

Amherst Regional High School
PARENT CENTER

PO Box 566 Amherst, MA 01004

Summer, 2009

Dear ARHS Parents and Guardians,

Welcome! We ask for your support of the ARHS Parent Center – the only all-parent/guardian group at ARHS. The organization that links you with your child's high school.

Over the past year, some of the things the Parent Center has done include:

- Started the Parent Center News with weekly information and updates pertaining to school activities, events and issues – www.arhsparentcenter.org
- Initiated the Parent Center Grant Program which awarded \$2,000 in grants to teachers for books, microscopes, field work, etc. - all to benefit ARHS students. Next year, the school faces a 24% reduction in instructional supplies making these grants more essential
- Funded the Safe Homes Program and Safe Homes Directory
- Sponsored monthly informational evening coffees and brown bag lunches with the Principal and other ARHS staff
- Funded the end of year Teacher Appreciation Luncheon which costs \$800

For the 2009 – 2010 school year, **the school budget has no funding for after-school clubs**. To restore after-school clubs we need to raise \$20,000 — the amount needed to restore the 30 clubs offered at the school this past year. A generous donor has offered to match the first \$5,000 of your donations toward our \$20,000 goal! Please make a donation on the enclosed form to help us keep our clubs.

We look forward to your support and on behalf of the Parent Center Board thank you, in advance, for all your help.

Sincerely,

Kate Troast and Adrienne Levine
Parent Center Co-Chairs

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www.arhsparentcenter.org

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM ON REVERSE

3 WAYS YOU CAN HELP AMHERST REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Contact Information (Please Print Clearly)

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

1. Fund ARHS After- School Clubs

There is NO funding for after-school clubs in the high school budget for 2009-2010. Please be as generous as possible with your contribution for the clubs.

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other

Fill in your contact information above and make your check payable to: ARHS Parent Center. **IN THE MEMO LINE ON THE CHECK PLEASE WRITE "CLUBS"**. Mail this form and your check in the attached envelope to: ARHS Parent Center, PO Box 566, Amherst MA 01004 or return to ARHS main office.

2. Contribute to the ARHS Parent Center Fund

Support the work of the Parent Center: grants to benefit our students, funds for the teacher appreciation luncheon, informational programs, communications, and more.

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other

Fill in your contact information above and make your check payable to: ARHS Parent Center. **IN THE MEMO LINE ON THE CHECK PLEASE WRITE "PARENT CENTER FUND"**. Mail this form and your check in the attached envelope to: ARHS Parent Center, PO Box 566, Amherst MA 01004 or return to ARHS main office. (You can use the same envelope for both.)

3. Participate in the ARHS Stop & Shop Fundraiser at NO COST TO YOU!

Fill in your contact information above and your Stop & Shop card number below. We will register your card and annually renew your participation. Then, every time you use your card, Stop & Shop will contribute \$ to ARHS at NO COST TO YOU!

Stop & Shop Card Number (**WE NEED ALL 13 DIGITS**)

QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS? Contact ktroast@comcast.net or aclevine@comcast.net

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL & OUR STUDENTS!

Send this form back in the attached envelope or drop it off in the high school office.

Participate in the '09 - '10 ARHS Safe Homes Program

Safe Homes is a national program in which parents agree to monitor teen parties given in their homes and not to serve alcohol to minors. Once again this year the ARHS Parent Center is sponsoring the Safe Homes Program at ARHS.

If you are interested in the ARHS Safe Homes Program for '09-'10 (including everyone who participated last year) please fill out the following registration form. Families that join the Safe Homes Program will be included in a directory distributed to all participants. For a detailed explanation of the Safe Homes Program, please go to the Parent Center website and click on the Safe Homes icon or email: aclevine@comcast.net.

Contact Information (Please Print Clearly)

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Student Name(s): _____ Grade (s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sign the SAFE HOMES agreement below and have your family name, address and phone number listed in the SAFE HOMES Directory (**fill in** your contact information on this page for your directory listing). All past participants need to re-register.

Safe Homes Parent/ Guardian Agreement

- I will actively supervise any parties in my home.
- I will not serve nor will I allow minors to consume alcohol and/or other drugs in my home or on my property.
- I will welcome communication with other parents in an effort to create a safer community for our children.

Signature of parent/guardian

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