

AMESpta



WELCOME

# Agenda

## Welcome Ames Staff

### Secretary (Lena)

- Approve February Meeting Minutes (posted on website)
- Last General Meeting of school year will be May 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at a location offsite- more details to come

### Treasurer Report (April)

- Budget Review

Ames PTA

	Budget (2023-2024)			Actual (2023-2024)			Variance	Notes
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net		
<b>Membership_and_Communications</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>	<b>(1,070.00)</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>1,940.00</b>	<b>(919.38)</b>	<b>1,020.62</b>	<b>990.62</b>	
Directory	-		0.00	-	-	0.00	-	
Dues	1,100.00	(770.00)	330.00	1,940.00	(657.00)	1,283.00	953.00	parents, teachers, \$7 pp PTA Nat'l dues
Membership Related Expenses	-	(200.00)	(200.00)	-	(63.10)	(63.10)	136.90	Misc expenses
Social/Canva Fees	-	-	0.00	-	(179.28)	(179.28)	(179.28)	
Website		(100.00)	(100.00)		(20.00)	(20.00)	80.00	
<b>Administrative</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(725.00)</b>	<b>(725.00)</b>	<b>756.97</b>	<b>(1,493.92)</b>	<b>(736.95)</b>	<b>(11.95)</b>	
Accountant	-		0.00	-	(29.70)	(29.70)	(29.70)	
Annual Report Filing Fee	-	(15.00)	(15.00)	-	-	0.00	15.00	
Bank Fees				30.00	(97.25)	(67.25)	(67.25)	
Insurance	-	(410.00)	(410.00)	-	-	0.00	410.00	
Interest	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00	-	
Office Supplies	-	(250.00)	(250.00)	-	-	0.00	250.00	
Postage & Supplies	-	(50.00)	(50.00)	-	-	0.00	50.00	
Timing diff. In/Out			0.00	726.97	(1,366.97)	(640.00)	(640.00)	petty cash
Allocation to next year			0.00	-	-	0.00	-	
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>(6,600.00)</b>	<b>(4600.00)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,743.82)</b>	<b>(2,743.82)</b>	<b>1,856.18</b>	
Conference Dinner for Teachers	-	(650.00)	(650.00)	-	(659.00)	(659.00)	(9.00)	
Cookie Exchange	-		0.00	-	(50.18)	(50.18)	-	
Kindergarten/New Student T-Shirts	-	(450.00)	(450.00)	-	(450.00)	(450.00)	-	
Kindness Week Fund	-	(200.00)	(200.00)	-	(179.64)	(179.64)	20.36	
Meet the Teacher		(1,350.00)	(1350.00)		(1,350.00)	(1,350.00)		
Meetings		(100.00)	(100.00)	-	-	0.00	100.00	Meeting snacks
Pizza with The Principal	-	(500.00)	(500.00)	-	-	0.00	500.00	
Staff Retirement Fund	-	(200.00)	(200.00)	-	-	0.00	200.00	2 retirements
Teacher Appreciation	2,000.00	(3,000.00)	(1000.00)	-	(55.00)	(55.00)	945.00	Should net out
Testing Decorations	-	(150.00)	(150.00)	-	-	0.00	150.00	
<b>Cultural_Education</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(9,150.00)</b>	<b>(9150.00)</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>(1,808.33)</b>	<b>(1,783.33)</b>	<b>7,366.67</b>	
Cultural Arts Week	-	(2,500.00)	(2500.00)	-	(501.20)	(501.20)	1,998.80	
Family Heritage Night	-	(100.00)	(100.00)	-	(129.45)	(129.45)	(29.45)	
Conchas y Cafecito	-		0.00	25.00	(286.82)	(261.82)	(261.82)	
Field Trips		(5,500.00)	(5500.00)	-	(450.00)	(450.00)	5,050.00	1 Field Trip per grade
Historical Perspectives	-	(1,000.00)	(1000.00)	-	(300.00)	(300.00)	700.00	Assembly/speaker picked by third grade teachers
One Book One School	-	(50.00)	(50.00)	-	(140.86)	(140.86)	(90.86)	End of campaign celebration

