

The Spirit of Arcola

SPELLING BEE WINNERS!

JANUARY, 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HELLO ARCOLA FAMILY,

I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL WINTER BREAK AND THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE STUDENTS AND STAFF BACK IN THE BUILDING! IT WAS A GREAT FIRST SEMESTER, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP THIS YEAR. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SECOND SEMESTER AS WE START A NEW YEAR!

AT OUR DECEMBER EAGLE EXTRAVAGANZA, MR. ELDER AND MR. KADUK'S 5TH GRADERS PRESENTED A WONDERFUL AND ORIGINAL SKIT THAT HIGHLIGHTED AND MODELED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LIFELINES OF GENEROSITY & POSITIVE ATTITUDE. FOR JANUARY, WE WILL FOCUS ON THE LIFELINES OF INTEGRITY & EMPATHY, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR STUDENT LEADERS SHARING MORE ON THESE LIFELINES AT OUR NEXT EAGLE EXTRAVAGANZA.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS FROM NACS REGARDING DELAYS AND CANCELATIONS, YOU CAN VISIT THE PARENT PORTAL ON THE NACS WEBSITE TO OPT IN. IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE A PARENT ACCOUNT, THE DIRECTIONS ONLINE WILL WALK YOU THROUGH HOW TO SET ONE UP. IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A PARENT ACCOUNT, YOU CAN JUMP DOWN TO "REVIEW SCHOOL MESSENGER CONTACTS" TO ADD OR EDIT YOUR CONTACTS.

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STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO GO OUTSIDE TO RECESS EACH DAY, WEATHER PERMITTING, AS LONG AS THE TEMPERATURE INCLUDING WIND CHILL IS 10 DEGREES OR ABOVE. REMIND YOUR CHILD TO BE SURE THEY HAVE THEIR COAT, HAT, AND GLOVES. WHEN SNOW IS COVERING THE GROUND, STUDENTS WILL ALSO NEED SNOW BOOTS TO GO INTO THE MULCH AND GRASS AREAS OF THE PLAYGROUND.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT START TO 2024!

IN PARTNERSHIP,
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IMPORTANT dates and events

- 1-8 STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL
- 1-8 BOARD MEETING 6:00
- 1-10 REPORT CARDS GO HOME
- 1-11 PTO MEETING 4:00 IN CAFETERIA
- 1-15 NO SCHOOL/MLK DAY
- 1-19 SCRIP ORDER FORM GOES HOME
- 1-19 POPCORN DAY
- 1-19 EAGLE EXTRAVAGANZA 1:45
- 1-19 SCIENCE FAIR PRE-ORDER DINNER DUE
- 1-22 SCRIP ORDERS DUE
- 1-26 SCRIP ORDERS DELIVERED HOME
- 1-29 BOARD MEETING 6:00
- 1-31 SCIENCE FAIR EVENING

2024





PTO POINTS OF INTEREST

- PTO MEETING – OUR NEXT PTO MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH AT 4PM IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA. PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISERS WE HAVE PLANNED FOR 2024!
- SCIENCE FAIR – THE PTO WILL BE PROVIDING A 24" X 48" WHITE TRIFOLD SCIENCE FAIR BOARD TO EACH STUDENT THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE SCIENCE FAIR. PLEASE RETURN THE HALF SLIP INDICATING IF YOU WOULD LIKE A BOARD SO THEY CAN BE PURCHASED AND SENT HOME WITH KIDS. THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE HOSTING SCIENCE FAIR NIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST FROM 5PM-7PM. THE PTO WILL BE SELLING HOT DOG MEALS WHICH INCLUDES ONE HOT DOG, LAYS REGULAR CHIPS, COOKIE, AND WATER FOR ONLY \$3! HOT DOG MEALS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE VIA THE PRESALE FORMS THAT WILL BE SENT HOME THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8TH. THE HOT DOG MEAL PRESALE FORMS AND MONEY ARE DUE BACK BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH.
- VALENTINES GRAMS – ORDER FORMS FOR VALENTINE GRAMS WILL BE SENT HOME AT THE END OF JANUARY. STUDENTS CAN PURCHASE HEART POP-IT KEYCHAIN VALENTINES FOR THEIR FRIENDS FOR ONLY \$1 EACH OR A GIFT CARD FOR A TEACHER OR STAFF MEMBER FOR ONLY \$5 EACH.
- COMBAT OPS – WE WILL BE HOLDING A FUNDRAISER AT COMBAT OPS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME AT THE END OF JANUARY!
- CARNIVAL – WE ARE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF PLANNING THE SCHOOL CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD IN APRIL. IF YOU KNOW OF A BUSINESS THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DONATING TO THE CARNIVAL PLEASE CONTACT ARCOLAPTO@GMAIL.COM.

