



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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Fall 2016

2016-17 School Year

The school year is off to a great start! Classes are in full swing and the sports seasons are into the games already. In order to ensure a successful school year, please communicate any concerns or questions you may have. We want this to be the best school year for your student; communication between families and school is crucial in that effort. Please contact the office or Mr. Heley if you have concerns at (509) 243.4151. Thanks!

“Asotin Middle School creates a safe learning community that empowers all students to take responsibility for their physical, social, emotional, and academic success.

- *Asotin Middle School Mission Statement*

Parent Night Update

Thank you to everyone who attended parent night on September 15th. By all accounts, it was a great success. We appreciate all the feedback; as we plan for future events we will use this feedback to improve upon the event.



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CHROMEBOOKS: ENGAGING MINDS AND EMPOWERING STUDENTS

Through the financial support of our community and boosters, Asotin Middle School was able to purchase over 100 Chromebooks last year. The addition of these Chromebooks has allowed us to provide nearly a 1:1 ratio of Chromebooks to students. Chromebooks are similar to laptops, but are more portable, easier to use, and work seamlessly with all Google applications. The Chromebooks allow students to engage with academic content in numerous and substantial ways. One example of how Chromebooks are increasing engagement and accessibility is Google Classroom.

Google Classroom is a digital classroom that can be accessed 24/7 from any location as long as students have an Internet connection. Teachers can post daily objectives, discussion questions, videos, simulations, assignments, homework, and can embed additional apps to check for understanding. Teachers are excited by the fact that they can better individualize instruction and students are excited that they can access their "classroom" after school hours or if they are absent. Additionally, students are increasing their technological skills every day as they navigate through the classroom and use Google programs and products. Students have already begun mastering how to upload and download assignments, and are using Google Docs, Google Forms, and even Google Sites regularly. These skills are crucial to students as they progress onward to high school and beyond.

In addition to Google Classroom, Chromebooks have also benefited students in other ways; they have allowed students to become more proactive in checking their daily progress and have helped students follow up on missing assignments. Chromebooks have allowed more flexibility with testing schedules, and have provided additional support for all students. English teachers have regularly used Chromebooks to access vocabulary websites and resources, math teachers use Chromebooks to access the math e-book and additional resources, and science teachers use Chromebooks for both the science e-book and also for students to write their lab reports. We are very pleased to be able to provide these additional Chromebooks for our students, to provide them with increased technology education, and to provide greater access and opportunity to engage students with academic content. Thank you to our community and boosters for helping to fund the purchase of our additional Chromebooks!



2016-17 Asotin Middle School Goals

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Asotin Middle School will partner with the community to promote student learning.
- Asotin Middle School will provide service-learning opportunities for the students.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- Asotin Middle School will use technology (ie Chromebooks) to engage students in reading, thinking, writing, mathematics, problem-solving, and meaning-making.
- Asotin Middle School will increase the amount of elective class offerings.



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Important Fall Dates at a Glance

- ◇ September 26—School Board Meeting
- ◇ September 30—due date to be current with immunizations
- ◇ October 1—Band at U of I Homecoming Parade
- ◇ October 1—Booster Club Auction
- ◇ October 5—Individual picture retakes
- ◇ October 7—No School (Professional Development Day)
- ◇ October 11—Healthy Youth Survey (8th grade)
- ◇ October 28—End of the Quarter (early release)
- ◇ November 1—Middle School Mass Band in Asotin
- ◇ November 8—PM Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ◇ November 9, 10—Parent-Teacher conferences
- ◇ November 11—Veteran's Day
- ◇ November 23—Early Release
- ◇ November 24, 25—Thanksgiving Break



6th Grade Girls XC team at Beachview Park on September 13th.

Cross Country Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME
Sept. 9	Chief Timothy	4:00
Sept. 13	Beachview Park	4:00
Sept. 17	Beachview Park	10:20
Sept. 28	Beachview Park (6th only)	5:00
Oct. 1	Lewiston (behind Ziggy's)	10:00
Oct. 4	Colfax Golf Course (7th/8th)	4:00
Oct. 5	Beachview (6th only)	5:00
Oct. 13	Troy	4:00
Oct. 20	Beachview Park (7th/8th)	4:00

Be sure to check the website for updates as start times may vary.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 10	Jamboree	Orofino	10:00
Sept. 14	Grangeville	Asotin	5:00
Sept. 22	Liberty	Asotin	4:30
Sept. 29	Colfax	Colfax	4:00
Oct. 6	Lincoln (Clk)	Asotin	5:00
Oct. 12	Orofino	Orofino	4:30
Oct. 19	Moscow	Asotin	4:30

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Sports schedules often change; please check the website for the most up-to-date schedules. Visit us on the web at www.asasd.wednet.edu

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 13	Prairie	Prairie MS	4:30
Sept. 20	Kamiah	Asotin	4:30
Sept. 22	Grangeville	Grangeville	4:30
Sept. 27	Orofino	Orofino Elem	4:30
Sept. 29	Prairie	Asotin	4:30
Oct. 6	Kamiah	Kamiah	4:30
Oct. 11	Grangeville	Asotin	4:30
Oct. 13	Orofino	Asotin	4:30
Oct. 15	Nezperce Tournament	Nezperce	TBD



GO PANTHERS!