Social_Events	3,200.00	(4,000.00)	(800.00)	794.00	(2,001.20)	(1,207.20)	(407.20)	
Family Dance	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00	320.00	(1,541.20)	(1,221.20)	(1,221.20)	DJ and photobooth, then pta can sell snacks and hot dog
Trivia Night	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00	-	-	0.00		
Talent Show	1,200.00	(2,000.00)	(800.00)	-	-	0.00	800.00	Increase fee to \$10 for talent show tshirts
Trunk or Treat			0.00	474.00	(460.00)	14.00	14.00	
School_Programs	700.00	(3,350.00)	(2650.00)	201.27	(2,444.18)	(2,242.91)	407.09	
Birthday Books for Students	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00	-	Using Scholastic credits
Field Days	-	(350.00)	(350.00)	-	-	0.00	350.00	
First Day of School Celebration	-	(1,300.00)	(1300.00)	28.59	(1,321.43)	(1,292.84)	7.16	Kona Ice
Halloween Assembly	-	(500.00)	(500.00)	-	(500.00)	(500.00)	-	
Holiday Ornaments	-	(100.00)	(100.00)	-	(143.01)	(143.01)	(43.01)	21 classes for ornaments
Holiday Programs	500.00	(600.00)	(100.00)	29.00	(360.20)	(331.20)	(231.20)	Veterans Reception
Science Fair	-	(300.00)	(300.00)	-	(87.56)	(87.56)	212.44	
Spring Concert	200.00	(200.00)	0.00	143.68	(31.98)	111.70	111.70	
Fifth_Grade	0.00	(1,600.00)	(1,600.00)	-	(431.25)	(431.25)	(1,168.75)	
5th Grade Games Night at Hauser		(600.00)	(600.00)	-	-	0.00	(600.00)	
5th Grade Picnic		(500.00)	(500.00)	-	-	0.00	(500.00)	
5th Grade T-Shirts		(500.00)	(500.00)	-	(431.25)	(431.25)	(68.75)	
Yearbook			0.00	-	-	0.00	-	cost for pta is \$12, add \$3 onto cost for the rest of the s
Gifts_and_Grants	-	(2,500.00)	(2500.00)	-	(681.28)	(681.28)	1,818.72	
Contingency fund		(500.00)	(500.00)	-	(250.00)	(250.00)	250.00	
School Gifts	-		0.00	-	(289.99)	(289.99)	(289.99)	
Teacher Supplies and Classroom Grants	-	(2,000.00)	(2000.00)	-	(141.29)	(141.29)	1,858.71	17 teachers were reimbursed for classroom supplies by
Fundraising	43,800.00	(13,700.00)	30100.00	46,304.36	(17,049.97)	29,254.39	(845.61)	
5 B's BBQ	2,000.00	(1,500.00)	500.00	1,650.00	(1,102.00)	548.00	48.00	
Book Fair	3,000.00	(200.00)	2800.00	6,423.88	(2,069.87)	4,354.01	1,554.01	LY took first bookfare profit in cash, 2nd bookfare in pot
Box Tops for Education	100.00		100.00	-	-	0.00	(100.00)	Payouts: (Nov-Feb: check in Apr, Mar-Oct: check in Nov
Brick Pavers (Every other year)	1,500.00	(700.00)	800.00	1,500.00	(400.00)	1,100.00	300.00	
Direct Donation		-	0.00	1.74	-	1.74	1.74	don't show in budget - cannot be estimated
Fall Gala	25,000.00	(8,000.00)	17000.00	25,558.82	(10,668.31)	14,890.51	(2,109.49)	
Gift Wrap	3,500.00		3500.00	3,997.20	-	3,997.20	497.20	
Holiday Shop	3,500.00	(3,000.00)	500.00	4,169.17	(2,809.79)	1,359.38	859.38	run more like book fair, right after thanksgiving do a ho
Parents' Night Out (gymnastics)	900.00	(300.00)	600.00	-	-	0.00	(600.00)	marissa will set up
Restaurant Nights	1,100.00		1100.00	602.24	-	602.24	(497.76)	
School Spirit Wear Sales	2,000.00		2000.00	1,564.00	-	1,564.00	(436.00)	
School Toolbox	200.00	-	200.00	172.88	-	172.88	(27.12)	
Swag				-	-	0.00	-	
TBD - Kid's Night Fundraiser	1,000.00		1000.00	-	-	0.00	(1,000.00)	
Misc Events		-	0.00	664.43	-	664.43	664.43	
<b>Subtotal Expenses and Receipts</b>	<b>50,800.00</b>	<b>(42,695.00)</b>	<b>8,105.00</b>	<b>50,021.60</b>	<b>(29,573.33)</b>	<b>20,448.27</b>	<b>10,005.77</b>	

