



Goza Newsletter



Arkadelphia Public Schools

ACT Aspire Spring Testing at Goza

Arkansas law requires that all public school students shall participate in a statewide program of educational assessments per Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-15-419, 6-15-433, 6-15-2009. The Arkansas State Board of Education has adopted the ACT Aspire summative assessment for the 2017-18 school year.

The ACT Aspire end-of-year summative assessment will be used to assess all Arkansas public school students in grades 3-10. Each student will participate in English, reading, writing, math and science tests. April 16-May 4, 2018 is the testing window for ACT Aspire for Goza students.

Goza sixth graders will test the week of April 16-20, seventh graders will test April 23-27, and eighth graders will test April 30-May 4.

ACT Aspire provides an array of features and functions that can be scaled for state-wide implementations, individual districts,



and associations of schools or individual schools.

ACT Aspire provides the following for students:

- a standards-based system of assessments to monitor progress toward college and career readiness
- alignment with the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks
- student outcomes aligned to the Domain and Cluster reporting categories of the Common Core State Standards
- capability for predicting outcomes on the ACT

ASSESSMENTS

- areas of testing will be English, math, reading, science, and writing
- multiple question types including multiple choice, constructed response, and technology-enhanced items
- online delivery of assessments using state-of-the-art technology
- capability to create a personal-needs profile for every student

If you have questions concerning ACT Aspire, please email angel.garner@arkadelphiaschools.org or call 870-246-4291. I will be happy to visit with you.

Angela Garner

March 2018



Special points of interest:

- *Spring Picture Day at Goza will be Tuesday, March 6 in the Student Center. Payment envelopes will be sent home with students this week.*
- *The Arkadelphia Bands will have their Winter Concert Thursday, March 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at OBU Jones Performing Arts. Grades 7-12 will be performing.*



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Walls of art in Studio 109

Recently the art studio classroom became the owners of some wall paper sample books that we immediately put to use.

We made three-dimensional letters out of poster board, and are in the process of covering the letters with the wall paper. We feel like they are, of course, lots of work but will be fantastic when finished. The seventh grade is working on that unit.

The eighth graders are working on personal signs, and the sixth grader are working on circle designs.

The spring art show is being planned with lots of great work being collected from all our various projects. We are continuing to install our art meltdown records on the walls outside the art room. Our animal collages have adorned the gallery space and will be wowing our parents, friends, and teachers at the spring art show.



7th-grade STEM field trip March 9

The 7th grade class will be taking a field trip on Friday, March 9, to UALR. Students will need to bring their lunch or purchase a lunch from the Goza cafeteria.

Any student that receives, Saturday School, ISS, or OSS after Monday, Jan. 29, will not be allowed to attend the field trip.

Students must wear their 2017-2018 Goza t-shirt to be able to attend.

8th graders going to STEM, too!

The 8th graders will also be going to the AR STEM Festival The festival is a FREE event, however, if a student is assigned Saturday School, ISS, or OSS after Tuesday, Feb. 13, he or she will NOT be allowed to attend the Festival.

This is an educational field trip; therefore, students will abide by same Goza Middle School rules and expectations. Students will need to bring their own lunch, or purchase one from the Goza cafeteria.

Students must wear their 2017-2018 Goza t-shirt to be able to attend.

Kindness challenge rewarding at Goza; student/faculty basketball game on tap for March 16

We had an amazing Great Kindness Challenge at Goza Feb. 12-14. Several students participated in our Kindness Matters poster design contest. Brooklyn Buford won 1st place, Haedyn Taylor got 2nd, and Calvin Clardy received 3rd place.

Students also filled out kindness hearts with acts of kindness they performed themselves, or witnessed others doing. They placed them on a Kindness Tree made by our counselor, Mrs. Dana Tuggle. The Kindness Tree is located in the lobby of the main building.

Goza CHAMPS is sponsoring a Student/Faculty basketball game on the morning of Friday March 16, to raise money for Clark County Relay for Life. Admission will be \$2. Coach John Ware will be leading our faculty team.

Goza's Youth Act Student Council will be selling items at the concession stand to raise money for the Goza Friendship Scholarship.



Spring
Picture Day
Tuesday, March 6





Cheer tryout process starts this month

Any current 6th or 7th grader meeting eligibility requirements may try out for the Goza Middle School 2018-2019 Cheerleading Squad.

Students interested in trying out must have a **current** athletic physical form before the clinic begins. This can be done at their primary care physician's office, or the local health department.

Important dates to consider:

March 5 – Tryout packets will be available in the GMS office

March 13 – 5:30 p.m. Mandatory informational meeting in the Goza Student Center. Individuals trying out and a representing parent or guardian will need to attend.

March 27 – All forms including Athletic Physical forms and \$10.00 are due.

April 2, 3, 4 – Mandatory Cheer Clinic from 3:15 p.m.– 5 p.m.

April 5 – Mock Cheer Tryouts 4 p.m.

April 6 – Cheer Tryouts 4 p.m. till it is over.

Participants will be required to

wear a white t-shirt, gray athletic shorts, white tennis shoes, and white ankle socks. If they wear a bow it must be red, blue, OR white.



There will be \$10 tryout FEE to assist in cost for judges and a CD or electronic version of the tryout music.

Feel free to contact Sarah Moss at

sarah.moss@arkadelphiaschools.org for questions.

Goza having a gourmet popcorn fundraiser

Goza Middle School will be conducting a **gourmet popcorn** fundraiser beginning Monday, Feb. 26, and running through Friday March 9.

There will be several different flavors of gourmet popcorn from which to choose. Flavors include caramel, pickle pop, white cheddar, butter movie, and Badger pop (cherry, blueberry, and vanilla).

All the proceeds from the gourmet popcorn sales will go to help the students and teachers at Goza throughout the school year. Please help by selling to friends, family and neighbors. If

you sell 10 or more bags, you will be invited to a popcorn party and the top sellers from each grade will receive a \$50 Visa card!

Here's how you can help:

- Collect money when you take each order
- Make checks payable to Goza Middle School
- Make sure the money collected adds up to the cost of the items sold
- All orders and money are due March 9
- Advise your child not to sell to strangers. Be careful and have fun!

Goza team selected as finalist in contest

Goza had a team of six 8th-grade students that participated in the Project Prevent Youth Coalition Ready. Set. Record. contest. They created and submitted a 30-second anti-smoking commercial and were selected as a finalist.

The group was invited to attend the PPYC Ready. Set. Record. Film Festival on Feb. 22 at The Cinemark Theatre in Little Rock, where J.J. Williams won the award for Best Actor and \$25 cash.

The team members include Collin, J.J., Kelsey, Noah, Colby, and Josh.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Cheer tryout packets available in Goza office	6 5 p.m. - Board of Education agenda meeting Goza Spring Picture Day	7	8 7:30 p.m. - Arkadelphia Bands Winter Concert at OBU Jones	9 7th, 8th-grade field trips to STEM Festival	10
11	12	13 6 p.m. - Board of Education regular meeting 5:30 p.m. - Mandatory cheer parent meeting at Goza	14	15	16 End of 3rd nine weeks Goza student/faculty basketball game	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!
18	19	20 Spring begins	21	22	23	24
Spring Break - March 19-23						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31





March Menu

