

Newsletter

SUPERINTENDENT’S LETTER

Dear Arlee Community,

As we start to celebrate the new year and hopefully took the opportunity to spend time with family and friends over the holiday break, it allows us to be thankful for our blessings and reflect on where we are in our time on earth. I was able to spend time with most of my children over the break and one of the things that really jumped out at me was how different each of them is despite being raised in the same home. Each of them have their own unique traits and characteristics, desires and goals. Understanding this is vital when it comes to our education system and making sure that we meet the needs of the individual student. Our children “ripen” at different ages and we have to be able to give them the love and nourishment necessary for them individually at the time. In order to be able to do this, it truly takes all of us working together. We need to hear from you as parents and guardians about what you see with your children and as parents/guardians we need to be able to listen to the educational professionals in order to support what is happening at school. As someone that both works at the school and has a child attending, it puts me in a unique position to see both sides.

As a district we are grateful for the trust you put in us for the education of your students and we do not take it lightly. Let us all start the new year with a renewed desire for partnership and civility in all of our interactions.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Dr. Mike Perry Ed.D.
Superintendent

Arlee School Board of Trustees has two positions open next year for three year terms. Filing opened December 8th and closes on March 23rd, 2023. Filing documents can be found on the District website under School Board: Elections. These can be dropped off to Lonnie Morin, District Clerk, at the Arlee Administration Building, or Toni Kramer, Elections Office, Lake County Courthouse in Polson.
Questions? Contact Lonnie Morin at 406-726-3216 ext 5.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Open House August 23rd (3:30-4:30)
First Day of School August 24th
H.S. Fall Sports August 12th
Picture Day Sept. 14th / Retakes Nov. 2nd
Elementary Class Picture Day May 3
H.S. Winter Sports November 17th
H.S. Spring Sports March 13th
Yellowstone Trip May 22nd - 27th
Graduation June 3rd
JH Promotion June 7th
Last Day of School June 8th
PT Conferences Nov. 1st & March 28th
End of Quarters ("GO" DAYS too)
Q1 - October 27th (36 Days)
Q2 - January 12th (37 Days)
Q3 - March 16th (36 Days)
Q4 - June 8th (42 Days)
End of Trimester (Elementary)
T1 - November 22nd (50 Days)
T2 - March 2nd (51 Days)
T3 - June 8th (50 Days)
School Closings & Holidays
Labor Day September 5th
Tribal PIR September 19th
MEA Days October 20th & 21st
Thanksgiving Break Nov. 23rd & 24th
Winter Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 1st
Spring Break March 20th - 23rd
Easter April 10th
Memorial Day May 29th
Independence Day July 4th



ELEMENTARY NEWS

Hello All -

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

MAP TESTING: January 9th-26th

What is MAP Testing?

Measures of Academic Progress (MAPs) identifies the instructional level of students. It is a test that we administer in elementary school 3 times a year: fall, winter and spring. The MAPs data is used to identify the academic progress of individual students along with assessing Arlee's curriculum and how it compares to state and national norms.

School Attendance:

The next couple of months is going to be a long stretch. We do not have a day off until March 20, 2023 (spring break). This will be a marathon! A lot of educational instruction will happen in the next three months. Attendance is important. It is also imperative that students arrive at school on time. Most elementary classes begin the day with reading instruction. If students come to school late, they are missing one of the most important academic instructions that they can receive. School starts at 7:50 AM.

"A GAMERS ASSEMBLY":

We had our "A Gamers Assembly" on December 21st. Students received first trimester awards for honor roll and perfect attendance. Students that have displayed outstanding behavior by being respectful, responsible, kind and safe were honored as "A Gamers".

I wish you all a happy, safe and wonderful New Year.

Anne Tanner, Elementary Principal



A special visitor greeted elementary students before winter break.

JH/HS NEWS

Dear Arlee Parents and Guardians -

I want to start by saying Congratulations to two of Arlee's finest, Taelia Means and SaanJay Smallboy for receiving the Expanding Horizons Scholarship. Westernnativevoice.org describes, "Expanding Horizons is a student-driven program, which brings together high school students from across Montana to champion the preservation of tribal identity and culture and foster relationships between tribal and urban Native Americans." Western Native Voice is a program that "seeks to educate students about government processes and how they can affect change in their communities, state, and nation. The program aligns with WNV's four core programs: Leadership Development, Education, Civic Engagement, and Advocacy." There were ONLY 15 scholarships given out to students across the state and Arlee Schools houses two of them. Congratulations again, Taelia and SaanJay!

Parents and guardians of Junior High students: All JH students will no longer be allowed to have their cell phones during the instructional portion of their day starting January 16, 2023. They can have them during lunch, before and after school. This includes the use of earbuds throughout the day.