FROM THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER Amy Saleh, Counselor

HOPE EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL BREAK! I KNOW MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE MADE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS AND YOU ARE WORKING HARD TO ACCOMPLISH THEM. IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE A RESOLUTION YET OR WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANOTHER ONE I HAVE AN IDEA THAT YOU CAN DO AS A FAMILY. COMMIT TO READING TOGETHER! WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO CREATE A LIFELONG READER? READING TOGETHER! READING IS FREE, FUN, AND WILL BRING YOU AND YOUR CHILD CLOSER. FIND A TIME EACH DAY WHEN YOU AND YOUR CHILD CAN ENJOY A GOOD BOOK. HERE ARE FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU CHOOSE STORIES:

ASK LIBRARIANS, FRIENDS, AND TEACHERS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS. FIND BOOKS THAT EXPAND YOUR CHILD'S INTEREST (INSECTS, OUTER SPACE), DEAL WITH AN EVENT (A NEW BABY, A VISIT TO THE DENTIST) AND BUILD CHARACTER (FRIENDSHIP, TRUTHFULNESS). PICK STORIES FOR BOTH INFORMATION AND ENJOYMENT. TRY REAL AND MAKE-BELIEVE STORIES AND POEMS, AS WELL AS CHILDREN'S MAGAZINES.



COLD AND FLU SEASON – THE FLU IS OFTEN CONFUSED WITH THE COMMON COLD, BUT FLU SYMPTOMS TEND TO DEVELOP QUICKLY (USUALLY 1 TO 4 DAYS AFTER A PERSON IS EXPOSED TO THE FLU VIRUS) AND ARE USUALLY MORE SEVERE THAN THE TYPICAL SNEEZING AND STUFFINESS OF A COLD.

SYMPTOMS OF THE FLU MAY INCLUDE:



FEVER	CHILLS	HEAD
MUSCLE ACHES	DIZZINESS	TIREDNESS
NAUSEA OR VOMITING	DIARRHEA	COUGH
SORE THROAT	RUNNY NOSE	WEAKNESS

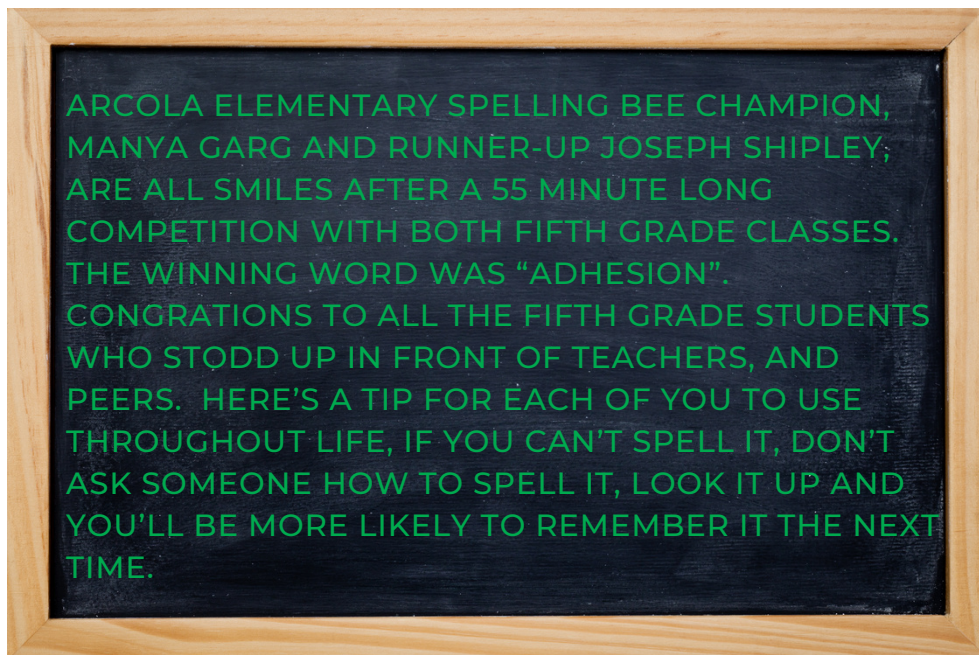
WAYS TO PREVENT THE FLU:

- **WASH YOUR HANDS** – KEEP FINGERS AND HANDS AWAY FROM NOSE AND MOUTH.
- NEVER PICK UP USED TISSUES
- NEVER SHARE CUPS AND EATING UTENSILS
- COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WITH YOUR ELBOW OR A TISSUE WHEN YOU COUGH OR SNEEZE.
- STAY HOME FROM WORK OR SCHOOL WHEN YOU'RE SICK WITH THE FLU

WAYS TO HELP EASE THE FLU

- STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL
- DRINK LOTS OF FLUIDS
- GET PLENTY OF SLEEP

REMEMBER STUDENTS NEED TO STAY HOME AT LEAST 24 HOURS AFTER A FEVER HAS BROKEN NATURALLY, WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION.



HI, IT'S JEN COLBY, THE NEW LIBRARY AIDE AT ARCOLA. I TRANSITIONED FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION INTO THE LIBRARIAN POSITION THE END OF NOVEMBER. I NEED TO GIVE A HUGE SHOUT OUT FOR ALL THE HELP! MRS. C HELPED ME WITH MANY TASKS TO ALLOW US TO HOST THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN DECEMBER. I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT IT WAS SUCCESSFUL AND A TON OF FUN. PARENTS, A HUGE THANK YOU FOR SENDING IN MONEY OR FILLING THOSE E-WALLETS. PLEASE SEE THE PICTURE OF JUST SOME OF THE NEW BOOKS I PURCHASED WITH YOUR HELP. A REMINDER THAT E-WALLETS CAN BE USED TO PURCHASE BOOKS THROUGH OUT THE YEAR BY VISITING SCHOLASTIC.COM. I HOPE YOU ENJOY SOME PICTURES OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING AROUND THE LIBRARY. LEADING UP TO BOOK FAIR WE READ MY VERY FAVORITE BOOK IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD BY MALCOLM MITCHELL. AFTER BOOKFAIR WE HAVE READ "THE GINGERBREAD BABY" BY JAN BRETT AND "GOOD MORNING, SNOWPLOW!" BY DEBORAH BRUSS. THE ILLUSTRATIONS IN BOTH OF THESE STORIES ARE AMAZING AND DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER. FIFTH GRADE LEARNED WHAT LED UP TO BOB MAY WRITING THE STORY "RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER". IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT IN 5TH GRADE, ASK THEM ABOUT IT. LOOKING FORWARD TO JANUARY, THE NEW YEAR AND ALL IT HAS TO BRING. KEEP READING! MRS. COLBY

HASHTAG
#BOOKFAIRFUN



PE CENTRAL

MRS. EAKRIGHT

WELCOME 2024! HOPING ALL OF YOU ENJOYED YOUR BREAK WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THIS NEXT SEMESTER IS FILLED WITH A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES! KIDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ASKING WHEN OUR RELAY FOR LIFE SCHOOLS VS CANCER FUNDRAISER IS. THIS IS ARCOLA'S BIG PUSH FOR THE NACS RELAY EVENT IN THE SPRING. THE FUNDRAISER WILL BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH AND RUN FOR 2 WEEKS. NOT ONLY IS THIS 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!