## VP of Cultural Affairs (Dana)

- Kindness Week recap
  - Kindness heart tree where staff who caught good acts added students names who were then entered into a raffle for prizes
- Family Heritage Night Recap
  - Amazing turnout with close to 30 families participating!
- Science Fair Recap
  - Close to 60 students participated
- Cultural Arts Week
- Ames Talent Show
  - Auditions were today 4/7
  - Actual show is 5/8

AMES PTA PRESENTS

# THE 2024 AMES TALENT SHOW

*Save the Date! Wednesday, May 8th  
1:15 PM (Students Only) & 6:30 PM  
Ames Gymnasium*

Can you play an instrument? Are you a dancer?  
Do you like to sing? Is magic your thing? Love telling  
jokes? Want to see what it's like to be an announcer or  
learn the behind-the-scenes of production?

**HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE!**

Show our school what you've got at the annual Ames  
Talent Show, open to ALL: Early Learners - 5th Grade!

- Performances limited to 90 seconds each
- Grades 3rd - 5th may sign up to be Announcers
- 5th Graders may sign up to join the Stage Crew

Tryouts\*: Wednesday, April 3rd @ 3 PM, Ames Gym  
Dress Rehearsal: Monday, May 6th @ 3 PM, Ames Gym

*\*Sign up to try out by Monday, April 1st.  
Questions? Contact Tia Sherman - [tsherman13@gmail.com](mailto:tsherman13@gmail.com)*













COMING SOON

# AMES CULTURAL ARTS WEEK

MARCH 12, 14, 18, 20, 22

*Parent Volunteers Needed – Sign Up Today!*

2024  
Ames Cultural Arts Week

## Kendra Curry-Khanna

Artist-in-residence



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## VP of Fundraising and Events (Alana)

- D96 Night @ The Chicago Wolves Game Recap (profit of \$420)
- Famous Dave's Recap (profit of \$64)
- Lou Malnati's Restaurant night 4/15
- Book Fair 4/24-25
  - Please help volunteer if able

Ames PTA Restaurant Night  
Monday, April 15th

**Lou Malnati's**  
PIZZERIA

7550 Broadview Village Square  
Broadview, IL

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Save the Date

AMES OPEN HOUSE

Thur, April 25th

Early Learners: 5:45pm - 6:45pm  
Elementary: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