High schoolers, starting January 18th, please feel free to join Mr. Cordier in the library every Wednesday from 4:15 - 5:00 P.M. to work on Scholarships, College Applications, FAFSA, Resumes, etc. Although primarily for Seniors and Juniors, anyone is welcome to start planning for life after High School. Mr. Cordier will be there to answer any questions while students spend intentional time completing college/work requirements!

Parents, are you checking your parent portal app regularly and are concerned about your child's grades? If so, remember we have a tutor available after school in the Library from 4:15 until 5:15 Monday through Wednesday each week. I would also recommend reaching out to your student's teachers at any time to see how your child is doing.

This year's Close Up Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, February 11th, during the home basketball game versus Charlo. Proceeds will go towards our Arlee Close Up students' expenses to travel to Washington DC. Anyone that wants to donate lightly used or new items to the auction, please bring them to the High School office by February 6th so that we can catalog it prior to the event. Thanks in advance for your support in getting our kids to Washington DC.

We have a surplus of 2021/2022 yearbooks. If you or a family member is interested in purchasing one, please contact Val at the high school. (Ext: 2301)

Important dates this month:

- Jan. 10th-12th is FINALS Week at the High School.
 - * It is also a GO Day for JH & HS!
 - * The Schedule can be found online in the student handbook.
- Jan. 19th will be the new date for the postponed Talent Show from December.
 - * Tentatively scheduled for 1:30pm details to follow.

Go Warriors & Scarlets!

Mr. Beckham

Mr. Tucker

Clyde Tucker, 83, passed away on January 1, 2023. He was a long-time Arlee resident, teacher, and coach. He taught math at Arlee High School for over 40 years. Clyde also experienced many successful coaching seasons in basketball, football, and track. In 1981, the Arlee Warriors won the state football championship, a memorable celebration for Clyde and his players. He was named "Coach of the Year" by his colleagues that same year. Clyde went on to coach many successful teams in basketball and track, as well, winning the boys state track title in 1993, winning the "Coach of the Year" title again. Having accomplished many winning seasons throughout his coaching career, Clyde was nominated and inducted into the Montana Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1992. During Clyde's coaching profession, he coached in five East-West Shrine Games and several Class C and B All-Star games. In 2003, Clyde retired from teaching and coaching, but came out of retirement to coach basketball for two more years in 2008 - 2010, coaching his team to the state tournament in 2010. Mr. Tucker will be gratefully remembered for his many years of dedication to our school and community.



JOIN OUR TEAM

There are numerous positions open at the district. Check out the school website for the vacancies and applications or visit with an administrator about the opportunities. <https://www.arleeschools.org/page/employment-opportunities>



ARLEE BOOSTER CLUB

There is now an online ordering store for Arlee Gear. The store will be open all year long with no closing date. Apparel ships to your mailing address in 7-10 days. There are options to customize.

The link to the store is <https://shop.game-one.com/montana/arlee/arlee-high-school>

WARRIORS AND SCARLETS

Arlee Community,

Hello and happy winter! Winter sports season is underway for Basketball and Wrestling. We hosted a very successful wrestling mixer the first week of January and will host another in a few weeks. The basketball season is in full swing, with the majority of our home games happening at the end of the month.

We've hired Shelby Shourds and Aaron Haugen to coach the junior high girls basketball team and they are off to a great start. On January 14th, we'll host a jamboree and get the season underway. We've been able to add a handful of C squad games for boys basketball, but are still looking for a third coach. Please head to arleeschools.org for an application if you are interested.

As we get into the busy season, please remember to let players play, coaches coach, and referees referee. If you are interested in getting more involved, MOA is always looking for more referees and umpires for all sports. We get to play because these people show up and love the sport. If you are interested in becoming a referee, please check out the MOA website to get started: <https://www.mhsa.org/moa>.

For the most up to date schedule, please use the QR code on the Arlee School's website. Thank you and let's make it a great year!

Marisa Crerar
Athletic Director

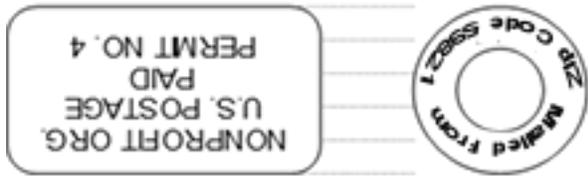
Scan QR Code for Arlee Schools' Athletic Schedules



COMMUNITY NEWS

Want to help out in the community? The Arlee Community Development Corporation is always in need of food pantry volunteers. Call Marie at 406-215-5113 or email foodpantry@arleecdc.org. To find out more about the Arlee CDC, check out their new website at arleecdc.org.

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SCHOOL BOARD

MEETINGS

School board meetings are usually held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the high school library.

Confirm meeting dates and time on the school website. Agendas and minutes are also posted the website.

www.arleeschools.org

Next board meeting date is January 10 at 6:30pm.

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