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AMCS NEWSLETTER

Alief Montessori Community School

AMCS Spotlight

MS. RACHEL LADANY

Position:
Upper Elementary Teacher



Favorite Food:
Tacos! I love any kind of taco. They are the greatest creation since sliced bread!

Favorite Book:
Beartown by Fredrik Backman or The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Favorite Song:
"Take Me Home, Country Roads"- John Denver. Being from Denver, we were big John Denver fans growing up and it is such a special song! Also it's a great song to sing with people from around the world. You're bound to find someone who knows it.

Fun Facts:

1. I have lived on 3 continents, but have been to 4.
2. I love to learn languages, and when I travel to a new place, I always make sure to learn how to say hello and thank you! So far I know how to say it in French, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai, Laos, Japanese, and Arabic, and I'm always happy to learn more!
3. Speaking of languages, I am semi-fluent in French. I have gotten a little rusty, so if you want to speak with me, Je suis tout ouïe!
4. I love insects! My favorite is the summertime musician- the Cicada.
5. I once worked as a Stage Manager for an Off-Broadway Theatre in New York City.

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First Tee Champions Challenge

BY: JENNIFER DONOVAN (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT LIAISON)

On Saturday, March 25th Fourth graders from over 250 schools from around the Houston area hit the green at F.M. Law Park to represent their schools at the 2023 First Tee Champions Challenge. Emily Cao and Jackson Tarver took a swing as our first ever AMCS First Tee Representatives.

The morning of the event teams were formed with a compilation of students from other schools. Teams competed in activities that were adapted for skills that they have learned in the First Tee program throughout the school year. Activities included putting, chipping, pitching, full swing, and running.

AMCS is proud to say that our AMCS representatives and their team took first place at this year's Champions Challenge. Congratulations, Emily and Jackson! We would also like to recognize Aiza Khan and Ivan Nguyen as our AMCS First Tee Representative Alternates. These 4th graders embody strength of character, good sportsmanship, and integrity. They have demonstrated dedication to their academics, exemplary conduct inside and outside the classroom, and proficient golf skills. Your AMCS community is so proud of you all.

This was the first year that the First Tee program was integrated into physical education classes at AMCS. It is a testament to the coaching and dedication of Coach Smith that our AMCS students excelled at this year's First Tee Champions Challenge. Thank you for all you do, Coach Smith!

The First Tee program strives to empower students through the game of golf, builds strength of character that will see students through a lifetime of challenges, and creates learning experiences that build inner strength, self-confidence, and resilience that our students can carry to everything they do. For more on First Tee visit <https://firstteegreaterhouston.org/>

“There must be provision for the child to have contact with nature, to understand and appreciate the order, the harmony and the beauty in nature.”

Maria Montessori





Earth Day Around AMCS

Primary

- Stories relating to Earth Day and the care of the Earth
- Planting Seeds
- Lessons on "how to recycle"

Lower Elementary Class

- Field Trip to Houston Arboretum and Nature Center TBA
- Gardening Day, April 21st, 9:00am - 11:30am

Ms. Santillan's Class

- Earth Day Science Fair, April 21st, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Ms. Novio's Class

- Earth Day Group Class Projects

Ms. Patajo's Class

- Recycled Crafts and Bead Bazaar, April 24

Ms. Momin's Class

- Recycling Projects and Presentations

Ms. Ladany's Class

- Earth Day Newscast

Ms. Tee's Class

- Earth Day Symposium, April 21st, 10:00am - 11:00am

Middle School

- Earth Day Open Mic (Poetry, Fashion Show, and Rap Battle)
- 7th Grade Raffle for Recycling and Sharing of Reusable Goods
- 6th Grade Clean-up

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED

AMCS is in need of Substitute Teachers!

Come work with the amazing teachers and staff at AMCS, learn more about the Montessori method, and support our AMCS community.

Application available in the Main Office.

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PODCASTERS

LISTEN AT:

[HTTPS://OPEN.SPOTIFY.COM/SHOW/3H0CDBBU05UBEZHBYHF3MQ](https://open.spotify.com/show/3H0CDBBU05UBEZHBYHF3MQ)

AMCS
RUN
CLUB



Wednesdays After School

Reading Topics for Primary Students

Head on over to your local library and check out a book with your student on one of the following topics that will be highlighted in your student's classroom this month:

The Human Body, Audubon Day, Birds, Earth Day, Recycling, Passover, Ramadhan, Arbor Day, Trees, South America

Parent Action Committee Meeting

APRIL 14TH - 1:00PM
AT AMCS

AMCS Parent Volunteer Shout Outs!

Thank you to all of our AMCS Parent Volunteers!
We appreciate all your hard work!

THIS MONTH WE'D LIKE TO SEND A "SHOUT OUT" TO OUR
AMCS PARENT VOLUNTEERS: MONIQUE ALLEN, HUNG
NGUYEN, DENIKA DOUGLAS-WASHINGTON, WENDY SEVILLA,
MONICA OLUMUGBA, MARY GAMBOA, AND JACK GAMBOA
THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP TO HELP OUR AMCS
COMMUNITY AT THE PARENT VOLUNTEER DAY!

AMCS ONLINE:

AMCS Website
<https://www.amcsmontessori.org/>

AMCS Official Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/Alief-Montessori-Community-School-102144042265960>

Alief Montessori Community Parents Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AMCSParents/>

Did you know AMCS students recite the AMCS Pledge beginning in elementary?

AMCS PLEDGE

I believe in myself and in my ability to do my best.
Today, I will listen, I will speak, I will read and I will
write.

I will do these things with one purpose in mind- to do
my best.

I will not waste this day for this day will come no more.
I can make it a great day or not.
The choice is mine.

Coming up:

Debate Club
Upper El & Middle School
TUESDAYS

Run Club
WEDNESDAYS

Community Run
APRIL 1

No School
APRIL 7

Super Smile Savers
APRIL 10 & 11

Parent Action Committee
APRIL 14

Out Of This World Spaghetti
Dinner & Live Entertainment
APRIL 14

Eid
APRIL 21

Earth Day
APRIL 22

Eid Celebration
Primary
APRIL 28

Run-A-Palooza
MAY 6