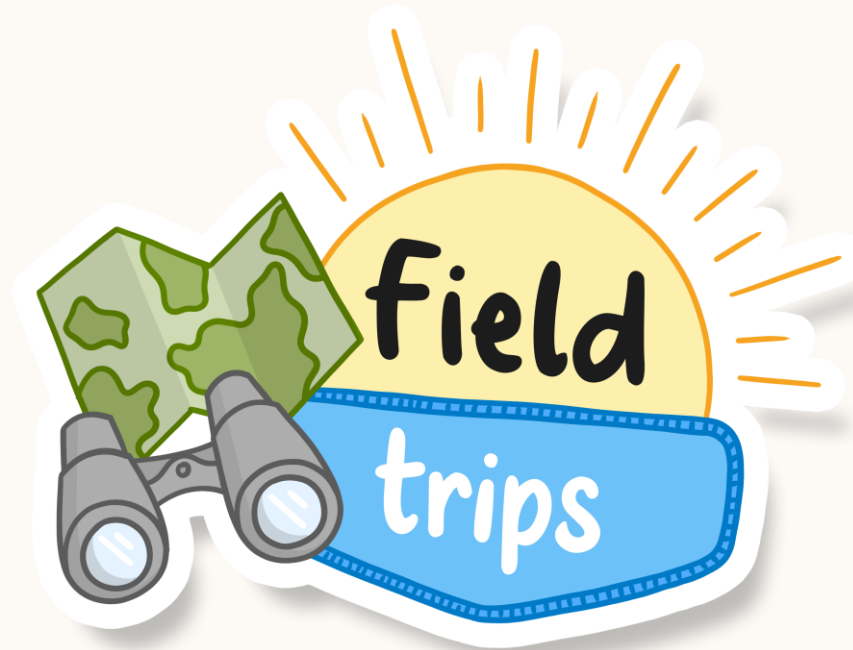
SPRING BOOK FAIR


Wed, April 24th: 3 - 6 PM  
Thur, April 25th: 3 - 7:30 PM



## VP of In School Volunteers (Maria)


- Yearbook Sales Open Week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Field Trips are being planned, volunteer requests coming soon
- Field Day 5/29, rain backup 5/30
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Games Night 5/21 at Hauser
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade T-Shirts






# Ames 5th Grade: SAVE THESE DATES!

**01**



**5th Grade Games Night**  
Tues., May 21st  
6-7:30 PM  
Hauser Jr. High

**02**




**Boat Field Trip**  
Tues., May 28th  
Downtown Chicago

**03**



**Field Day**  
Wed., May 29th  
Ames School

**04**



**Picnic & Games**  
Fri., May 31st  
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Ames School

**05**



**Clap-Out**  
Fri., May 31st  
2:45 PM  
Ames School



**D96 5TH GRADE**  
**GAME Night**  
**MAY 21ST AT HAUSER**  
SAVE THE DATE-MORE TO COME





## VP of Hospitality (Michelle)

- Staff Appreciation Week 5/6-10
- Crossing Guard Appreciation 5/19



## VP of Communications (Jill)

### Ames PTA Planning Survey

**Keep in mind we had a small group of responders:** 40 respondents, 1/3 teachers and 2/3 parents. Spring break and the other survey sent out by Mr. Gierman may have clouded the communication around this. That said, we are grateful for those who responded. Here are some takeaways:

- **Our events with the most returning interest:** Back-to-School Social, Trunk-or-Treat, Winter Family Outing
- **Low returning interest for Ames Family Playground meetup** - if we do it again we will likely target Kindergarten families only.
- There was interest in new events like Adult Bingo, Family Volunteering Opportunities and a celebration of Earth Day.
- **Our fundraisers with the most returning interest:** Book Fairs, Restaurant Nights and Spirit Wear Sales.
- **Low interest for Charleston Wrap** (But we will continue to do as it has a great return even if low involvement) **and Chicago Wolves Game** (We will not do next year).
- We received a handful of **suggestions for future restaurant nights** we will keep in mind for next year.
- **Our funded programs that were voted as "most important"** included Field Trips, One Book One School, and Teacher Appreciation Week.
- **Our funded programs that were voted as "less important"** included Halloween Assembly and IAR Testing Decorations. We will take this into consideration for next year



## VP of Communications (Jill) Ames Spirit Wear Recycling Program Kicking Off!

- If your student has outgrown their Ames spirit wear, you can now put it to great RE-use! We will be collecting items on Thursday, April 11th and Friday, April 12th
- A collection bin will be located at the front doors of the school for your items to be dropped.
- Please only donate items that are in good condition.
- In the coming weeks we will redistribute these items based upon the requests that we receive. Be on the lookout for a Google Form to sign up for gently used gear - with plenty of spirit left in them!
- Any questions - reach out to us over email or social media.



