

March 2023

Newsletter

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Dear Arlee Community,

It sure doesn't look like it outside right now but spring is just around the corner. The New Year is always looked at as the time to make resolutions but I think spring is a great time to make adjustments to our routines. We start to see the beginning of so many new things from plants to all the different babies including cattle and wildlife. It can also be a great time to start something new for each of us. Whether that is a new hobby, a new project, or just a new book. We can also do that with our students. What is something new that they are interested in that will serve to increase their knowledge whether it be in school or at home? If your student has discovered a new passion please make sure that you let us know so that we can encourage them.

The update on our building project is that we are continuing to meet as a committee to make sure we are addressing the current needs and planning for the future. We will be having surveyors on campus this month mapping out the campus and plan on having an open house in the next month or so to show what plans are looking like and to get input from all of you.

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 extension 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 -

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 2: 2nd Trimester Ends

March 9: Elementary Report Cards Sent Home

March 20-23: SPRING BREAK

March 28: Parent Teacher Conferences

April 24-27: Smarter Balance Testing (Grades 3-6)
May 1-4: Smarter Balance Testing (Grades 3-6)

What is Smarter Balance Testing?

Smarter Balance Testing is a statewide assessment that the district is required to conduct yearly. The Smarter Balance assessment is based off of the Montana Content Standards for Math and English Language Arts (grades 3-6). There are approximately 4-5 different assessments that the students will take (2 math; 2 ELA; 1 Science (5 grade)). Each assessment can take about 60+ minutes to complete (depending on the student).

Student/Teacher Classroom Placement Procedure for the 2023-2024 School Year:

In the spring, at the close of the school year, the following process is used to determine student/teacher classroom placement for the next year.

- Infinite Campus will balance students into classes according to the following factors: Number of students, Gender, Ethnicity, Academic Needs
- Grade level teachers will discuss student/teacher matches, in relation to academic performance, social needs, behavior, and attendance, and meet with the next level teachers to finalize class rosters.
- Classroom assignments will be mailed home approximately May 1st.
- The morning of Field Day there will be a 30-minute meet and greet with new teachers.
- A formal (written & in-person) parent request must be made before
 June 1st with/to the Principal for any changes to classroom assignments. Requests cannot be guaranteed.
- Classroom lists are final June 1st. Class lists can only be changed after June 1st by the building administrator.

Have a great March!

Mrs. Tanner

JH/HS NEWS

Dear Arlee Parents and Guardians -

The start of spring sports is on March 13th. That includes track and MAC softball. Junior High track will not start until two weeks later, March 27th. We hope that the weather will warm up a little by then.

Next, all Juniors should have taken the ACT Bootcamp Prep on March 7th. This is in preparation for the ACT test scheduled for April 12th. Please make sure your kids wake up and are at school by 7:45am.

A reminder, Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC) are scheduled for March 28th for the district. Please come out and meet with the teachers on how your kids are doing in all of their classes.

Looking at the start of next month, Prom is scheduled for April 1st. More details will be posted online once they have been developed.

Congratulations to Eshan Santos, Dhane Morsette, Hiram Brown, and Tai-Lee Davidson' Ransom for completing your OSHA 10 training through the state on critical workplace safety topics.

Important dates this month:

- Mon. March 13th -Missoula Children's Theater auditions at the 3-6 building from 1:30-3:30 pm.
- Mon. March 13th Spring Sports start for the H.S.
- Thurs. March 16th End of 3rd quarter and GO DAY
- Thurs. March 16th Ski Trip for 8th graders & H.S. to Lookout
- Mon. March 27th JH track starts
- Thurs., Mar. 16th MIDTERM
- Fri., Mar. 17- MCT Production of Red Riding Hood 6 PM old HS gym
- Thurs.-Sat., Mar. 16-18 State FCCLA Leadership Conference in Bozeman
- Mon.-Thurs., Mar. 20-23 SPRING BREAK

Go Warriors and Scarlets!

Mr. Beckham



Arlee High School wishes to thank Blackfoot Communications for their support of our Close Up group. They have faithfully donated every year that we have taken kids to Washington DC. Their generosity is very much appreciated!!

ACT

Juniors will be taking the ACT digitally on Wednesday, April 12th.

