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2017/18 Amberly PTA Co-Presidents*

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## Co-Presidents' Commentary

Dear Amberly Families,

The 2017-18 year is off to a great start! Thank you to all of you who attended the first PTA general meeting! It was so nice to meet new members of our Amberly family and to reconnect with familiar faces. **Mr. Fuehr** explained the implementation of **O.M.O.** during the school day, which stands for "**Outdoor Movement Opportunity.**" The PTA invested a lot of time and energy last year promoting the benefits of physical activity for kids during a school day. We are thankful that Mr. Fuehr is creatively finding ways to incorporate more scheduled physical activity into the school-day schedule! Mr. Fuehr introduced **Mrs. McCullough**, our **Engagement Specialist.** We are grateful that this new position was created, and that we have Mrs. McCullough to act as an advocate for our students and to be an effective liaison between families and staff.

The **Back to School Picnic and Open House** on September 14 was a fun evening for Amberly families! We want to extend a **special thank you** to **Becky Moon** and **Aja Kaylor** for planning the first, big, all-school event of the year! We were thrilled to have a large crowd, beautiful weather, and delicious food! **Thank you Harding's, businesses that donated raffle prizes, and every volunteer** that helped before, during, and after the picnic. **Thank you** also to our **teachers** for all they did to welcome Amberly families into their classrooms! It was great to see where our kids spend their days and the work they've been doing in the first weeks of school.

Thank you to all who stopped by the **D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)** table during the picnic. We are excited that **Cara Babin** is leading the launch of this nationally-recognized program at Amberly! To all Amberly dads, stepdads, grandpas, uncles, please consider volunteering your time to spend a day (or two!) at Amberly this year as a part of this program!

The Amberly PTA sponsors many events throughout the school year! We hope you take advantage of as many of these as you can.

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Amberly PTA. We appreciate your input and involvement.

Sincerely,  
Emily Bowman and Jordan Kucinski  
2017-18 PTA Co-Presidents

**Upcoming Events (More info inside!):**

- **Oct 6th:** Boys Night Out
- **Oct 9th:** Dine out with Pizza Hut
- **Oct 17th:** PTA Meeting



## Amberly Dine Out Night (October 9th)

### DINE OUT NIGHT

Take a night off from cooking and support your school!  
Monday, October 9

Pizza Hut on Centre Street

20% of sales go to Amberly!

Carryout or delivery

Look for a flyer in your Friday Folders. Mention the flyer when you order your meal, and present it when you pick up your order, or when your order is delivered!

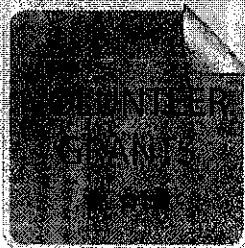
**Thank you for supporting the Amberly PTA!**

### Amberly Coat Drive

Even though the past few weeks have been steamy, it won't be long until the kids will need coats! **Amberly needs donations of coats, snow boots, snow pants, heavy gloves and hats.** Donations can be dropped off in the office. We ask that you try to bring them in **by November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you for helping to keep our Amberly students warm this winter!

### Volunteer Grants

**Attention Volunteers!!** Did you know that some companies award grants to nonprofit organizations (including Amberly PTA, which is a 501(c)(3) organization) where their employees volunteer? Please check with your employer to see if such a program is offered and earn a grant for Amberly PTA!





**HELP  
WANTED**

## Yearbook

### Yearbook Help Needed

Hello Amberly families! The yearbook staff has already begun to work on this year's yearbook. There are just two of us so far and we need more people to help us take pictures. You don't need to consider yourself a photographer and you don't need a fancy camera (a lot of cell phones take excellent pictures).

Do you remember flipping through the yearbook when you were a kid and getting excited when you saw a picture of yourself in the yearbook? We are looking for people who want to provide those moments for the students of Amberly.

If you are interested, please contact Kammi Freed at [kammelyn@gmail.com](mailto:kammelyn@gmail.com) or 743-7076. Thank you!

## Math League & After School Enrichment

### 4th and 5th Grade Math League

The Amberly PTA is looking for parents who would like to chair and help with Math League for both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It is held once a week during the students' recess and lunch time. I will send a copy home with your student.

