

Principal's Message – January 2017

Welcome to a new year! The second nine weeks has just flown by. We are now past the winter break and are quickly coming to the end of the first semester. The 9th grade applications are available in our office or online. This month's note will inform you of important dates and changes here at AMES. The first change affects our lottery process.

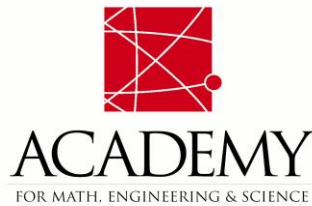
From the beginning of 2003, when the Academy for Math, Engineering and Science (AMES) opened we have had a partnership with Granite and Salt Lake City School Districts in which we have been able to let 8th grade students in these district know that the lottery is open and they are welcome to apply. In return, we traditionally have a student population in which 85% of our students come from boundary high schools in the Granite and Salt Lake City School Districts. This year that access has been removed. This represents a major shift in practice for us and may impact the school demographics and our school funding. It will also impact our ability to contact the majority of 8th grade students in the areas we have traditionally served. We have no way of letting those students know that we are currently accepting applications. I'm asking you to pass the word along to your friends and neighbors that the APPLICATION IS OPEN and we invite all interested students to apply to our school for the 2017-18 school year.

The first semester of the University of Utah classes have been completed and grades are available. Please be aware, if your student got a grade of a C- or below they did not receive University of Utah credit. If they failed the class or have a grade point average below a 2.0 they will be placed on academic probation and will not be allowed to register for more University of Utah classes until they meet with academic advising from the university. We have scheduled the University of Utah's academic advising team to meet with students on February 6, 2017 to clear any holds on their schedules.

The ACT test for juniors is on February 28, 2017. While juniors are testing, we use this time to take seniors to the University of Utah for a tour of the facilities, a presentation of the many programs that can make the university a smaller learning community and they meet with staff from academic advising and registration at the University. Parents are invited to accompany students on this tour. It will be helpful for students regardless if they are attending the University of Utah or not, as many of the programs and tips will be useful in other settings. The freshman teachers have scheduled a day at the Natural History Museum on the University of Utah campus. We would like to send our sophomore student to tour the Redwood Road campus of Salt Lake Community College. Parent volunteers to help with the freshman and sophomore tours are needed, so please contact the AMES office if you would like to help.

Thank you,

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Please note these important dates for 3rd quarter of the 2016-2017 School Year. Thank You!

- January 13th & 16th:** **End of Term/MLK Day – No School**
- January 18th:** Recruitment Presentation – Day Riverside Library – 1575 West 1000 North – 6:30 p.m.
- January 24th:** Recruitment Presentation – Hunter Library - 4740 West 4100 South – 6:30 p.m.
- February 3rd:** AMES Winter Dance – 7:00 – 10:00 - Wheeler Farm
- February 8th:** Recruitment Presentation – AMES - Room 209 – 6:30 p.m.
- February 14th & 15th:** **Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.**
- February 17th:** **COMP Day! No School**
- February 20th:** **Presidents Day – No School**
- February 28th:** 11th Grade - ACT Testing --- 9th, 10th, 12th Grade – Group Activities
- March 6th & 7th:** Early Release Day (12:39 pm) – Teacher PD - 6th – 12:53 p.m. & 7th – 12:39 p.m.
- March 23rd:** **End of 3rd Term**
- March 24th:** **SNAD (Student Non-Attendance Day) - No School**
- March 27th – 31st:** **Spring Break! No School**