**AMESpta**

**GIVE YOUR OLD SPIRIT WEAR NEW LIFE!**

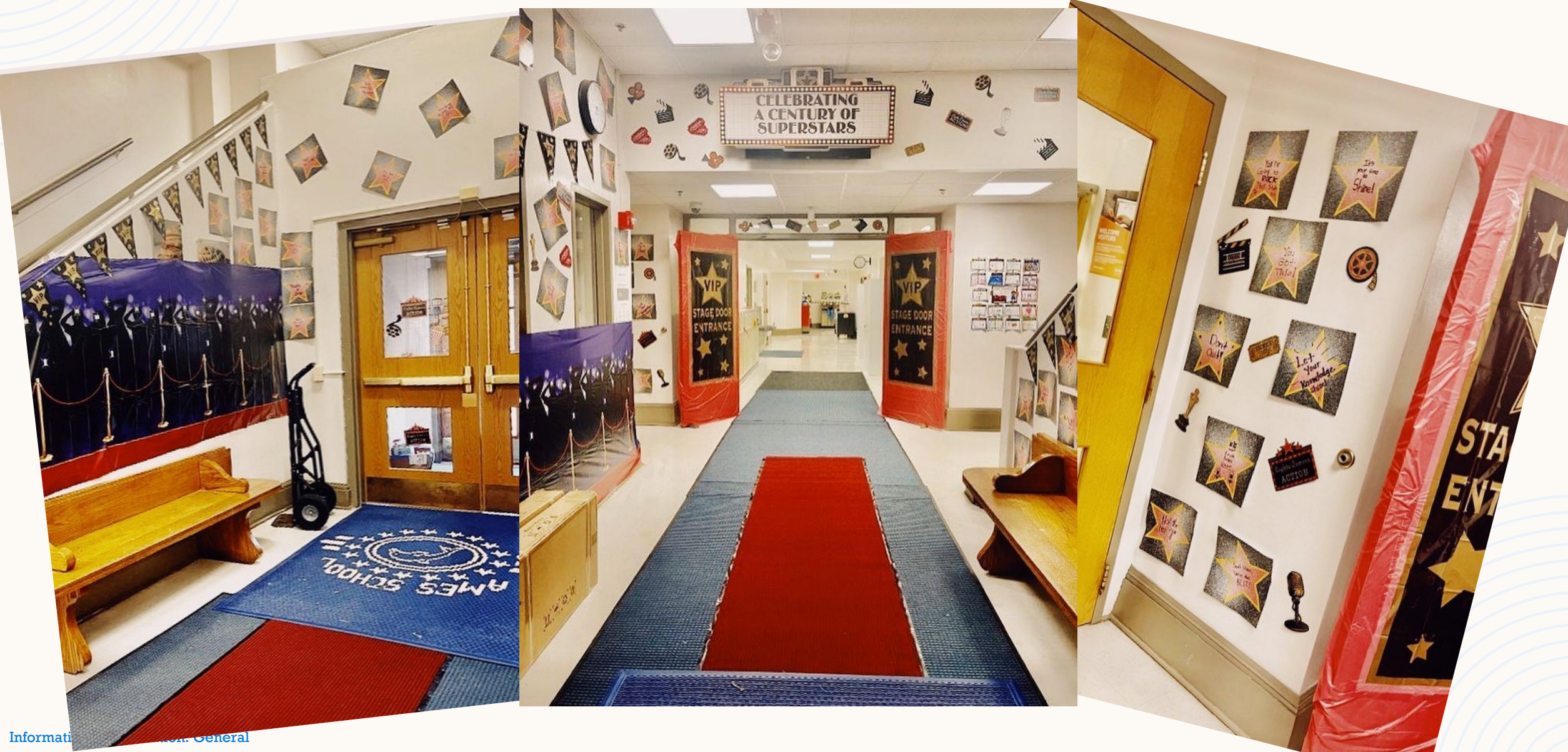
Donate your outgrown but gently used spirit wear and the Ames PTA will match it with a fellow Ames Dolphin looking for just that size!

**Drop off gear at the Ames main entrance on Thursday, April 11th or Friday, April 12th**

***Gently used gear sign-up link coming soon!***




# IAR Testing Decorations





## President (Kelly)

- Looking for Co-President and VP of Fundraising for next school year
- Legacy Sports Camp After School Opportunities
- 4/26 Half Day Sports Camp Signup coming soon



A promotional poster for AMES After-School Sports. The background is green with a white banner at the top containing the word "AMES" in large, bold, black-outlined letters. Below the banner, the text "AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS" is written in black. The poster features two yellow brushstroke-style boxes: the top one says "GRADES K-2 WEDNESDAYS, 4/10 - 5/10" and the bottom one says "GRADES 3-5 MONDAYS, 4/8 - 5/13". On the right side, there is a cutout of a young boy in a red shirt and black shorts kicking a soccer ball. At the bottom, a black banner contains the text "DEADLINE IS APRIL 4th!" in white.

**AMES**  
AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

GRADES K-2  
WEDNESDAYS, 4/10 - 5/10

GRADES 3-5  
MONDAYS, 4/8 - 5/13

DEADLINE IS APRIL 4th!

## Next School Year

- Ames Parent Trivia Night in September
- 100 Year Celebration on 11/3/2024











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