

December 20, 2023

# American Charter Chats



## Principal's Corner

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!! This year is ending on a positive note: we've had four weeks of uninterrupted, in-school learning!! What a welcome change after having three weeks in November when there were remote learning days and a school closure day! I'm excited students have had every opportunity to continue in their pursuit of academic excellence. Thank you for all you do to keep the wheels turning at AMC. Quarters 1 & 2 were full with in-school and after-school activities like Running Club, Drama, AK Kitchen, Science Kits, Science Buddies, Art Projects, Community Presentations, Student Council, Math Support, and Gallery of Inspiration! It's truly exciting to see students participating in AMC's programs! I look forward to seeing everyone in January as we continue to 'Reach for the Stars'. Ms. Farren

### Upcoming Events

- ♦01/08 - No School, Teacher Workday
- ♦01/10 - Primary Prep & Secondary Ice Skating
- ♦01/11 - Quarter 2 Report Cards Sent Home
- ♦01/15 - No School, MLK Jr. Day
- ♦01/17 - Multiage Ice Skating
- ♦01/18 - Honoring Academic Excellence
- ♦01/22 - 01/25 - National School Choice Week
- ♦01/23 - Spelling Bee
- ♦01/26 - Family Game Night

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MRS. BRADY'S  
STUDENTS LEARN  
THROUGH VARI-  
OUS ACTIVITIES



The Valley sunset comes alive with a touch of paint.



Our future house builder proves a point.



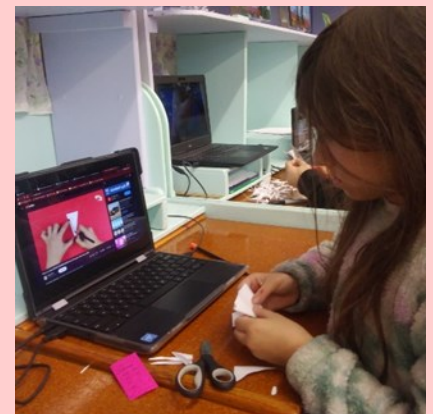
Brain Break Time never takes a break!



Forensic science says it was the screw!



Collaborating on a compare-contrast 5-paragraph essay on newspapers from the Post-Civil War era and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



Learning is only a click away for the focused.

**STUDENT COUNCIL:** AMC has a nine-member student council with each member representing their classroom or advisory class: in 8TH grade Kylor McElvain- Mrs. Drake's Advisory, Sawyer Wilhelm- Mr. DeBoer's Advisory, Hunter St. John- Mrs. Crum's Advisory, in 6th grade Nolan Rees-Caudle- Mr. Johnson's Advisory, Tylen Chappell- Mrs. Brady's class, in 5th grade Violet Schaefer- Mrs. Beech's class, Brooke Copeland- Mrs. McCabe's class, Preston Nevidomsky- Mrs. Yerbich's class, and in 4th grade Natalia Bibbo- Mrs. Ostendorf's class. Thank you parents for supporting Student Council!

\*\*\* December 21, Early Release @ 11:30am - Vacation 12/22/23 - 01/08/24!!! \*\*\*



**Mrs. Skiff's Art &  
PE Class**

In Art, Mrs. Maynard's students made *stained glass trees* out of coffee filters! Aren't they spectacular!?!

In PE, a student leads warm up exercises each day, students are jumping rope, running, learning about teamwork, and now students can run five minutes without stopping. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



**Staff Spotlight**



Mr. Andrew DeBoer was raised in the Midwest states of Illinois and Iowa. He, along with his two younger brothers and parents, moved several times throughout his childhood. Their family eventually ended up in Orange City, Iowa where he attended high school and

college (Northwestern College). At Northwestern he majored in History and Secondary Education and earned endorsements in Psychology and coaching. Shortly after graduating he married his high school sweetheart, Laura, who also earned a degree in Education. Mr. and Mrs. DeBoer then spent a year teaching overseas at a bilingual school in Honduras. Following that experience, they moved to rural Southwest Colorado where Mr. DeBoer taught high school social studies. After three years living in Colorado, they were offered teaching jobs in Alaska and decided to pack everything they could fit in their small camper and move. This is Mr. DeBoer's second year teaching secondary social studies at AMC. He appreciates the culture of hard work and respect present at AMC. When Mr. DeBoer isn't teaching you can often find him reading, biking, fishing, skiing, or many other outdoor activities. He and his wife are expecting their first child around Christmas and look forward to becoming parents.



Mrs. Christa Rudder was raised in Katy, Texas and received her undergraduate degree in psychology at Texas A&M University. She married her husband, Brent, in 2010. His career has moved them and their two children (Olivia and Ella) around

the country a few times finally settling in Alaska in 2018. Mrs. Rudder and her family have been a part of the AMC community since they moved to Alaska, and they wouldn't have it any other way. Mrs. Rudder started volunteering in Mrs. Ostendorf's class before becoming a substitute teacher. This year she joined the AMC staff working alongside Mrs. Chappell in the front office. In her spare time, Mrs. Rudder enjoys new adventures with her family, hiking and camping.

