- April 7<sup>th</sup> - Open Mic Night @ Midvale Community theater 6:30 pm
- April 13<sup>th</sup> - Parent Night for those Students Receiving Support from Mrs. Cragun and Mrs. Hackett
- April 20<sup>th</sup> - Student Showcase and Native American Night. We are combining these events so come see your students work and enjoy our Native American Adopt an Elder program.



- April 26<sup>th</sup> - Secretaries Day
- April 29<sup>th</sup> - Prom @ University of Utah Union Ballroom, 7-10pm
- Week of May 1<sup>st</sup> - Teacher Appreciation Week
- Student Assessment for Growth and Excellence (SAGE Testing) - These tests are very important for the school and for me to track student progress, teacher effectiveness, and to pinpoint potential academic changes we need to make. Tests begin as follows:
  - Writing April 10, 2017
  - Math April 17, 2017
  - English April 24, 2017
  - Science May 1, 2017 (Biology & Earth Science)
  - Science May 8, 2017 (Chemistry & Physics)

Thank you,

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