



The Spirit of Arcola

NOVEMBER, 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HELLO ARCOLA FAMILY,

WE ENJOYED A WARM OCTOBER, BUT COOLER TEMPERATURES ARE FINALLY HERE! WITH THE FALL AND WINTER WEATHER INCHING IN, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER, AND FOR RECESS, EACH DAY. WE WILL GO OUTSIDE FOR RECESS 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.

WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME LAST FRIDAY AT OUR FALL FESTIVAL! THANK YOU TO ALL THE STAFF AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS, AND THOSE WHO SENT IN DONATIONS WHO HELPED MAKE THIS AWESOME EVENT POSSIBLE!

AT OUR EAGLE EXTRAVAGANZA THIS MONTH, SEVERAL STAFF MEMBERS WILL JOIN ME AND MRS. SALEH IN HELPING TEACH OUR STUDENTS MORE ABOUT THE LIFELINES OF PROBLEM SOLVING AND HUMILITY. THESE LIFELINES FIT VERY WELL WITH OUR OVERALL EMPHASIS THIS YEAR ON GRIT & GRACE. I AM SURE YOUR CHILD WILL BE EXCITED TO TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THESE LIFELINES AND THE EAGLE IN THE COMING WEEKS.

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.

[HTTPS://WWW.NACS.K12.IN.US/PARENTS/PARENT_PORTAL](https://www.nacs.k12.in.us/parents/parent_portal)

IN PARTNERSHIP,

KATE JOHANNINGSMEIER

PRINCIPAL

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IMPORTANT dates and events

11-1 4TH GRADE PEAK @ H.C 6-7 PM

11-2 ST. LEADERS AFTER SCHOOL TILL 3:45

11-3 SCRIP DELIVERED

11-7 PICTURE RETAKES

11-7 DINE TO DONATE SHIGS N PITS

11-7 PACE BOOK CLUB TILL 3:15

11-9 PTO MEETING 6:00

11-10 VETERANS DAY 9:00

11-10 DEADLINE FOR WINTER FLOWER SALE

11-10 SCRIP ORDER FORM GOES HOME

11-13 SCRIP ORDERS DUE

11-13 BOARD MEETING 6:00

11-14 PACE BOOK CLUB TILL 3:15

11-15 DEADLINE FOR SILVER GRAPHICS

11-15 PACE THANKSGIVING COOKING CLASS TILL 3:30

11-16 FEAST FOR GRADE K-2 IN GYM

11-16 EAGLE EXTRAVAGANZA 1:45

11-16 PACE FUSED GLASS CLASS #1 TILL 3:30

11-17 PEEK INTO PEAK 9:15 TO 10:00

11-17 BIZ TOWN 5TH GRADE 9:30-1:30

11-17 SCRIP ORDERS DELIVERED

11-17 POPCORN DAY

11-20 PACE FUSED GLASS CLASS #2 TILL 3:30

11-21 MID TERMS GO HOME GRADE 2-5

11-21 SCRIP ORDER FORM GOES HOME

11-22 THRU 11-24 THANKSGIVING BREAK

11-27 BOARD MEETING 6:00

11-27 SCRIP ORDERS DUE

11-28 PACE BOOK CLUB TILL 3:15

11-28 HOLIDAY SHOP THRU 11:30

11-30 PACE REINDEER PLATE TILL 3:30





PTO POINTS OF INTEREST

- HOLIDAY FLOWERS – HOLIDAY ORDER FORMS WERE SENT OUT AT THE END OF OCTOBER. ORDER FORMS ARE DUE BACK BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH. THE FLOWERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AFTER SCHOOL AND AT THE HOLIDAY CONCERT AS WELL AS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS.
- SILVER GRAPHICS – SILVER GRAPHICS FUNDRAISER FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME THIS WEEK. THIS FUNDRAISER ALLOWS YOU TO PURCHASE ITEMS FEATURING YOUR CHILD'S ARTWORK AND IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE GIFTS FOR THOSE HARD TO BUY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS. ORDERS NEED TO BE PLACED BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH TO GUARANTEE THE ITEMS ARRIVE PRIOR TO THE HOLIDAY BREAK.
- SHIGS IN PIT – OUR NEXT DINE TO DONATE WILL BE HELD AT SHIGS IN PIT (ILLINOIS ROAD LOCATION) ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH. FLYERS WILL BE SENT HOME SOON!
- PTO MEETING – OUR NEXT PTO MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH AT 6PM IN THE CAFETERIA.
- HOLIDAY SHOP – THE HOLIDAY SHOP WILL BE NOVEMBER 28-30. THE KIDS LOVED SHOPPING FOR THEIR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND TEACHERS LAST YEAR. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME SOON REGARDING DETAILS AND VOLUNTEER SIGN UP.

FROM THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER Amy Saleh, counselor

During the month of November we will be focusing on Career Exploration. As we investigate different careers we will discuss the importance getting involved in school and in the community. Students will begin a Career Guidance Portfolio that will follow them through the years here at Arcola. They will start to keep track of different careers they research, activities in which they are involved, hobbies and interest they have and the academic/personal/social skills in which they already possess. I look forward to seeing the interest students have and encouraging them to pursue those interest!!





It's been a busy year so far. I'm sure that students are looking forward to showing off their talents via the Silver Graphics fundraiser order form. We worked very hard, for a few weeks, to create the art for it.

Our next big endeavor will be creating art to use as decorations for the winter

music program. Students in Grades K-2 create artwork connected to their song lyrics. It is an Arcola tradition, that students in Grade 3-5 make a decoration for the K-2 program, as a way to show support to the younger students in the school community.

Grade level agendas: Up next:

Kindergarten ...will be creating reindeer hats for the winter program. If we have time, we will also do reindeer art.

First Grade ... will create 3D paper evergreen wreaths for the winter program.

Second Grade... will create disco dancing turkeys using a variety of materials.

Third Grade... will continue to create their spooky house drawings using basic art elements to create a sense of mood.

Fourth Grade ...will use line and shape to create a collage of an old house.

Fifth grade ... continues work on their mixed up mansion collages, relying on shape and unity to create a house made of different architectural styles.

Thank you to everyone who sends in donated items. Many projects in art depend on materials that cannot be purchased on a supply order, especially those connected to the winter programs and other special events. Any donations from the "items needed" list help us to be able to create those artworks or STEAM projects. Here are some examples of how we use donated items.

Toothpicks: we use them as tools during clay projects. Toothpicks help with attaching clay parts and detailed work.

Paper plates: we use them for a variety of reasons. This year, between feast day and the winter program, we will use 36 paper plates to make turkey tail feathers.

Paper bowls: we use these every year to weave baskets for feast day.

Foam plates: we use these to create clay plates.

Thank You



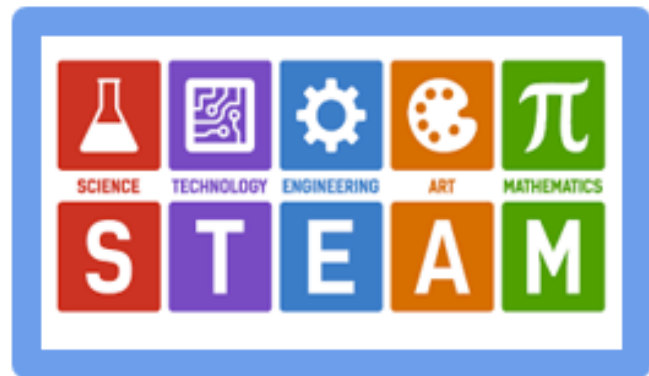
Items needed/wanted/wished for: Magazines like Family Fun, home and cooking magazines, Cardboard trays from Aldi (never enough), copier paper boxes, Toilet paper tubes and paper towel tubes, Gallon size Ziploc bags for storing art projects, empty tissues boxes, paper bowls, Styrofoam bowls, small Styrofoam plates, paper plates, toothpicks, bamboo skewers, fabric scraps, yarn, plastic straws.

Thanks! **Ms. Sirois**



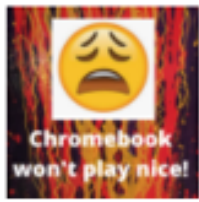
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Hello everyone! I thought I would start this note with a digital housekeeping tip that will keep your child on top of lessons and classwork that require a chromebook. We all know by now, that students should be charging their Chromebooks every night so that they do not miss out on any educational opportunities the next day. Did you also know that their browsing history should be cleared on a regular basis? Often students experience tech issues such as video links that won't play or denied access to lesson

sites and activities. Most of these, and other small issues can be fixed by clearing history/cache/cookies on a weekly basis. To learn how to do this, you can click this link or visit my STEAM or Art canvas page and look for this link at any time:



Kindergarten ...is finishing our science study on leaf characteristics, before building 3D paper turkeys for feast day.

First Grade... is finishing 3D autumn tree sculptures before creating 3D paper pumpkins for feast day.

Second Grade... is finishing weaving baskets before starting egg carton arthropod sculptures.

Third Grade ... has been learning to use the web based, 3D modeling program called Tinkercad. They are designing flower shaped game pieces that will be printed on the 3D printer.

Fourth Grade ... has been learning to use the web based, 3D modeling program called Tinkercad. They are designing arthropod game pieces that can be printed on the 3D printer.

Fifth grade ... is finishing x-ray hand drawings before developing projects on Tinkercad that benefit the outdoor classroom.

Did you know that the majority of the supplies we use to do projects in STEAM class come from surplus inventory or donated items? I wanted to take the time to say "Thank You!" to the many people who have donated to the STEAM program in all the little and big ways. It really makes a difference for our kids.

Also, special thanks to the PTO for coordinating efforts to obtain two new 3D printers for the Makerspace!

Items needed/ wanted/wished for: sturdy paper plates, colorful plastic straws, colored copier paper or other scrapbook paper, double sided origami paper, any building toys you no longer want (tinker toys, blocks, etc.), cardboard trays (like from Aldi), paper towel tubes, empty tissue boxes, regular paper plates, paper bowls, yarn

:) Ms. Sirois|

PE CENTRAL

MRS. EAKRIGHT



OCTOBER WAS FULL OF FUN FAVORITES. AS WE MOVE INTO NOVEMBER, WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON BOOT CAMP IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS AND FLOOR HOCKEY. DURING OUR BOOT CAMP WEEK, WE TALK ABOUT THE DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY AND WHAT THE PURPOSE OF BOOT CAMP IS. THEN WE HAVE OUR OWN SPECIAL BOOT CAMP SET UP IN THE GYM.

FLOOR HOCKEY WILL WORK ON STRIKING AND TEAMWORK AS WE LEARN THE BASIC SKILLS OF STICK HANDLING, PASSING AND SCORING.


MRS. EAKRIGHT

MUSICAL NOTES

MRS. LEAHY

IN MUSIC CLASSES THIS MONTH, WE HAVE SANG SONGS, PLAYED SOME GAMES, LEARNED ABOUT INSTRUMENTS, AND WORKED ON DRUMMING WITH DRUM STICKS, BOOMWHACKERS AND OTHER NON-PITCHED PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS. STUDENTS IN GRADES K-2 PRACTICED GETTING TO MRS. LEAHY'S CANVAS CLASS IN CASE WE HAVE A SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING DAY. STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-5 PRACTICED READING NOTE NAMES. 4TH GRADE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB ON RECORDER AND HAVE JUST EARNED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THOSE INSTRUMENTS HOME AS SOON AS THEY FILL OUT THEIR RECORDER CONTRACT. STUDENTS IN GRADES K-2, CHOIR AND BAND HAVE STARTED WORKING ON SONGS FOR THE WINTER PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE HELD HERE AT ARCOLA ON THURSDAY, DEC. 7TH. LETTERS ABOUT THE WINTER PROGRAM HAVE GONE HOME, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT EVENT, FEEL FREE TO E-MAIL ME. CHOIR IS GETTING READY TO PERFORM AT OUR VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM ON FRIDAY NOV. 10TH, STARTING AT 9:30AM. PARENTS OF CHOIR STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME SEE THEM PERFORM. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HONORING OUR LOCAL VETERANS AT THIS GREAT PROGRAM.





CHARGER ELEMENTARY WRESTLING

When: January 9th - March 14th

Who: Pre K - to 5th Grade

Where: Carroll High School



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REGISTER TODAY!

<https://forms.gle/4Qf7SFifD1Fu8Vb96>

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