JANUARY WILL BE FILLED WITH SOME FUN GAME ACTIVITIES THAT FOCUS ON STRIKING, THROWING, AND CATCHING. WE WILL ALSO BE DOING AN ALL-SCHOOL FITNESS CHALLENGE TO WORK ON ABDOMINAL STRENGTH. STRONG ABDOMINAL STRENGTH IS IMPORTANT FOR BALANCE AND STABILITY AND LEADS TO BETTER POSTURE AS THE KIDS GROW. SO BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS COMING HOME SOON!



MUSICAL NOTES

MRS. LEAHY

HARD TO BELIEVE WE ARE NOW IN 2024! LAST SEMESTER WAS A BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL ONE. THE WINTER PROGRAM WAS A REAL HIGHLIGHT! LOOKING AHEAD AT THE UPCOMING SEMESTER, 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.

IN OTHER NEWS, THE CAST LIST FOR DISNEY'S FROZEN JR. HAS BEEN POSTED AND WE PLAN TO START OUR REHEARSALS FOR THAT ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH. PARENTS SHOULD BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A REHEARSAL SCHEDULE COMING HOME BY JANUARY 11TH. THIS SCHEDULE DICTATES WHO WILL NEED TO STAY AFTER WHEN. 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.

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.

Baseball

WELCOME TO THE REGISTRATION OF THE 2024 SEASON FOR ARCOLA BASEBALL! REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM JANUARY 1-FEBRUARY 2. THIS SEASON, THERE WILL BE 4 DIVISIONS. PLEASE READ THE DESCRIPTIONS THAT WILL FIT BEST FOR YOUR PLAYER(S).

DIVISIONS:

MINOR LEAGUE

AGES 4-5 (FIRST TIME 6-YEAR-OLDS)

MACHINE PITCH/TEE

8U

AGES 6-8

MACHINE PITCH (FORMERLY INTERMEDIATE DIVISION)

10U

AGES 9-10 (CAPABLE 8-YEAR-OLDS)

PLAYER/COACH PITCH (FALL BALL RULES)

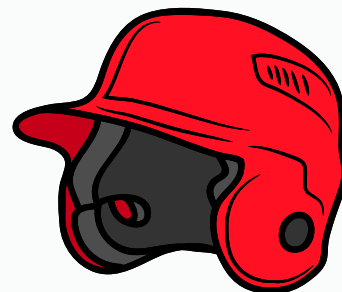
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13U

AGES 11-13 (CAPABLE 10-YEAR-OLDS)

PLAYER PITCH (FORMERLY MAJOR DIVISION)

TEAMS WILL BE DRAFTED WITH PLAYER EVALUATION IN FEBRUARY



AS NOTED IN THE DIVISIONS, CAPABLE PLAYERS MAY PLAY UP A DIVISION, BUT OLDER PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY DOWN. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHICH DIVISION TO REGISTER FOR, PLEASE REGISTER BASED ON YOUR CHILD'S AGE. WHEN YOU ARE REGISTERING, PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU ARE REGISTERING AT YOUR OWN RISK.

