

# American Charter Chats



## Upcoming Events

- ♦ 09/01 - Elementary Hatcher Pass Learning Trip
- ♦ 09/04 - No School Labor Day
- ♦ 09/05 - No School for Students, teacher PL Day
- ♦ 09/06 - 08, MAP testing for grades K - 8
- ♦ 09/18 - Progress Reports Sent Home
- ♦ 09/19 - Picture Day
- ♦ 09/21 - Lions Club eye screening for K - 3
- ♦ 09/27 - District Cross Country Meet for 4th & 5th grade student
- ♦ 10/05 Fun Fall Fling for Elementary Students

classmates gives students an opportunity to build relationships and get necessary body movement. AMC students are encouraged to *'Work Hard & Play Hard'*

## Principal's Corner

Hello AMC Families,

What a GREAT start to the school year! With your help, processes & procedures have gone very smoothly. Amazing things will happen this year at AMC as we..... *'Reach for the Stars'*.

Ms. Farren

Are you interested in helping out at American Charter? AMC is looking for substitutes. Being a school substitute is a great way to be more involved with the school community! Check at the front office for more details.



## Mrs. Yerbich's Class at Recess

At AMC, teachers make sure students get outside everyday when the weather permits! Playing with



**Secondary Learning Trip** - AMC students had a two-day, place-based learning experience at the school and at Willow Creek; students participated in fishing, fire building, a scavenger hunt, mapping, and orienteering. What an amazing way to start the year. Thank you secondary team! ❤️ 💙



**\*\*\* Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Testing September 6th - 8th \*\*\***

## New School Update



The design plans for American Charter Academy's new school are 100% complete, and above is a rendering of what the exterior of the school will look like. Last year, AMC's building committee met with Wolf Architecture Inc. several times between October and April to help with the development of the school design. The planning process was strenuous as well as rewarding. Thank you, ALL parents and staff members who contributed to the design process and attended planning meetings. The next step in the design phase is to present the completed plans to the Borough and the School Board for approval this fall. One other next step is to continue seeking funding for construction! While school funds paid for Wolf to design the school, and the Borough granted us the twenty acres of land on Church Road, North of Seldon Road, AMC still needs to secure funding for the construction of the new school. Last school year AMC approached the state legislature and had hopes of receiving a one time appropriation to fund construction, but the effort fell short. While our Valley delegation supports Charter schools, and American Charter, there was not enough support in Juneau to get the legislation passed. Throughout the legislative session, many, many AMC families called legislators, wrote letters, and advocated for AMC! Thank you Very, Very Much! Your efforts were not in vain; our voices were heard, and this year we will approach the legislature again with our need for funding. AMC is also pursuing funding from the Rural USDA program. The USDA application is a cumbersome process, but there was great progress made over the summer. There will be updates throughout the year about AMC's strategies to obtain funding and how you might help! Thank you for everything you do to make American Charter a GREAT School, and thank you for partnering with us, as we *'Reach for the Stars'*. Ms. Farren

## Staff Spotlight



Mrs. Lizeth Brouse is a Navy Veteran who holds a graduate degree in Public Health. She was born in Honduras, Central America and moved to California when she was twelve years old. She lived in California for ten years, and at age twenty-two she joined the U.S. Navy and moved

to Virginia where she lived for four years. While in Virginia, Mrs. Brouse met her husband who was serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. Though Mr. Brouse recently retired, during his military service, the Brouse family lived in Virginia, Florida, Oregon, and Kodiak, Alaska where they lived for eleven years. Mrs. Brouse worked one year for the Astoria School District in Oregon as an English Language Development (ELD) assistant and two and half years as a substitute and Spanish translator for the Kodiak School District. Mrs. Brouse has three daughters: Breanna who attends the University of Alaska in Anchorage, and Miley and Sierra who both attend American Charter Academy. Mrs. Brouse is happy to be in Wasilla and looks forward to the rest of this new school year at American Charter Academy. Mrs. Brouse is a Student Opportunities Associate (SOA) who supports students in Mrs. Yerbich's and Mrs. McCabe's classrooms.



Mrs. Emily Worley was born and raised in Wasilla. She has two children: Abel, 9 and Laina, 5, and both children attend American Charter. Mrs. Worley has worked at American Charter Academy for five years as a Student Opportunities Associate (SOA), however this year, she is the middle school PE teacher. Mrs. Worley has a bachelor's degree in physical education, health, and recreation and is currently working on her Master's Degree in Secondary Education. For fun, Mrs. Worley enjoys playing soccer and spending time with her family. Another passion of Mrs. Worley's is coaching; she coaches the Dive Teams for Colony and Palmer High Schools. Also, ... if you happen to be up early enough in the morning, you might find Mrs. Worley with her friends, hiking the Butte before school starts. Mrs. Worley said, "the year has already been so much fun; I look forward to every day with the students."