### After School Enrichment

The Amberly PTA is looking for an individual to head up the After School Enrichment Program. This entails organizing ASE programs that begin in January 2017, making sure programs are in place, collect fees, administrative tasks, etc.

**\*\*\*BOTH THESE POSITIONS COULD EASILY BE SHARED BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE.**

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## PTA VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS

PTA Volunteer Sign-up Sheets will be located outside of the main office for the duration of conferences in November. We have many ways for families to get involved. A lot of the sign-ups are for one and done events. Thank you, in advance, for signing up and helping to continue making Amberly a place of community!



## Watch D.O.G.S

Amberly is implementing a new program in the 2017-2018 school year called Watch D.O.G.S.

### What is Watch D.O.G.S.?

Watch D.O.G.S.(Dads of Great Students) is an innovative program focusing on education and safety in schools by using the positive influence of fathers and father-figures. This is a nationally recognized program for grades K-12.



## We Need You!

### Goals of the Program:

- To increase positive male involvement in the school setting (especially the classrooms) -AND-
- Increase security and reduce bullying by providing an extra set of eyes and ears.

### Who can be a Watch D.O.G.S.?

Any positive male role model in the child's life such as a father, grandfather, uncle, friend etc.

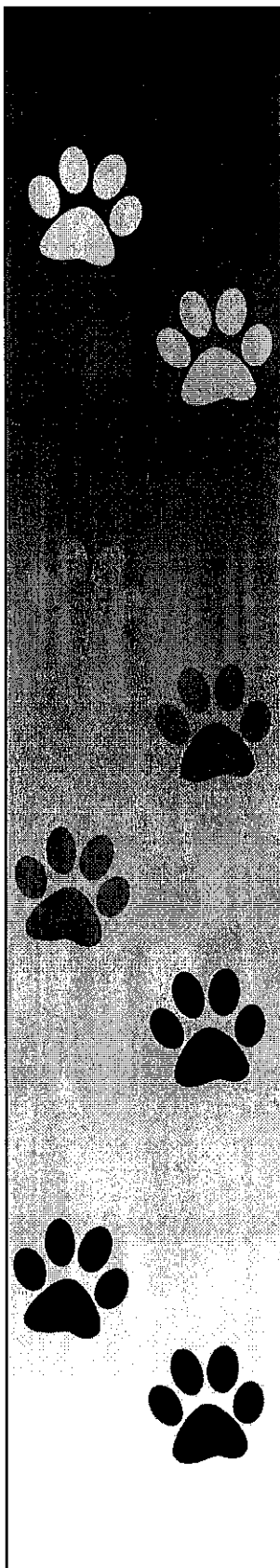
### What is expected of the Watch D.O.G.S.?

A typical day for a Watch D.O.G.S. would consist of classroom time with your child both in the morning and afternoon (working in small groups to assist with reading/ flashcards), helping with recess and lunch, monitoring school property (being an extra set of eyes & ears for security purposes), assisting with specials (art, music, PE) and arrival & dismissal or whatever else needs to be done to plant seeds of success in the lives of the students. A detailed schedule will be provided to you upon arrival in the morning outlining specific tasks for the entire day.

### How do I become a Watch D.O.G.S.?

Please email **Cara Babin** at [carababin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carababin@sbcglobal.net). All Watch D.O.G.S. are required to have standard background checks prior to volunteering.

*Research has shown that when fathers are involved, their student (s) learn more, perform better in school and exhibit healthier behavior. Dads matter!!*



Amberly PTA presents...

**BOYS' NIGHT OUT**  
CALLING ALL AMBERLY BOYS & AN ADULT  
TO JOIN US FOR

**KICKIN' IT**

At Kingdom Sports  
8151 Merchant Place, Portage, 49002

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017**  
**5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**COME READY TO BURN SOME ENGERY DURING  
THE BOYS VS ADULTS KICKBALL GAME & SOME SOCCER!**



Y5-2 GRADE will be on one field and 3-5 GRADE on the other.

**Cost per family \$10.00**

**\*WEAR GYM SHOES & ATHLETIC GEAR\***

***\*Please Return FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 with Payment\****

**Include cash or check in the amount of \$10.00 made to AMBERLY PTA**

**Scholarships available - please contact Amberly office**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total # of Participants including Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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