Welcome to

# THE AGAWAM ANCHOR

This newsletter is designed to step back and look at the big picture. In each issue, we will focus on the "why" behind our work: the long-term strategies, the district-wide initiatives, and the shared goals that unite all of our schools. This is where you will find district-wide updates and activities on how we are collectively navigating the future of Agawam Public Schools.

- **Foster a Sense of Belonging**
- **Provide Support and Resources for Social Civic, and Well-being Development**
- **Maintain and Support Communication, Collaboration, and Diversity of Perspectives**
- **Increase Opportunities for Choice and Voice**

## REVISED MISSION STATEMENT

THE AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO FOSTERING ACADEMIC RIGOR AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING, ENSURING EVERY STUDENT GROWS INTO A COMPASSIONATE CITIZEN WITHIN A CULTURE WHERE THEY TRULY BELONG.

## VOTE HERE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TAGLINE!

EMPOWERING LEARNERS; BUILDING FUTURES

*BELONG - ENGAGE - EMPOWER*

EDUCATING MINDS, EMPOWERING FUTURES

## MULTI - CULTURAL FEST - 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 16TH

(RAIN DATE MAY 17TH)
12:00 PM-4PM
SCHOOL STREET PARK






## APS FOOD SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS

*7 SCHOOLS, 41 STAFF,*
*BREAKFAST SERVED IN MARCH: 17,781*
*LUNCH SERVED IN MARCH 42,045*
*BREAKFAST SERVED YTD: 99,656*
*LUNCH SERVED YTD: 255,376*

## CURRICULUM CORNER

EXCITING CHANGES COMING TO SCIENCE! WE'RE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT BEGINNING IN THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, OUR DISTRICT WILL BEGIN IMPLEMENTING A NEW SCIENCE PROGRAM CALLED OPENSCIED FOR GRADES 6, 7 & 8. THIS HIGH-QUALITY, RESEARCH-BASED CURRICULUM IS ALIGNED WITH MASSACHUSETTS SCIENCE STANDARDS AND IS DESIGNED TO HELP ALL STUDENTS DEEPLY ENGAGE IN SCIENCE LEARNING THROUGH HANDS-ON INVESTIGATIONS AND COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING.

THIS TRANSITION IS MADE POSSIBLE BY A COMPETITIVE GRANT FROM THE ONE8 FOUNDATION, WHICH SUPPORTS A THOUGHTFUL, THREE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO ENSURE SUCCESS FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. TO LEARN MORE OPENSCIED PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK OPENSCIED
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DISTRICT'S 2026 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD WINNERS! THESE OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS WERE NOMINATED BY THEIR PEERS AND MEMBERS OF OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM. THIS YEAR, THE DISTRICT HAD THE HONOR OF SELECTING THREE TEACHERS, ALONG WITH A NEW TEACHER WHO IS WITHIN THEIR FIRST THREE YEARS OF TEACHING, FOR THIS RECOGNITION.

*ALISSA EASTON (NEW TEACHER)*
*GRADE 4 TEACHER*
*GRANGER SCHOOL*
*MELISSA KRIEBEL- SPANISH TEACHER*
*AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL*
*TAMMY RUMPLIK- STEAM TEACHER*
*DOERING SCHOOL*
*REBECCA BERGERON - GRADE 1 TEACHER*
*SAPELLI SCHOOL*

THE CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD WINNERS WILL BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2026. THE BANQUET WILL ACKNOWLEDGE AND CELEBRATE ALL WINNING TEACHERS. EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED PLAQUE, AN AWARD CHECK OF $250, GIFTS FROM AREA COLLEGES AND BUSINESSES, AND SOME SURPRISES.

