

AMDA PTA NEWSLETTER

Forging strong relationships among families, teachers, staff and communities to foster every child's amazing capacity to learn.

PTA '22/23 Meetings

All Meetings will be at the school from 6 - 7:30pm. A zoom link will all be provided for remote attendance.

October 4
November 15
December 6
January 17
February 7
March 7
April 18
May 16
June 6

Anna's Closet

We are looking for some clothing items for Anna's Closet. Gently used snowpants; kids' underwear (sizes 4-8); boy's pants (4-8); and men's pants. Donations can be sent to the main office.

Thanksgiving Baskets - Nov. 17

Each year the School12PTA helps to put together Thanksgiving baskets.

Sep. 8 Meeting Recap

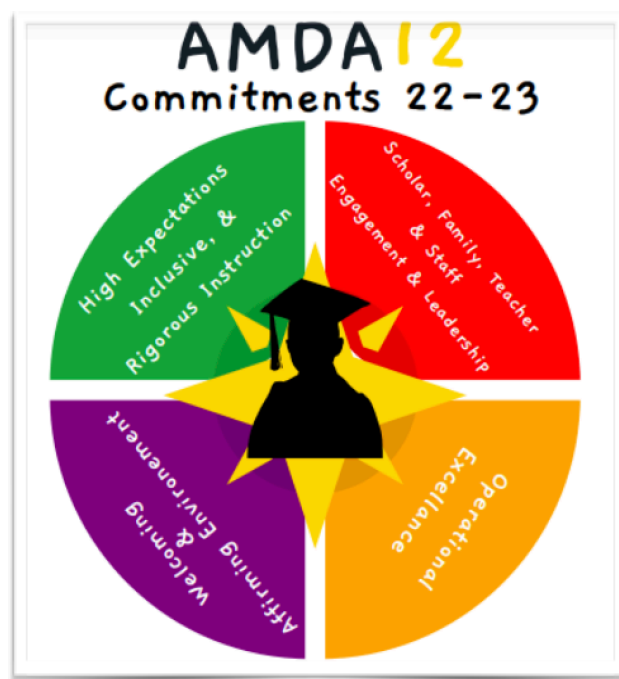
Thank you all for your patience in our first meeting of the school year. We had a lot to cover, but are glad to have you with us! Welcome to our new officers: Joshua Enck (Pres.), Laura Smith (VP), Molly Ball (Sec.), Stephanie Krause (Treas.). Also a special thank you to the teachers and administrators who attended our first meeting.

Title I funds

Attendees brainstormed ideas for how to use federal funds the school receives to educate and engage parents. Submit ideas you want to share to Sue Allen via the [Title I idea form](#).

Principal update - SCEP and PBL

Principal Katie Trepanier introduced the School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP), a roadmap and guide for the school and the School Based Planning Team (SBPT) as they make decisions. The SCEP is divided into the four commitments in the diagram below.



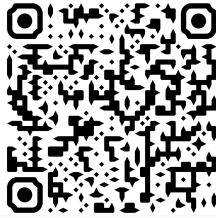
Want to get involved?

Volunteering in the school

Do you want to lend a helping hand to AMDA during the day?

This year we need help with in-class tutoring, after-school clubs, recess and outdoor activities, library time, and more! Get in touch with the School 12. Contact our volunteer coordinator Anaar Desai-Stephens with questions (anarr@gmail.com).

You will need to complete a training and background check to volunteer during the day. Vaccines are no longer required.



Volunteer form
QR code

PTA volunteer opportunities

Training and background checks are not required to be a PTA volunteer.

- Help out with our Thanksgiving baskets. We will need help from coordinating to driving.
- Donate gently used or new items to Anna's closet.

Get involved with the district

Attend one of the RCSD parent engagement meetings representing your child and AMDA.

- Bilingual Education Council (BEC)
- Parent Leadership Advisory Council (PLAC)
- Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC)
- Fathers Roc

Report your findings back to PTA (school12pta@gmail.com) so we can share your update.

Want to get in touch? Email us!

The school's theme this year is "Individually, we are one drop. Together we are an ocean." It will also serve as a guide to achieve inclusive and rigorous instruction, high attendance standards, and provide a welcoming and affirming environment. You'll have a chance to see the SCEP in action as students engage in project-based learning (PBL) initiatives on water and multiculturalism throughout the year.

The Douglass Family Campus

Principal Trepanier and Carmen Jones, director of the Frederick Douglass Recreation Center, also introduced the Douglass Family Campus, which includes the school, the R-Center, and the Frederick Douglass Library. Connecting as a campus allows the three units to maximize support for our children, particularly in after-school programming. The R-Center, for example, offers programming from 2 - 9pm for children and teens from 6 - 18. Interested in knowing more, scan the QR code.



Douglass Family
Campus QR code

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Question, Kudos, & Gripes

We want to hear from you! Send us an email, use the QR code, or submit a form in the main office PTA box to share your school and PTA questions and feedback.