



The Spirit of Arcola

OCTOBER, 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HELLO ARCOLA FAMILY,

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE WE ARE ONLY A COUPLE WEEKS AWAY FROM THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF SCHOOL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES ON OCTOBER 20TH, AND HOPE YOU ENJOY A LONG WEEKEND WITH FALL BREAK BEING ON OCTOBER 23RD.

THIS MONTH WITH OUR LIFELINES, WE CONTINUED TO BUILD ON OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GRIT & GRACE. THROUGHOUT THE MONTH IN CLASSROOMS, GUIDANCE LESSONS, AT THE EAGLE EXTRAVAGANZA AND ON MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS STUDENTS LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF KINDNESS AND INITIATIVE. IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO SEE SO MANY OF OUR STUDENTS MODELING THESE LIFELINES DAILY IN THEIR INTERACTIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER AND WITH STAFF. IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR FOCUS ON GRIT & GRACE AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LIFELINES OF COURAGE AND RESPECT.

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)

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IMPORTANT dates and events

- 10-2 SCRIP DUE
- 10-5 ST. LEADERS AFTER SCHOOL TILL 3:45
- 10-6 SCRIP DELIVERED
- 10-9 DEADLINE FOR PACE SIGN UPS
- 10-9 BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM
- 10-12 PTO MEETING 6:00 PM
- 10-12 PACE PUMPKIN CLASS
- 10-13 EAGLE EXTRAVAGANZA
- 10-13 POPCORN DAY
- 10-13 END OF 1ST 9 WEEKS
- 10-13 SCRIP ORDER FORM GOES HOME
- 10-14 LIONS CLUB CHICKEN BBQ AT THE FIRE HOUSE IN ARCOLA
- 10-16 SCRIP ORDERS DUE
- 10-17 3RD GRADE STUDY TRIP DOWNTOWN
- 10-18 REPORT CARDS GO HOME
- 10-19 SCRIP DELIVERED
- 10-20 PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY NO STUDENTS
- 10-23 FALL BREAK NO STUDENTS
- 10-23 DINE TO DONATE AT CHUCK E CHEESE
- 10-27 FALL FESTIVAL
- 10-27 SCRIP ORDER FORM GOES HOME
- 10-30 BOARD MEETING 6:00
- 10-30 SCRIP ORDERS DUE
- 10-30 PACE COOKING CLASS
- 10-30 PTO WINTER FLOWER ORDER FORM GOES HOME
- 10-31 RAIN DATE FOR FALL FESTIVAL



NEWS FROM ARCOLA PTO

SPIRIT WEEK WAS A HUGE SUCCESS THIS WEEK! THE KIDS LOVED DRESSING UP EACH DAY AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COIN RACE. THE FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO ORDER FAST FACTS SHIRTS FOR STUDENTS!

ALSO, IT WAS SO GREAT TO SEE SO MANY FAMILIES ENJOYING A NIGHT OF BINGO. WE WANT TO THANK THE STUDENT COUNCIL STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED TO SET UP AND ASSIST WITH BINGO!

POPCORN FRIDAY - WE ARE ASKING THAT POPCORN IS PRE-ORDERED FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER. OUR GOAL IS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES THE TEACHERS/STAFF TO COLLECT AND TALLY THE POPCORN ORDERS EACH MONTH AND ALLOW THE PTO TO PLAN IN ADVANCE THE AMOUNT OF POPCORN THAT NEEDS TO BE POPPED. WITH THIS CHANGE, WE WILL NO LONGER BE LIMITING THE NUMBER OF BAGS OF POPCORN/CHEEZ-IT'S THAT CAN BE ORDERED. IF SCHOOL IS CANCELLED ON A POPCORN FRIDAY, WE WILL POP THE POPCORN THE FOLLOWING WEEK. IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT, WE CAN SEND HOME CHEEZ-IT'S IF POPCORN WAS ORDERED. THE POPCORN PRE-ORDER FORMS ARE DUE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH. PLEASE CONTACT ARCOLAPTO@GMAIL.COM IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SPIRIT WEAR - SPIRIT WEAR WILL BE SENT HOME IN EARLY OCTOBER. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ORDERED!

PTO MEETING - THE OCTOBER PTO MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH AT 6PM IN THE CAFETERIA.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE STAFF LUNCH - THE PTO WILL BE PROVIDING THE STAFF WITH SANDWICHES AND SOUP FOR LUNCH ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH. WE ARE ASKING FOR 5 VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE A DOZEN COOKIES EACH FOR DESSERT FOR OUR AMAZING STAFF. THE COOKIES CAN BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL ON THURS, OCT 19TH OR BY 10AM ON FRI, OCT 20TH. PLEASE USE THE LINK TO SIGN UP. THANK YOU FOR HELPING PROVIDE A SWEET TREAT FOR THE STAFF. [HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPEGNIUS.COM/GO/30E0E4AAFAD2BA3FD0-44590763-PARENT](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4AAFAD2BA3FD0-44590763-PARENT)

CHUCK-E-CHEESE DINE TO DONATE - OUR DINE TO DONATE FOR OCTOBER WILL BE AT CHUCK-E-CHEESE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23RD. FLYERS WILL BE SENT OUT CLOSER TO THE DATE.

WINTER FLOWER ORDERS - IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WINTER WILL BE HERE SOON. WE WILL BE SENDING OUT OUR WINTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS IN LATE OCTOBER. WE ARE USING THE SAME LOCAL FLORIST WE HAVE USED IN THE PAST AND THEY ALWAYS PROVIDE BEAUTIFUL WINTER FLOWERS.

#fallfestivalkindergartenstudytrip



LOST AND FOUND

WE HAVE LOTS OF LOST AND FOUND ALREADY! IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING SOMETHING TELL THEM TO COME TO THE FRONT OFFICE TO SEE IF ITS BEEN TURNED IN TO THE LOST AND FOUND BOX.

YEARBOOKS

We still have about 10 yearbooks for sale. They are for the 2022-23 school year. The price is \$17.00 each.



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CROSS COUNTRY

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON HAS COME TO AN END. I WAS ABLE TO GO TO THE FIRST RACE AND THE LAST RACE AND TO SEE THE IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RUNNERS WAS AWESOME! MANY OF THEM WALKED THE FIRST RACE AND BY THE LAST RACE THEY WERE ALL RUNNING! THE THIRD GRADE GIRLS WON A 3RD PLACE TROPHY AT THE HUSKY HUSTLE RACE! WE ALSO HAD MANY RIBBON WINNERS! WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR EAGLES AND THE HARD WORK THEY PUT IN. THANK YOU TO OUR COACHES! MR. ELDER, MISS DECKER, AND MISS KERSJES.

ARCOLA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHICKEN BBQ
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
FROM 4:00-7:00 PM, OR UNTIL GONE
SELLING 1/2 CHICKEN ONLY
DRIVE THRU ONLY
FREE WILL DONATIONS



FROM THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER Amy Saleh, counselor

In October I will visit each classroom to discuss the topic of bullying. I will talk with students about the definition, describe bullying behavior, and discuss its effects on people. We will talk about being "Kids Against Bullying" which means we will:

SPEAK UP- when I see bullying

REACH OUT – to others who are bullied

BE A FRIEND- whenever I see bullying

Please check out the website with your children <https://pacerkidsagainstbullying.org> for interactive activities to inform and educate students regarding bullying but also encourages us to Do The Right Thing and Treat People Right!!

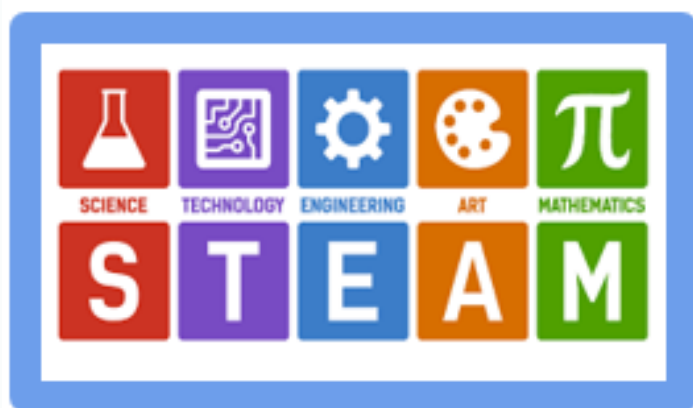


Guidelines on when to send your child to school vs. keeping your child home

Symptom	Send to School	Keep at Home
Fever	During the past 24 hours, the student's temperature has been below 100.4 and no fever reducing medication has been taken.	During the past 24 hours, the student's temperature has been more than 100.4 degrees.
Diarrhea	During the past 24 hours, no more than one watery stool has occurred.	During the past 24 hours, more than one watery stool has occurred.
Vomiting	During the past 24 hours, no vomiting has occurred.	During the past 24 hours, vomiting has occurred.
Eyes	Eyes may be itchy, but are not red, crusty, or draining.	Eyes are pink, draining, crusty, itchy, painful, sensitive to light, or student has vision changes.
Cough/Runny Nose	Slight cough or runny nose, but no fever, and student can cover cough, blow nose, and wash hands per self.	Symptoms are severe enough that student is unable to learn. The student has a fever, or is unable to cover cough, blow nose, or wash hands per self.
Rash	Rash is not draining or spreading. Student does not have a fever, and symptoms of itching are not severe enough to impede learning.	Rash is bothersome and distracting. Student has a fever or severe itching, or rash is spreading or draining.

NACS will **not** be offering the flu vaccine this year.





We have started our 3rd year of weekly STEAM classes for all students at Arcola.

Students have all had classes that focus on procedures for STEAM class while becoming familiar with the concept of STEAM. Now students are either working on maker challenges or experiences related to the outdoor classroom.

Kindergarten ... created robot shapes collage, lessons related to the outdoor classroom focused on nature appreciation and environmental science.

First Grade ... is working on a maker challenge of creating a wearable, durable ID badge. They are also preparing for outdoor classroom lessons.

Second Grade ... completed a maker challenge of creating a wearable, durable ID badge. They are also preparing for outdoor classroom lessons.

Third Grade ... built ladders using pipe cleaners and straws. Getting ready for their first class in the outdoor classroom.

Fourth Grade ... created a moveable seesaw from straws, string, and pipe cleaners. They are getting ready for their first class in the outdoor classroom.

Fifth grade ... built swing sets using pipe cleaners, straws, and string. They are getting ready for their first class in the outdoor classroom.

Thank you to everyone who donates to STEAM class. This class largely runs on donations, gifts, and salvaged materials.

Items needed/ wanted/wished for: **paper bowls, colorful plastic straws, pipe cleaners, double sided origami paper, any building toys you no longer want (tinker toys, blocks, etc.), cardboard trays from Aldi:**



:) Ms. Sirois



Students, in all grades, started the year participating in lessons that focus on the art room procedures, common assessments, and eLearning all while making art! We are now working on our first-grade level specific lessons that will be the foundation for our PTO sponsored Silver Graphics fundraiser.

The art Canvas page has been restructured to provide only links that assist in-class learning or synchronous learning. Hopefully, this change will make navigation clearer for students during lessons. Art room procedures will be accessible there, as well as grade level buttons which will allow you to view our art lessons. **Any future synchronous learning assignments will always appear at the top of the home page in the announcements section, for quick access.**

Grade level agendas: Up next:

Kindergarten ... is creating fall pictures using movement, color, and line.

First Grade ... is creating fall pictures that represent autumn in our community.

Second Grade... is creating balance through butterfly pictures.

Third Grade ... is using the elements of line and color to create pictures that spread peace and positivity.

Fourth Grade ... is using space, line, and color as they create autumn leaf paintings.

Fifth grade ... is creating eagle art that portrays a theme such as patriotism, school spirit, nature, or personal inspiration.

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In art class, I attempt to provide students with creative experiences that go beyond crayons and markers. We are going to use cool stuff and lots of it! Your child will soon have their hands on bottles of glue, oil pastels, and permanent markers (to name just a few). Therefore, respect for materials and each other are a big part of the art room procedures. Paint shirts are also an important part of our art room procedures. Paint shirts are provided by the art room. They

prevent some serious messes; however, accidents can still happen. Here is a list of who has art when so you can plan your child's outfit for best results:

Wednesday: Archbold, Stefanek, Saunders, Fisher, Germann

Thursday: Beeching, Elder, Kersjes, Kirk

Friday: Winchester, Kaduk, Decker



Items needed/wanted/wished for: Magazines like Family Fun and home and cooking magazines, Cardboard trays from Aldi (never enough), Toilet paper tubes and paper towel tubes, Gallon size Ziploc bags for storing art projects, empty tissues boxes

Did you know?

The Indiana State Standards for visual art have a focus on creating art, making connections through art, responding to art, and presenting art. These standards help to strengthen student creativity and the relationship they have to art, both as an appreciator and a creator of art. On your student's report card, scores for art achievement will be categorized into the four standards: Creating, Connecting, Responding, and Presenting.

That's all folks, Ms. Sirois

MUSICAL NOTES



MRS. LEAHY

MUSIC CLASSES ARE OFF TO A GREAT START! STUDENTS IN GRADES K, 1 AND 2 HAVE BEEN SINGING SOME GREAT SONGS, PLAYING INSTRUMENTS, AND MOVING TO MUSIC. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN PRACTICING READING AND PLAYING RHYTHMS. STUDENTS IN GRADE 3 HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO READING NOTES IN THE TREBLE CLEF. STUDENTS IN GRADES 4 AND 5 HAVE BEEN WORKING ON REVIEWING THE TREBLE CLEF. AND STUDENTS IN GRADE 5 HAVE STARTED READING NOTES IN BASS CLEF. ALL CLASSES HAVE BEEN REVIEWING RHYTHM READING AND PLAYING RHYTHM PATTERNS ON DRUM STICKS AND INSTRUMENTS. CHOIR AND BAND HAVE STARTED AND ARE OFF TO A GREAT START! IT IS GREAT TO GET BACK INTO THINGS AND TO HEAR THE STUDENTS SING! REMINDER: FLYERS WENT HOME WITH BAND AND CHOIR STUDENTS TO ORDER A BAND/CHOIR SHIRT. THE STORE IS OPEN AND WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 15TH.

PE CENTRAL

MRS. EAKRIGHT



IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK AND IN THE SWING OF PROCEDURES. WE HAVE BEEN IN OUR FIRST STRIKING UNIT. STUDENTS ENJOYED THE GAME OF STRIKER AND NOW WE ARE CURRENTLY IN VOLLEYBALL.

GRADES K-1 ARE LEARNING THE BASIC MOVEMENT PATTERNS FOR VOLLEYBALL. GRADE 2 ARE LEARNING HOW TO APPLY THE MOVEMENT PATTERNS WHILE STRIKING THE VOLLEYBALL. GRADES 3-5 ARE APPLYING THE SKILL DEVELOPMENT INTO SMALL GAMES.

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OUR FAVORITE VISITOR "GEORGE" WILL BE IN THE GYM TO TEACH US ABOUT SOME OF THE MAJOR BONES IN THE BODY!

