



The Spirit of Arcola

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS!

FEBRUARY, 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HELLO ARCOLA FAMILY,

WINTER IS HERE, AND SO IS THE SNOW, COLD, RAIN, ICE AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN! STUDENTS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB REMEMBERING THEIR BOOTS AND SNOW GEAR IF THEY PLAN TO GO IN THE SNOWY AREAS ON THE PLAYGROUND AT RECESS. WE WILL GO OUTSIDE FOR RECESS THIS WINTER UNLESS IT IS TOO RAINY, WET, OR ICY, OR IF THE REAL FEEL TEMPERATURE DIPS BELOW 10 DEGREES. THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO MAKE SURE STUDENTS COME TO SCHOOL WITH THEIR PROPER WINTER ATTIRE, HATS, AND GLOVES.

AT OUR JANUARY EAGLE EXTRAVAGANZA, OUR STUDENT LEADERS TAUGHT US MORE ABOUT THE LIFELINES OF INTEGRITY AND EMPATHY AND WE RECOGNIZED OUR STUDENT HIGH-FLYERS WHO STAND OUT AS EXCEPTIONAL MODELS OF THESE LIFELINES. THIS MONTH, WE WILL LEARN MORE FROM OUR 2ND GRADE STUDENTS ABOUT THE LIFELINES OF PERSEVERANCE & ENCOURAGEMENT.

AS WE LOOK AHEAD THIS SEMESTER, I WANTED TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF SOME IMPORTANT TESTING DATES COMING UP. MORE INFORMATION WILL COME HOME AS WE GET CLOSER TO THESE TEST WINDOWS. OUR 2ND AND 3RD GRADERS WILL TAKE IREAD-3 THE WEEK OF MARCH 4TH, AND GRADES 3-5 WILL TAKE ILEARN THIS SPRING, THE WINDOW FOR ILEARN IS APRIL 15 – MAY 10. AND THEN ALL STUDENTS K-5 WILL TAKE THE SPRING NWEA IN MAY.

ALL KINDERGARTEN, 2ND, AND 5TH GRADERS ARE CURRENTLY COGAT TESTING IN THEIR CLASSROOMS. THIS IS A STATE REQUIRED TEST WHICH IS USED TO ASSESS STUDENTS' ABILITIES IN REASONING AND PROBLEM SOLVING. LETTERS WENT HOME LAST WEEK GIVING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TEST AND HOW WE USE IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT!

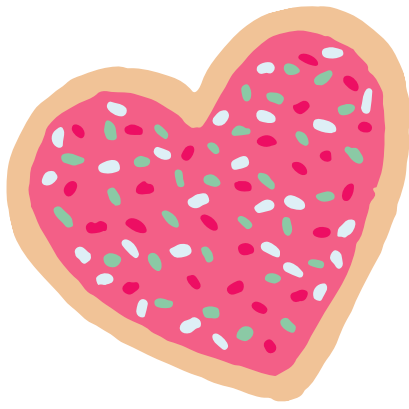
IN PARTNERSHIP,
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IMPORTANT dates and events

- 2-2 GROUND HOG DAY!
- 2-5 THRU 2-9 "SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE
- 2-5 THRU 2-9 COUNSELOR WEEK
- 2-6 PTO COMBAT OPS NIGHT
- 2-7 NO SCHOOL, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR STAFF
- 2-8 PTO MEETING 4 PM CAFETERIA
- 2-12 BOARD MEETING 6:00
- 2-14 MID TERMS GO HOME
- 2-16 EAGLE EXTRAVAGANZA
- 2-16 POPCORN DAY
- 2-19 NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS DAY
- 2-23 4TH & 5TH TO PFW
- 2-27 KDG. & 1ST PE GAMES AFTERSCHOOL

HAPPY
Valentines
DAY





PTO POINTS OF INTEREST

- COMBAT OPS - OUR NEXT DINE TO DONATE IS AT COMBAT OPS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH FROM 4-9.
- PTO MEETING - OUR NEXT PTO MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AT 4PM IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA.
- COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER - WE WILL BE PARTNERING WITH OTIS SPUNKMEYER THIS YEAR WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO BUY COOKIE DOUGH! THE PTO WILL THEN RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF THE SALES. THE FUNDS RECEIVED ARE USED TO PURCHASE SCIENCE FAIR BOARDS, FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION, CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, AND SO MUCH MORE. ORDER FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME IN LATE FEBRUARY.
- CARNIVAL - THE SCHOOL CARNIVAL WILL BE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING HOME SOON. WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING SPONSORS TO HELP OFFSET INCREASED COSTS OF RUNNING THE CARNIVAL AND PURCHASING SOME NEW GAMES. IF YOU OR YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEING A SPONSOR OF THE ARCOLA CARNIVAL PLEASE CONTACT ARCOLAPTO@GMAIL.COM.

EBA BASKETBALL - WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE OVER EBA BASKETBALL NEXT YEAR. IF WE DO NOT HAVE A VOLUNTEER WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER THIS ACTIVITY IN THE FUTURE. THE SEASON JUST STARTED SO IT'S A GREAT TIME TO JUMP IN AND LEARN THE ROPES BEFORE NEXT YEAR.

FROM THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Amy Saleh, Counselor

ON FEBRUARY 14TH, MOST OF US TAKE THE TIME TO TELL SOMEONE WE CARE FOR JUST HOW MUCH WE CARE. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO TALK WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT BEING AN "I CARE KID" EVERYDAY BY USING THE FOLLOWING RULES TO SHOW OTHERS HOW MUCH THEY CARE;

1. LISTEN TO EACH OTHER.
2. HANDS ARE FOR HELPING, NOT HURTING.
3. USE I-CARE LANGUAGE.
4. CARE ABOUT EACH OTHER'S FEELINGS.
5. BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT YOU SAY AND DO. SO INSTEAD OF WAITING UNTIL FEBRUARY 14TH OF EACH YEAR TO SHOW HOW MUCH WE CARE FOR OTHERS WE CAN FOLLOW THESE FIVE "I CARE" RULES EVERYDAY.





Show your teeth some *Love*

February is National Children's Dental Month

- Brush your teeth after breakfast and before bedtime.
- Floss your teeth daily
- Choose the right size toothbrush.
- Limit sugary snacks and drinks.
- Visit the dentist regularly.



Please remember your child must be 24 hours fever free before returning to school – without the aid of children's acetaminophen (Tylenol) or children's ibuprofen.

YOUR 2024 SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

REGIONAL- ASHLYN SCHAFER AND JACOB GREEN

SCIENCE CENTRAL- KAI SCHAFER AND CALEB BLAUGH

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS- WELLS KUHNEN

AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION- ISABELLA BLAUGH

NUTRITIONIST AWARD- ADDIE PRANGER.

AVIATION AWARD- LUKE FIELD.

MICROBIOLOGY AWARD- ETHAN BISSOO

PARKVIEW RESEARCH- AVERY DAUGHERTY

YOUNG FUTURE SCIENTIST- ANDELKO GENSIC

MS. SIRIOS' ART AWARD- NOLA HOLMAN

CARROLL HS STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD- AUDREY

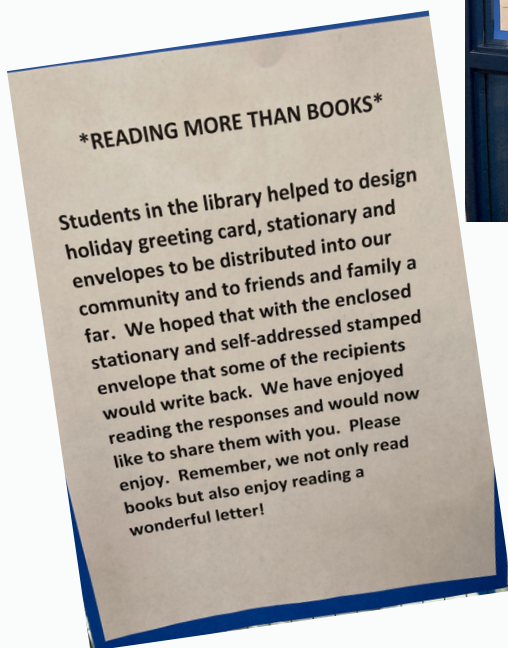
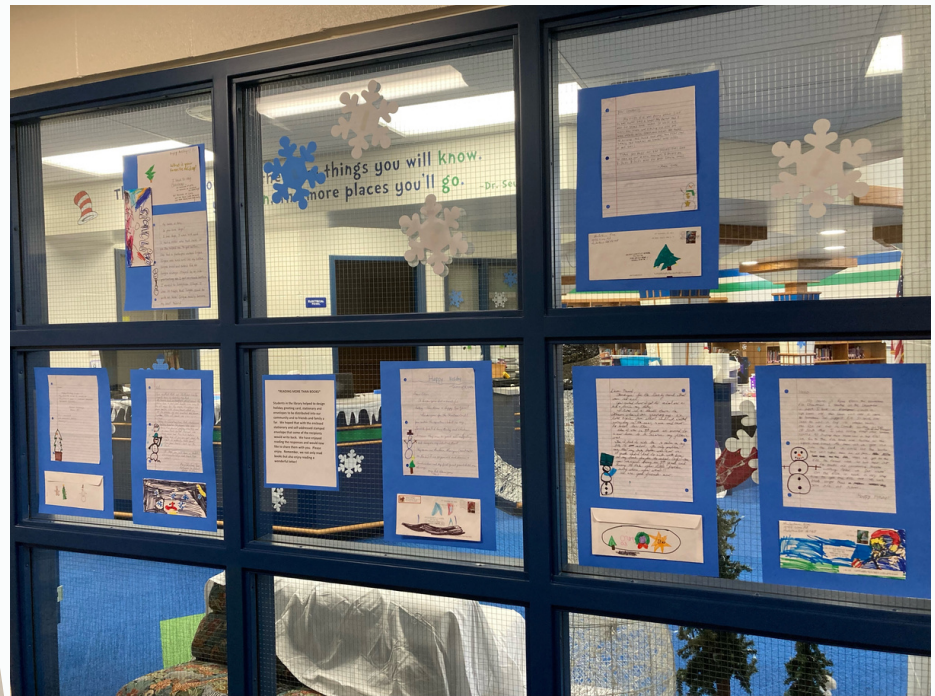
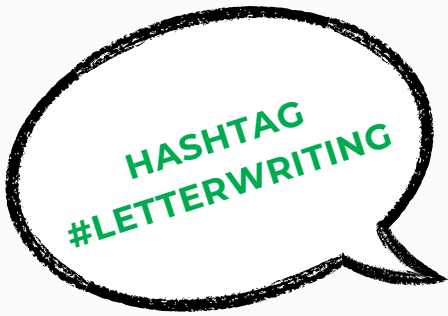
BUTTERMORE

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE AWARD- AUBREY BAUMAN

TEACHER'S CHOICE AWARD- GRACE STUERZENBERGER

NEWS FROM MRS. COLBY IN THE LIBRARY

A HUGE THANK YOU NEEDS TO GO OUT TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WROTE BACK TO OUR STUDENTS OVER WINTER BREAK. BEFORE THE STUDENTS LEFT FOR WINTER BREAK THEY DESIGNED HOLIDAY CARDS, STATIONARY, AND SCHOOL ADDRESSED STAMP ENVELOPES TO BE DISTRIBUTED INTO THE COMMUNITY. WHAT A RESPONSE WE HAVE HAD. FIRE FIGHTERS FROM THE HUNTERTOWN FIRE DEPT., POST LADY FROM ARCOLA POST OFFICE, MULTIPLE PEOPLE FROM EVERGREEN ASSISTED LIVING (ONE LADY WAS 92!) AND A NC GOVERNOR AWARD WINNER FROM PINEHURST NC. THIS PROJECT TAUGHT STUDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION AND VARIETIES OF MATERIALS TO READ OTHER THAN A BOOK. IN JANUARY WE FOCUSED ON READING OUR RETURNED LETTERS, AN ABRIDGED COPY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR'S. "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH, AND BOOKS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP. SOME OF THE TITLES WE READ ARE WHEN THINGS AREN'T GOING RIGHT, GO LEFT, SNOW FRIENDS, SNOWMEN AT WORK, AND THE MITTEN TREE. FEBRUARY WE WILL FOCUS ON RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH. KEEP READING!



PE CENTRAL

MRS. EAKRIGHT

WE MADE IT THROUGH JANUARY! WE MADE SEVERAL ADJUSTMENTS TO PLANS WITH ALL THE DAYS OFF. THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WE WILL BE BOWLING. KIDS WILL LEARN PROPER FINGER POSITION FOR THE GRIP, APPROACH AND FOLLOW THROUGH. THE UPPER GRADES WILL LEARN HOW TO KEEP SCORE WHILE WE PLAY A VARIETY OF FUN BOWLING GAMES.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON OUR SIT UPS DURING CLASS FOCUSING ON ABDOMINAL STRENGTH. CHALLENGE YOUR CHILD TO A 1 MINUTE SIT UP CHALLENGE AND SEE WHO CAN DO THE MOST SIT UPS.

NACS RELAY IS COMING SOON. THE FUNDRAISER WILL BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH AND RUN FOR 2 WEEKS. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT CANCER RESEARCH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS. RELAY FOR LIFE IS SO THANKFUL FOR OUR HARD WORK IN THE FUNDRAISER THEY GIVE BACK TO ARCOLA TO PURCHASE NEW PE EQUIPMENT FOR THE KIDS. EACH YEAR ARCOLA HAS AMAZED US AND HAS RAISED OVER \$6000! WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE HOW WE DO THIS YEAR!

MRS. EAKRIGHT



MUSICAL NOTES

MRS. LEAHY

STUDENTS IN GRADE K-3 WILL BE EXPLORING Mallet instruments. While students in grade 4 and 5 will be working on learning the repertoire for our upcoming Fort Wayne Philharmonic concert on Friday, February 23rd. At our field trip to see the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, students will sing along and play recorder with the orchestra as we join in on this interactive experience. I am so excited to take the students on this wonderful field trip! Special thanks to the PTO for sponsoring our buses for this event! For that day, all students will need to pack a lunch as we will not be back in time for our normal lunch time.

Disney's Frozen Jr. is in full swing! Set crew is designing backdrops and the cast is busy learning their lines. If your child is needed at rehearsal, please send in a note the day of to let us know that you are planning on having them stay after school and who will be picking them up. Rehearsals will end at 4pm and we greatly appreciate students being picked up on time. A new schedule will be coming home at the end of this week for the rest of the month. This week both set and stage crew along with all cast members will be staying after school till 4pm.

Other upcoming dates to be aware of:

The Fame (Foundation for Arts and Music in Education) Festival will be held on Saturday, March 16th. Students in band and choir will be performing at this event.

ARCOLA ELEMENTARY “SOUPER” BOWL LVIII FOOD DRIVE

Monday, February 5th to Friday, February 9th

Student Council is sponsoring a food drive next week. They will be collecting items for The Community Harvest Food Bank.

This time of year, food bank shelves are bare, and they are in need of canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, dessert mixes, peanut butter and jelly, soup, and breakfast cereal. Other items to donate might be paper products, personal hygiene products, and detergents.

Tables will be set up in front of the office for students to drop items off each morning. Students will place items on the table that represents the team they would like to see win. Will it be the Kansas City Chiefs or the San Francisco 49ers?





COMBAT CARES FUNDRAISER

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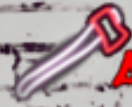
February 6th, 2024

4PM - 9PM

20% OFF ALL ATTRACTIONS

An additional \$20 will be donated to the non-profit for any birthday party booked that evening.

MISSION-BASED LASER TAG



AXE THROWING

MINI GOLF

MINI BOWLING



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Arcola School Café

Every morning 7:30 to 7:45

