

It is the mission of the Ambleside administration and faculty to provide a "living education," where each child is guided and empowered to author a full and free life, a life rich in relationship to God, self, others, ideas, and all of creation.

AMBLESIDE MISSION STATEMENT



2009-2010 Calendar Clarifications

 In Our Tenth Year

I am. I can. I ought. I will.

School Hours

- Kindergarten: MWF 8:15-12:30, and Dec. 15
- First Grade: Daily 8:15-12:30
- Second Grade: MWF 8:15-12:30, TTh 8:15-3:30
- Third - Upper School: Daily 8:15-3:30

School Painting, Clean-up, and Landscaping

- Volunteers paint classrooms and common areas Aug. 3-7. Volunteers assist in thorough cleaning of classrooms and common areas, Aug. 10-12.
- Landscaping and plant maintenance are areas of service as well. Your time and volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated. Call another Ambleside family and help with these projects.
- For more information and questions, please contact Mr. Tony Watson, 997-1562.

Meet the Teacher

- Thursday, August 20, 11:00-12:00 Noon. Parents and all students, returning and new, meet their teacher.
- See your new classroom, classmates, and teacher with opportunity for parent volunteer sign-ups. School uniforms are not required; dress is casual.

Back-to-School Ambleside Family Picnic

- Thursday night, Aug. 20, 6:00 p.m. at Lady Bird Park, S. Hwy. 16, Pavilion # 3.
- Following introductions and dinner, swim in the pool. (\$1.00 per person: pool admission).
- For questions, call Stacy Nunn, 997-0279.

String Program

- K-3rd String Parent Mandatory Ed. Course, Sat., Aug. 29, 9:00-12:30 p.m.
- Student lessons on Thursdays, beginning Sept. 17.
- Contact school office or Jessica Embach, 319-331-4445, jessica.embach@gmail.com

New Parent Orientation and Observation

- New parents should attend one of the following: Fri., Sept. 11, 9:00-12:00 Noon, includes observation, or Sat., Sept. 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m., no observation opportunity.
- To answer questions you may have as we focus on understanding the philosophy and practice of the school.

Parent Meetings/"Open House"

- Mon. and Tues. evenings, Sept. 14 and 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Two nights to accommodate families with multiple siblings. Hear from your child's teachers about the expectations for the school year, daily schedules, and areas of study. Information about PVA and opportunities for volunteer sign-up.

Daily Assembly and Chapel Services

- All parents and visitors are invited to join us for daily assembly and Wednesday chapel at 8:20 a.m.

Semester Exams

- Exams are administered at the end of each semester each morning for an entire week.
- Classes are dismissed at 12:30 during exam week.

Grandparents' Day

- Tues., Dec. 15; 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Grandparents are invited to visit their grandchild's classroom to see him learning with his classmates. Event begins with a message from the Principal from 9:00-9:30 a.m. From 9:30-10:15 a.m., grandparents observe in their grandchild(ren)'s class-

room. Followed by recess outside from 10:15-10:30 a.m.

Two Christmas Candlelight Services

- Held in the school chapel 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Dec. 15.
- Directed by Laurie Jenschke, all students take part in presenting a worshipful celebration of Christ's birth. Childcare provided for 7:00 p.m. concert only.
- Special Christmas Candlelight Concert for grandparents, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

All School Community Christmas Caroling

- Fri., Dec. 18. Kindergarten through Upper School will bring Christmas cheer to area businesses and homes. Early dismissal 12:00 Noon.

Reports of Progress

- Reports of Progress are issued twice a year; Jan. 22 and June 15. The initial Report of Progress will be sent home with each student on Fri., Jan. 22.
- Parents sign and return the initial Report of Progress at the scheduled Parent/Teacher Conference on Tues., Jan. 26.

Artspring

- Sat. evening, Mar. 6 at Mansfeldt at Cherry Springs.
- A celebration of the Arts.
- The main all-school, every other year, fundraiser.

Spring Concert

- Held in the school chapel, Mon., Apr. 19, 7:00 p.m.
- Directed by Laurie Jenschke, all students take part in presenting our year end concert. Childcare provided.

Second Annual River Road Run, May 8

- Family-friendly 5K run/walk to raise money for scholarships.
- Sat. morning, May 8, at future school property, 1630 River Rd., Fredericksburg.

Shakespeare Festival

- Thurs. evening, May 27, school-wide event.

Last Day of School

- Friday, May 28, 8:15 a.m.-12:00 Noon.
- All school clean-up.
- PVA Appreciation Breakfast 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Sixth Grade SAT Testing

- June 1-3, optional for students who have completed 6th grade.

Reports of Progress/Calendar Pick-up Day

- Tues., June 15, 10:00-2:00 p.m.

Campus Meeting

- Three times during the school year. All school families encouraged to attend. Gatherings for food, fellowship, inspiration, and information concerning education at Ambleside. Childcare provided. 6:00-8:00 p.m.

All School Lunch

- Three times during the school year, all the school children eat together. During lunch, younger and older students are placed in pairs for the purpose of building relationships.
- Families are invoiced for school lunches.
- K-2nd grade pickup is 1:00 p.m.

School Closings and Late Starts

- During inclement weather or other emergencies, listen to radio station KNAF (AM 910). Ambleside follows public school closures/late starts.

Dates To Be Announced

- First Grade Puppet Show, Upper School Play, Open House, Teacher Appreciation, Upper School events.

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