After completion of their testing, they will be released for the rest of the school day. Because the ACT Test will be on the computer, please ensure your child has their schoolissued Chromebook and that it is charged and ready to go for test day. The test will take place in the Arlee High School Gymnasium and will take roughly 4 hours to complete. Juniors must be at school at 7:45 A.M. on the day of the test to get started promptly.

Here are some things you can do to help:

- Encourage your child to do their very best on everything they do in school, including this assessment.
- Support your child by explaining the purpose of the test.
 How Parents Can Help Get
 Ready for the ACT
- Review the "Preparing for the ACT Test" with your child.
- Every Arlee High School Student has access to practice tests through Test Nav on their school Chromebooks. The practice test is located under the Test Nav app on their Chromebook. After clicking ACT you can click practice tests under the login.
- Students may use their Pre-ACT test booklet. They may also use their Mastery Prep ACT, after the conclusion of the Mastery Prep ACT program on March 7th.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have about ACT testing this year. Questions can be directed to Damon A. Cordier at (406)726-3216 ext. 2302.

SUPAMAN

Supaman entertained junior high and high school students on February 27th. He is a Native American dancer and hip-hop artist from the Apsaalooke Nation who has won numerous awards including a 2017 MTV VMA. During his performance, he shared the message of "good medicine" which is resiliency, love, laughter and inclusion.



SPORTS PHOTOS

Here is the link to the photos: https://pipercrowe.com/schoolandsports.
Enter each team's code into the "all galleries" button to view the photos.

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 almost spring! Despite the cold temps, Spring sports begin Monday! It's hard to believe it's already that time of year. If you are planning on participating in Track & Field or Softball, please make sure your paperwork is into Val or Jamie. There will be a parent/player meeting for Softball March 7 at 7 PM at Mission High School. Please attend if you plan on playing softball this year. The Track parent/player meeting will be March 8 at 5:15 on the high school stage. For practice Monday, please bring gym shoes, shorts, and a t-shirt to practice indoors. Junior High track starts Monday, March 27th.



As we look forward to next year, 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 any athletes who want to attend camps over the summer, here are some links to get you started.

- https://www.football.godiggerscamps.com/ (8-man specific camp available)
- https://www.montanafootballcamps.com/
- https://montanasoftballcamps.totalcamps.com/About%20Us
- https://www.breakthroughbasketball.com/camps/montana.html
- https://www.umvolleyballcamps.com/

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

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE





Adapted and Written by
MICHAEL MCGILL

Music and Lyrics by
MICHAEL MCGILL

Over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house she goes. In this epic tale, Red Riding Hood and her pals are urged to stay true to their path. With the help from her family and a loyal young Locksmith, Red finds her Grandma. Along the way, the crew learns that, "life is no picnic when you stray from the trail!"

When: March 17th @ 6pm

Where: HS gym @ Arlee Schools

Cost: \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Students, \$15.00 for a family (Tickets will be

available at the door)

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you Arlee for the wonderful turnout at the 2023 Arlee High School National Honor Society American Red Cross Blood Drive! This was the most successful blood drive ever here in Arlee. Well done everyone!



THE JOCKO



Our student-lead AHS Publication, The Jocko, is back with a new website including the Arlee Antics Podcast. Click the link or scan the QR Code to check it out! You will need to log in with a school Gmail account to view. https://sites.google.com/arleeschools.org/thejocko/home



COMMUNITY DINNER

The Arlee Community Development Corporation Invites You and Your Families to the

Love Your Neighbor Community Dinner

Date: Monday, March 13, 2023

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: Arlee Indian Senior Center

Bitterroot Jim Road

BUTTERCUP RUN

Schedule:

Jerny Crawford, Arlee High School senior, designed the artwork for this year's t-shirt!

Friends of Arlee School, Inc. - established in 1992 to benefit the children of Arlee, Montana

BUTTERCUP RUN 2023



1M fun run - 5K-10K walk/run ½ MARATHON RUN (no walkers) Saturday **April 15th** Arlee High School

No Dogs, please

There will be early shirt, etc. pick-up from 5 - 6 PM on Friday, April 14th at the

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SCHOOL BOARD

MEETINGS

School board meetings are usually held on 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 on the website.

www.arleeschools.org

Next board meeting date is March 14 at 6:30pm.

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