INDOOR SPRING TRAINING WILL BE HELD FOR THE 8U, 10U, AND THE 13U TEAMS. THEY START THE WEEK OF MARCH 4TH. IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR REGISTRATION FEES LOW, **WE WILL BE ASSIGNING EACH TEAM 1 NIGHT TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CONCESSION STAND.**

REGISTRATION FEE(S):

\$85 FOR ONE PLAYER

\$10 DISCOUNT FOR 2 PLAYERS (\$160 TOTAL FOR 2 CHILDREN)

\$20 DISCOUNT FOR 3 PLAYERS (\$235 TOTAL FOR 3 CHILDREN)

\$30 DISCOUNT FOR 4 PLAYERS (\$310 TOTAL FOR 4 CHILDREN)

FOR REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS TO APPLY, PLAYERS MUST BE SIBLINGS (COUSINS DOES NOT APPLY).

REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE A SHIRT AND HAT.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY CREDIT CARD (VIA THIS SITE AND WILL INCLUDE A PROCESSING FEE FROM THE WEBSITE) OR CHECK. IF YOU PAY BY CHECK, IT CAN BE MAILED IN TO ARCOLA BASEBALL INC, PO BOX 151, ARCOLA, IN 46704.

YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.ARCOLABASEBALL.COM

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PAY ONLINE, ONCE AGAIN, WITH CREDIT CARD OR MAIL IN A CHECK IF YOU PREFER AS YOU REGISTER.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE LET US KNOW AT ARCOLABASEBALLLEAGUE@GMAIL.COM

THANK YOU,

ARCOLA BASEBALL BOARD

SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING DAYS

DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

THE PURPOSE OF THIS EMAIL IS TO COMMUNICATE A CHANGE TO OUR PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR SHOULD WE HAVE TO CANCEL A DAY OF ONSITE LEARNING DUE TO A WEATHER EVENT OR OTHER UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PREVENTS US FROM FOLLOWING OUR NORMAL DAILY ROUTINES.

IN THE EVENT THAT WE NEED TO CANCEL OUR REGULAR SCHOOL DAY, WE WILL BE IMPLEMENTING SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING. THIS MEANS THAT WE WILL BE PROVIDING LIVE INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS ON DAYS WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ONSITE. OUR HOPE IS THAT THIS CHANGE IN OUR DELIVERY OF INSTRUCTION WILL BETTER SERVE STUDENTS AND KEEP LEARNING MOVING FORWARD IN A MORE PRODUCTIVE AND ENGAGING FORMAT. THIS CHANGE ALSO ALLOWS FAMILIES AND TEACHERS THE ABILITY TO MORE ACCURATELY PLAN AHEAD FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR AS WE WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO THREE WEATHER CANCELLATION DAYS WITH THIS FORMAT SHOULD WE HAVE AN ESPECIALLY CHALLENGING WINTER. (PLEASE NOTE: SHOULD WE HAVE A WEATHER CANCELLATION DURING DECEMBER 18TH-21ST, THEN WE WILL UTILIZE THE DECEMBER 22ND MAKE-UP DATE.)

THE DAILY SCHEDULES FOR LIVE INSTRUCTION AT EACH LEVEL OF LEARNING ARE PROVIDED BELOW:

- ELEMENTARY: 9:30AM-NOON
- MIDDLE SCHOOL: 9:00AM-12:55PM
- HIGH SCHOOL: 9:00AM-12:25PM

THE EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS WILL BE THAT THEY ARE ACTIVELY ATTENDING LIVE SESSIONS ON SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING DAYS. HAVING STATED THIS, WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT SITUATIONS ARISE THAT DO NOT MAKE THIS POSSIBLE, AND FLEXIBILITY AND ALTERNATIVES WILL BE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS WHEN NECESSARY.

WE WANTED TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF THIS CHANGE IN OUR PROCEDURES EARLY IN THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS(ES) AND BUILDING WILL BE PROVIDED BY YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER/PRINCIPAL.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING STUDENTS BACK IN OUR BUILDINGS TOMORROW, AND I HOPE THAT EVERYONE HAS A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR!

THANK YOU,

DR. BILL TOLER
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
NORTHWEST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS