

# Cougar Connection

## Upcoming Events:

November 7th and 8th 7th Grade Math CDB #1	
November 11th All Region Orchestra Auditions	8:00 @ Zachry
November 11th Drumline Festival	8:00 @ Brandeis HS
November 11th Happy Veterans Day!	
November 14th Band Booster Meeting	6:00 @ Band Hall
November 14th Learning Tree-Internet and Cell Phone Safety	6:00 @ Library
November 15th 7th Grade Science CDB # 1	
November 16th Night of Family Learning	4:00 @ Auxiliary gym
November 16th The Jungle Musical Performance	6:00 @ Cafeteria
November 20–24th Student Holiday— Thanksgiving Break	

## Cougar Athletics!

Football-4:30

Volleyball—5:00

November 7th, 8th and  
9th vs. Rayburn MS

Basketball-5:00

Girls' - Wednesday

Boys' - Thursday

Nov. 29th-30th vs. Neff

## A Note from the Principal....

Greetings Parents and Families of Anson Jones Middle School!

Most students face occasional challenges in school but with some grit and the right strategies, they will be able to work through them. Parents play a key role in motivating their children to persevere in school and achieve success. To motivate your child to keep trying when things get tough:

- **Stress the importance of the word *yet*.** There's a big difference between "I don't understand these math problems" and "I don't understand these math problems *yet*." When

your child is discouraged, remind them that they have not found the solution *yet*.

- **Praise effort.** Say things like, "You have worked on your science fair project every day this week. I am impressed!" "You're not going to give up until you figure it out, are you? I'm proud of your hard work." Even if your child misses the mark, praise their efforts. Trying hard and learning from mistakes is a major accomplishment.
- **Recall challenges that became successes.** You could say, "Remember when you

thought you wouldn't be able to learn the multiplication tables? You worked hard and you learned them!" Remind your student that they are capable of achieving success.

- **Encourage realistic objectives.** Choose things your child is likely to complete. For example, if they want to read a series of books, suggest that they start with just the first one. Achievement is a great motivator.

One of the most important traits you can teach your child is persistence!

Michella Wheat

Principal AJMS

## Counselors' Corner

Last month our school celebrated Red Ribbon Week and the importance of living a drug free lifestyle. Parents, this is a great time to communicate with your child about making good choices and how drugs affect not only the person but the families as well.



As the holidays approach, it is important to continue to remind your child to keep up their grades and assignments. Report cards will go out at the end of the month. Students have plenty of time to finish **STRONG!**

Save the date: Our next Parent Cafecito is sched-

uled for December 15, 2017. Join us to hear what the new year will bring.

