



Arthur Grade School

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Dear AGS Families,

Welcome back to school! We at AGS have been excited to see all of our kids back from break and we hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

COVID/Student Illness

As we returned from break, schools have been unable to receive COVID 19 rapid testing kits. We understand the inconvenience that this causes for families and staff when a negative test is required to attend in person. Please continue to show our staff some grace as we work to keep our kids safe. We have compiled a list of testing sites and they are listed below. I would recommend calling these places prior to going just to confirm their hours have not changed and that they still have a supply of tests. Please note that students that are showing symptoms need to be kept home and must be tested before they return. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Testing site locations:

- Douglas County Health Department @ Tuscola Outlet Mall (hours vary- call first)
- Champaign County Health Department- Market Place Shopping Center (8:00-4:00 Monday through Saturday)
- OSF/U of I - Champaign
- Sarah Bush Lincoln in Mattoon
- Carle in Mattoon on Hurst Dr.
- HSHS Medical Group in Decatur
- Walgreens - Multiple locations
- CVS-Decatur
- Harmone Labs, LLC (Decatur)

Spelling Bee

"Bee" on the lookout for our AGS Spellers this next week. Ms. Rhodes have been working hard each morning with our contestants. The top finalists from AGS will participate in the Douglas County Spelling Bee at Yoders Kitchen on Jan. 26th at 10:30 am. A big thank you to Yoder's Kitchen for hosting us.

Cold Weather

With the weather turning particularly cold, I wanted to remind families of our procedures of letting students outside for recess. We all want to get the students outside as much as possible so they can run off that energy.

If the wind chill is above 20 degrees at 11 am, we will most likely be taking them outside for recess. Please make sure students have dressed appropriately for the weather.

U-Knighted 305 Forum - January 12th

Thank you to all families who came out to the community forum. It was wonderful to see this community lead a discussion about the future use of our facilities. If you would like to be part of this discussion, the last meeting will take place on January 12 at 6 pm in the ALAH HS gym. [A link to the presentation, possible scenarios, and additional information can be found here.](#)

School Picture/Yearbook Orders

Arthur Grade School Yearbooks are on sale now until Friday, February 2, 2022, for \$15 per yearbook. We will not have any extra yearbooks available so please make sure to order one. Yearbooks can be ordered online at: inter-state.com/order, using code 62557G. Junior high students can pick up a form outside of Mrs. Vanuadoll's room. Forms, along with payment of cash or checks written out to AGS, can be returned to the office.

As for student pictures, please use:

www.inter-state.com/order

Use order code: 59236YB

Social Media

"Knightly" updates can be found online and through our social media. If you have not yet had the opportunity, Arthur Grade School and A.L.A.H. District #305 can be found on Facebook, Twitter, Live Stream, and now Instagram. Please follow us for updates and pictures.

Important Dates:

Spelling Bee - Jan 13th

Half-Day SIP - Jan 13th - Dismissal at 1:15 pm

MLK Jr. Day-Jan 17th (No School)

Girls Volleyball

1/11 - Sullivan (Away)

1/13 - Arcola (Home)

1/18 - Argenta (Away)

Boys Basketball

1/8-1/13 - JHOC Tournament

1/18 - Tri-County (Home)

1/20 - Shelbyville

Thank you,

Andrew Peralta

Principal of Arthur Grade School