Altona Middle School Update March 20, 2015

CALENDAR

March 26

Track – Altona and Sunset @ Frederick High School (This is a change.) – 3:30 p.m.

YEARBOOK

To parents who submitted baby ad photos for the yearbook:

Your hard copy photos are being returned to you via US Mail if you provided a self-addressed stamped envelope to do so, and via your student if you did not. Please expect them within the next week or so and if you don't see them soon, you might ask your student to check their backpack for them. If you submitted your information and photo electronically via email, you will not be receiving anything back. Thank you to all who supported and participated in the recognition ads this year. We appreciate it!

The Yearbook Staff

ENCORE AWARDS - You're the Top!

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS EXTENDED! NEW DATE IS APRIL 1

This awards program provides the opportunity for students, parents, coworkers, community members and business partners to recognize and honor individual teachers at the Pre-K-12 levels in the district who exemplify excellence in teaching. The awards will be presented at the Tribute to Teachers gala on May 8, 2015 at the Plaza Conference Center in Longmont. Nomination forms are available at www.efsvv.org.

Box Tops

This year we have started collecting Longmont Dairy milk caps along with Box Tops. Our monthly prize is given to the student that brings in the most Box Tops or Milk Caps. Congrats to Ben Williams winning this months prize for bringing in over 700 milk caps, highest individual amount yet! We only a few weeks left so keep them coming. Mrs. D. uses the money earned to purchase new sewing machines and supplies for all the FCS classes.

DISTRICT NEWS

SILVER CREEK HAPPENINGS

The SC Booster Club is having the awesome fundraising event on March 28. (flyer attached). It is *Dancing with the Silver Creek Stars*. We have some of our favorite SC staff dancing with professional dancers - just like the TV show. Tickets are on sale now & only (technically) through Friday (but if they contact me after Friday I can get them tickets). They can be bought at the front office of SC, online at our Silver Creek School Store or by contacting me. It will be so much fun and we would love to have you join us. Bring your friends!!! https://squareup.com/market/silver-creek-store

Kaydene Hubert RABC President Raptor Activities Booster Club Silver Creek High School rabcpresident@gmail.com - 303-845-2290 3rd Annual Summer STEM Program

This Academy is open to all exiting 5th graders to departing 8th graders. It takes place **June 1-5** and 8-12. Please see attached flyers for details. To register:

https://docs.google.com/a/svvsd.org/document/d/1YwBVpBIGrRTOtIDpH6pDSvw2nIEPX6VuGa8le2YI0X8/edit

COMMUNITY NEWS

Teens can apply for summer jobs with Boulder County Youth Corps

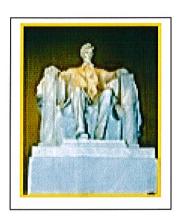
Boulder County residents ages 14-17 can now apply for summer jobs with the Youth Corps. Girls especially are encouraged to apply. Applications are available online and at counseling offices in schools. **The deadline to submit an application is Friday, March 27.**

The Youth Corps offers one of the best first job opportunities available in Boulder County. 160 teenagers will be hired to work 30 hours a week, Monday through Thursday, from June 15 to August 5 on a variety of community service projects. Projects will include such activities as thinning forests, building trails, constructing fences and doing historic preservation and landscaping. Corps-members will earn a starting hourly wage of \$8.23, with the possibility of earning a \$100 bonus at the end of the program; based on merit and strong attendance. Teens who have worked for the Corps in past years, can earn up to \$8.73 an hour.

SVVSD APPROVED FLYERS March 2015

Link to flyers: http://svvsd.org/files/Flyers-March-2015-Combined.pdf

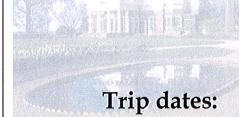
Chris King Tutoring
Kids Nite Out Fundraising
Kids Nite Out Frederick
Alpha Martial Arts Summer Camp
Face To Face Painting
Tutoring Club
Longmont Theatre Co
Inspiration Art Academy
Leading Learners
Circus Camp
Niwot Youth Sports Summer Camps
Motivation Tutoring
Chautauqua Learning Series
Niwot Cheer
City of Longmont Clean Up Green Up
Youth of the Earth Eco Festival
Tri Star Basketball Competition
Origin Martial Arts Summer Camps
Happy Hands
Harlem Globetrotters
Longmont 2 nd Friday's Call for SVVSD Art
SVVSD Tech Fair
Tribute To Teachers SVVSD Nominations
Sunflower Bank ABC Program
Dizzy Family Center



2015-16 8th Grade Washington, D.C., Monticello, and New York City Educational Trip







Sunday, April 3, 2016 – Friday, April 8, 2016



Wow! Such incredible interest this year that the trip sold out in just one week!

Please continue to register. Your student will be placed on the second bus.

What is included in the \$2034 price:

- Airfare to D.C. and back home from N.Y.C.
- 6 days and 5 nights at a nice, clean hotel
- All meals and gratitude on trip
- Bus transportation and bus driver throughout the DC/NYC area
- Tour guides in both cities and Gettysburg
- Entrance and ticket fees to all events
- Night security guard while in hotel
- Hotel on-site World Strides representative
- 24-hour doctor in cases of emergency
- The travel company will take care of all arrangements for unexpect changes to the travel/hotel/transportation/itinerary such as weather or closures
- Register before the early bird deadline of May 31 and save.
- After May 31 early bird deadline the price goes up \$125.

For complete details and registration information please refer to the packet sent home with your child at school assembly on Wednesday, March 4. Additional packets available on "the wall"

Sign up online at www.worldsrides.org. ALTONA's tripid is 116294

Mandatory: for Altona students to participate in this trip they <u>must</u> 1.) maintain all grades C and above, 2.) have no behavior referrals, and 3.) have exemplary attendance.







Encore Award Program

Purpose

This awards program, sponsored by the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley, provides the opportunity for students, parents, community members and business partners to recognize and honor individual teachers at the Pre-K-12 levels in the St. Vrain Valley School District who exemplify excellence in teaching. By paying tribute to the achievements of teachers who have an extraordinary impact on the achievements of students, the Foundation and the community hopes to pay tribute to the accomplishments of all teachers.

Award Winners

One teacher from each St. Vrain Valley School will receive Encore recognition. At least 2 other teachers from each school will be honored as finalists. The Encore Awards are presented annually at the *Tribute to Teachers* celebration. A master list of eligible schools can be found at the end of these instructions.

Award Nomination Guidelines and Deadline

Nominations are accepted from students, parents, volunteers, and other teachers and staff at the school; as well as from community members or the school's business partners. Nominators can nominate only one teacher per school.

The nomination form is available on the Education Foundation's website www.efsvv.org and at each school office. Click on the word Programs on our Home Page, then Encore Award Program and finally the Nomination form.

Nominations may be submitted either through the mail or electronically. **Nominations must be postmarked or electronically date stamped no later than March 15th.** Nominations sent after this date may not be eligible. Nominations submitted electronically through the Foundation's website or scanned and sent via email. A confirmation of receipt will be sent to the submitter.

Both the nominee and the nominator **must sign** the nomination form indicating that both parties are aware of and agree to the nomination. In the case of an electronic submission, the nominator needs to indicate that the nomination has been reviewed with the nominee as shown on the form. A sentence confirming this for the review panel is required. This step offers the nominator the opportunity to let the teacher know he/she is being nominated and provide some feedback on the excellent job being done.

Nomination Criteria

In order to qualify as a nominee, the teacher must currently be a licensed educator in the State of Colorado and employed in a teaching assignment at a St. Vrain Valley School District campus for the current school year. For charter schools, highly qualified teachers are eligible. Both full-time and part-time teachers are eligible.

Awards

For the Recipient

- \$100 for classroom use at the teacher's discretion
- Certificate of Recognition for the teacher and recognition at the May Tribute to Teachers
- Recipient's Name & School on a plaque displayed in the lobby of the Educ. Services Center
- Certificate of Recognition presented to school for display

For the Finalists

· Certificate of Recognition and recognition at the May Tribute to Teachers

For the Nominees

Certificate of Recognition

Eligible schools

24 Elementary Schools

Alpine

Black Rock

Blue Mountain

Burlington

Centennial Central

Columbine

Eagle Crest

Erie

Fall River

Hygiene

Indian Peaks

Legacy

Longmont Estates

Lyons

Mead

Mountain View

Niwot

Northridge

Prairie Ridge

Red Hawk

Rocky Mountain

Sanborn

Spark Preschool

6 Charter Schools

Aspen Ridge Preparatory

Carbon Valley

Flagstaff

Imagine

St. Vrain Comm. Montessori

Twin Peaks

1 Middle/Senior School

Lyons

8 Middle Schools

Altona Coal Ridge

Erie

Longs Peak

Mead

Sunset

Trail Ridge Westview

2 K-8 Schools

Thunder Valley

Timberline PK-8

7 Senior High Schools

Erie

Frederick

Longmont

Mead

Niwot

Silver Creek

Skyline

Also including:

CDC/Olde Columbine High

St. Vrain Global Academy

Student Services

There are 3 EASY STEPS to complete a nomination:

1) Complete Sections \hat{A} and \hat{B} (required) and sign the first page of the nomination form.

2) Complete Section C by answering Questions 1 (required) and Question 2 (optional).

3) Submit your completed nomination by March 15th. [Thank you for **not** including additional letters of support.]

How to submit a nomination:

You may submit the completed, signed nomination electronically; through email; or by mail. Incomplete nominations are not eligible.

To submit electronically, go to www.efsvv.org. On the Foundation's web page, click on Programs, Encore Award Program and then the nomination form. Fill out the form and click Submit at the end of the form.

To submit via email, download form, complete and send your nomination to submissions.efsvv@gmail.com.

To send it by mail, address it to:

Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley

Encore Award Nominations

P. O. Box 2598

Longmont, CO 80502-2598

Need more information? Please contact us at 720-652-8208 or via email at efsvv1985@gmail.com.

Thank you for your nomination . . .

The Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1985. Our mission is to partner with St. Vrain Valley Schools and our local communities to provide resources and educational opportunities which enhance student success and teacher excellence. The Foundation's directors encourage you to support our programs financially by submitting your tax-deductible donation payable to: Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley, P. O. Box 2598, Longmont, CO 80502-2589 or through our website at www.efsvv.org.

ENCORE AWARD NOMINATION FORM Deadline March 15

SECTION A (to be completed and signed by Nominator)

General Information:

Teacher's Name: School: ______Work Phone: ______ Work Email: Current Grade Level(s) Taught by Nominee: Current Content Area(s) Taught by Nominee: ____ **Nominator Contact Information:** Name: Address: City/Zip: _____ _____Daytime phone: _____ Describe your relationship to the Nominee: Nominator's Signature* ______Date:_____ SECTION B We encourage the nominators to talk to their nominee to let him/her know how much their contribution is valued and why. Your feedback to them will be welcomed. Nominee Agreement and Information: If selected as a finalist for an Encore Award for my school, I will plan to be a guest at the Tribute to Teachers event on the second Friday of May, which will take place from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the Plaza Conference Center in Longmont. If selected as an award winner, the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley and the St. Vrain Valley School District may use my name and photos for publicity. Nominee's Signature* ______Date_____

*Please note: Include a sentence verifying that both the Nominee and the Nominator have agreed to this nomination if the nomination is submitted electronically.

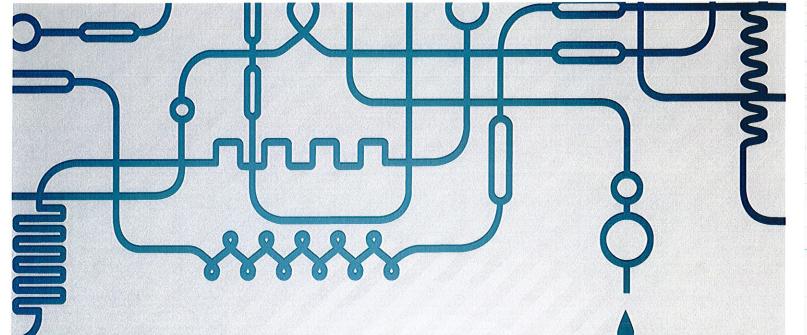
SECTION C: Complete answers to Question 1 and add any additional comments in Question 2. Nominators are encouraged to discuss these questions with the nominee. Responses are limited to one per page per question.

1) Consider the questions below, and describe in detail **why your nominee exemplifies excellence in teaching.** These questions should help get you started but are not intended to cover everything you might want to tell us about this teacher. Your narrative should help the selection committee get to know this teacher and how it feels to be in their classroom. **Include examples** to help them visualize how effective this teacher is.

- How does this teacher show their passion for teaching?
- How does he/she demonstrate enthusiasm and knowledge of the subject matter being taught?
- Describe how this teacher is a role model to students.
- How does this teacher make subjects interesting and relevant to the lives of their students.
- How does this teacher use such attributes as innovation to keep students engaged?
- How does this teacher use technology in their classroom?
- How does this teacher communicate to and collaborate with students and parents?

 Describe how this teacher sets reachable goals and motivates each student to meet them. 	

2)	(Optional) In answering Question 1 you have told us a lot about what makes your nominee an excellent teacher. What else makes them stand out from the rest in your opinion? What is important to know about the impact your nominee has outside the classroom? What else do you want to be sure the members of the selection committee know about this teacher?			
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2015 Westview Summer STEM Academy

Westview Summer STEM Academy celebrates its third year this June. This unique, hands-on project and problem-based program provides fun, high-engaging learning opportunties for students between 5th and 8th grade from across St. Vrain Valley Schools.



June 1-5

Session 1 – 8:30-11:30 a.m. Session 2 – 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

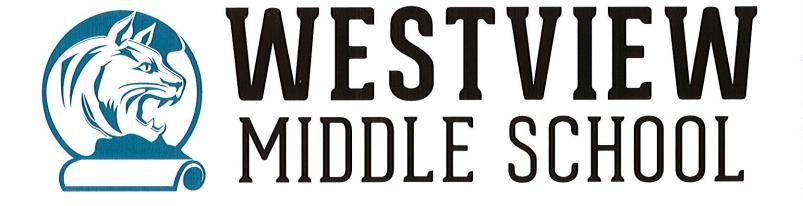


June 8-12

Session 3 – 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Session 4 – 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.



Learn more about our Summer STEM Academy at wms.svvsd.org.



3rd Annual Westview Summer STEM Academy 2015 Class Descriptions

Register Here

(please use a browser different than Chrome)

(NOW OPEN)

Session 1 - June 1-5 from 8:30 - 11:30

Session 2 - June 1-5 from 12:30 - 3:30

Session 3 - June 8-12 from 8:30 - 11:30

Session 4 - June 8-12 from 12:30 - 3:30

Any students that stay for both a morning and afternoon session will need to bring their own lunch. Students will be supervised during the lunch break from 11:30 - 12:30.

Session 1 - Comparative Anatomy, Medieval Weapons, Robots 1, Rocketry, STEM Punk!

Session 2 - All Around the World, CSI, Have a Heart, Robots 2, Wildflowers 101

Session 3 - Can You Dig It, CSI, Photo Safari, Robots 1, ProCoders

Session 4 - City of the Future, Medieval Weapons, Photo Safari, Robots 2

<u>Sessions 1-4</u> - Plains to the Park & Documentary Film Making (Two week program for current and incoming Westview students only - **Application required**)

All Around the World (Session 2) - \$100

The wonderful world of... the world! In this class students will apply Google Earth, Google Maps, Geo Positioning Systems, and magnetic compasses to explore the Earth. We will learn to navigate the world with basic orienteering skills as well as solving puzzles to find locations with Geocaching!

Can You Dig It (Session 3) - \$100

Calling all detectives to solve the mysteries of history! Archeology is the study of human history through the collection and analysis of artifacts. In this STEM Academy class, students will put on their felt fedora Indiana Jones' thinking caps and learn to use clues to tell stories through the methods and operations of seasoned Archeologists. Plan on getting your hands dirty... literally in our excavation stations!

CSI - (Formerly Biotechnology) (Sessions 2 or 3) - \$100

Have you ever wondered how law enforcement uses technology to help solve cases? Is what I see on TV real? Is criminal justice the only place these technologies are used? In this hands-on introduction to these topics students will learn about what we can do with technologies such as DNA fingerprinting and genetic testing - including solving crimes and helping endangered species survive.

City of the Future (Session 4) - \$100

Design a plan for a city of the future. Learn about ways to incorporate renewable energy and innovative city planning techniques to design and create your own city!

Comparative Anatomy 101 (Session 1) - \$100

This is the same class as last summer. Only students who did not attend this class last year should register.

Students will dissect 2-3 different animals (fetal pig, frog, shark) and compare and contrast their findings. Students will discuss form and function as it relates to body systems in the different animals. Students will present their findings on the last day.

Have a Heart (Session 2) - \$100

We know you have a heart but, how does it work? Have you heard that exercise is good for your heart? Why is that? How does the blood flow through the heart and body? What happens when someone has a heart attack, what does that really mean? If you've ever wondered how our heart keeps pumping and keeps us going then this is a great class for you. We will be discovering the chambers and function of the heart. Why people are at risk to heart attacks and what happens when someone experiences one. Along with that you will create a model of a heart and get it pumping.

Medieval Siege Weapon Design (Session 1 and Session 4) - \$100

Students explore Newton's laws, projectile motion, simple machines, speed, and mass - all while building and testing model catapults, trebuchets and/or torsion ballistas. Each student will construct and keep working models of the medieval siege weapons to facilitate understanding various topics in physics, and, or course, we will end with a medieval warfare tournament.

Photo Safari (Sessions 3 or Session 4) - \$100 This class involves a field trip.

Are you interested in animals, plants, and taking pictures? Then this is the class for you! Learn more about plants and animals when visiting the Denver Botanical Gardens and the Denver Zoo on a field trip Tuesday, June 9. Students will learn photography techniques before visiting the gardens so they are able to gather photographs and information as they explore. When at Westview, we will further explore the plant cycle and photosynthesis as well as animal ecosystems, habitats, and adaptations. Students will use their photographs taken on the field trip to create a Plant and Animal iPhoto Book which will include the scientific information about plants, flowers, and animals they gather. Other takeaways from this class will include a plant that they can grow at home, a fused glass picture frame, and and an iPhoto book. The iPhoto books can be turned into a slideshow version or they may choose to purchase their iPhoto book to be enjoyed after this plant, animal, and photo class!

ProCoders (Session 3) - \$100

Students will learn the basics of web coding in this class. They will a variety of programs that help them develop skills to become Pro-Coders! The end product will be a website created from scratch. Students will also have the opportunity to explore aspects of coding that are

most interesting to them.

STEM Punkl (Session 1) - \$100

This class involves a field trip.

In this class, students will explore the design practice, and develop 21st century thinking skills, while traveling back in time - well sort of. Students will explore the world of Steampunk - a social movement and literary style that blends Science Fiction and Fantasy with History. We'll start with an overview of Steampunk culture in literature, music, fashion, and scientific design. Then students will get a chance to create, invent, and innovate! There will be guest speakers and a field trip to Art Smyths in Denver.

Robots 1 (Session 1 or Session 3) - \$100

Enter into the world of Robotics with the Swept Away Challenge. Students will work in Design Teams of 4 to build and compete using the VEX Robotics Design System. Beyond science and engineering principles, a VEX Robotics project encourages teamwork, leadership and problem solving among groups. Students will also be working to meet a deadline so time management and efficiency will be key components to their teams success. All materials are included in this course and this class is designed for students new to VEX robotics with little to no experience.

Robots 2 (Session 2 or Session 4) - \$100

In this class you will use ROBOTC to learn the basics of programming Robots using the VEX Robotics platform and curriculum from Carnegie Mellon University. This class will include direct instruction along with online tutorials from CS2N that will allow you to work at your own pace. You don't need any experience in programming or robotics and any student interested in robotics or programming is welcome to take this class. Students will need to create a CS2N account prior to the first day of class. Instructions will be sent to all enrolled students.

Rocketry (Session 1) - \$100

Do you like to shoot for the stars? Come explore the physics of rocketry! You will have the chance to engineer your own rocket and build a prototype. If needed, we will have rocket kits available. During our launch day, you will get to see all of your hard work in action! 10, 9, 8, 7....2, 1 - BLAST OFF!

Wildflowers 101 (Session 2) - \$100 - Instructor: Mrs. Bennett

This class will involve a field trip.

Discover the wildflowers of Colorado! We will be going hiking to find and identify a variety of wildflowers in our state. We will also dissect, plant, sketch or paint, and press wildflowers in this class. This is a great opportunity to learn about the beauty of our state and its flora.

Plains to the Park & Documentary Film Making (All 4 Sessions - \$300 - For Current and Incoming Westview Students Only) Instructors: Mr. Cribby and Mr. Kline
This joint project between Westview Middle School (St Vrain Valley Schools) and Rocky

Mountain National Park will help train 'Citizen Scientists' in the ecological field research techniques necessary to monitor the ecological health of the Endovalley/Fall River drainage in Rocky Mountain National Park. This 2 week course will feature multiple days in the Park, conducting field research focused on two animals (Wilson's Warbler, puma) and one plant community (willow).

Students will have classes at Westview where they learn the protocols used by scientific researchers as well as days of field research in the park. Students will document their work following standardized methods used by professional researchers. In addition, a separate team of students will work to document the entire process in a film making project. The film crew will follow the scientific research team and help make videos to communicate their work. These two programs will work concurrently, however students will either participate as film crew or science researchers (not both).

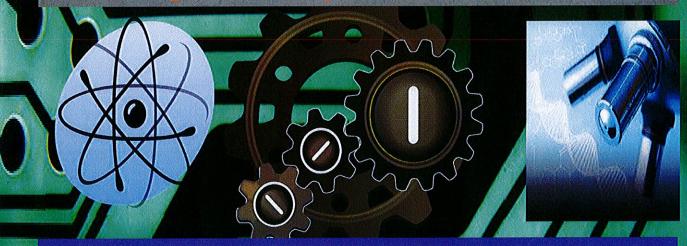
This is an intensive two week program, filling all 4 sessions of the STEM Academy. Students must apply to participate in this program, and applicants will be selected to fill limited slots. When students apply they must choose to be either a scientific researcher or a member of the video production team. You can contact Mr. Cribby for more information about the scientific research program or Mr. Kline for more information about the video production program (Both are Westview staff).

<u>Here is the application</u>. The due date to apply is April 3. All applicants will be notified by mid to late April.

Science Technology

STEAM Day

Engineering and Math



Come have fun!

Explore science and engineering in this hands-on expo designed especially for kids.

- •Learn to solder
- •Drive a robot
- •Doppler on wheels
- ·Liquid nitrogen demo
- •DNA extraction
- Build a rocket

... and lots more!

21 March 2015 from 12pm-4pm
Silver Creek High School-4901 Nelson Rd.Longmont, CO 80503
Free Admission!
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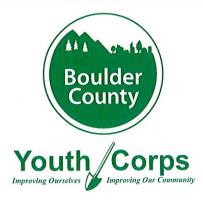


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dancing silver creek Stars

Have you ever watched the TV show "Dancing with the Stars"?
Silver Creek High School Booster Club presents its very own dancing competition... "Dancing with the Silver Creek Stars".

Five Silver Creek staff & professional dancers from Grace Studios will be participating in the first annual *Dancing with the Silver Creek Stars* event benefitting the Silver Creek High School Raptor Activities Booster Club.

Your Silver Creek Dancers are...Marty Tonjes, Erick Finnestead, Melissa Lehman, Cindi Lindsey, and Keven Hilliard MC for the night is our very own Silver Creek's Eric Ottem.

You Won't Want To Miss This Event!!

When: Saturday, March 28, 2015

Where: Pacific Event Center - 1330 Main Street, Longmont

Tickets: \$35 each, Adults only please, 21 & over

Details: 5:15pm Silent Auction, Appetizers, and Cash Bar

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm followed by the dance competition

and dessert

Purchase your tickets online at the Silver Creek School Store: https://squareup.com/market/silver-creek-store, by cash or check (payable to RABC) at the front desk of Silver Creek High School during school hours, or by contacting Kaydene Hubert at rabcpresident@gmail.com, Ticket Sales End on March 20th, so don't hesitate and get them TODAY. Please mark your calendars and come see our stars, it's going to be a great night!



JOIN US!

APRIL 6:00-8:00PM



ANDREA MOSBY PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR

Parent Education Seminars help parents and teens to communicate more effectively, equip parents with tools and skills to curb the cultural tide of a sexually saturated society, and contribute to positive youth development.

> All Parents, guardians, caretakers of AMS students are welcome

CATERED DINNER PROVIDED

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Please contact Kelsie Brown kbrown@friendsfirst.org to RSVP by April 20th

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