

Newsletter

SUPERINTENDENT’S LETTER

Dear Arlee Community,

The sunshine has finally arrived and the staff and students are enjoying a little bit of spring as we head into the month of May. As usual we have numerous class trips going all over the state. I was able to attend the Bitterroot digging with our Arlee Indigenous Student Association. A truly memorable experience to listen to the tribal Elders and members of the Culture Committee talk about the importance of the dig. We also were able to have some smaller group conversations with one of the tribal Elders where he talked about the importance of culture and making good choices. It is always a shock to see how fast the year goes and to think that by the time we send out our next newsletter we will have graduated another group of young people ready to go out and conquer the world.

The building projects continue forward with our science room remodel already underway and slated to be finished prior to the next school year. We appreciate the community members that attended our elementary school building open house. The building committee continues to push forward and we will be sending out a request for qualifications for general contractors after our May board meeting with a desire to hire a company by the June board meeting. The plans are looking amazing and will be a wonderful building for many years to come. As we start to finalize plans we will put them up on our website under the 3-6 building tab. We should have them up in the next month or two.

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

Dr. Mike Perry Ed.D.
Superintendent



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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:

- May 1-4: Smarter Balance Testing (Grades 3-6)**
- May 22-25: Map Testing Grades K-6**
- June 8: Meet & Greet Next Year's Teacher**
- June 8: Arlee Elementary Track and Field Day (tentative - date may change)**
- June 8: Last Day of School**

National Archery In Schools State Champions



State Champion Tanner Corcoran & 3rd Place Champion Aaron Naugle

Arlee Elementary School and Arlee Junior High School took part in the Montana State NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) Tournament. The tournament took place in Helena, Montana. 17 schools attended the tournament with 365 participants. The Arlee Elementary/Junior High school took 1st place as a team. Arlee Elementary student Tanner Corcoran is the elementary school STATE CHAMPION (winning a new bow). Arlee 4th Grader Aaron Naugle is a 3rd place STATE CHAMPION. Tanner is the son of Jake and Amanda Corcoran. Aaron is the son of Trevor and Tiffany Naugle.

Bike Reveal

HDR Engineering Firm along with the All Kids Bike Program donated 25 Stryder bikes to Arlee Elementary School's Physical Education program. Ms. Carney will be using the bikes to help teach Arlee Kindergarteners bicycle skills. Arlee's primary students attended a short assembly along with HDR engineers.

Happy May!

Mrs. Tanner

Jocko Valley Library's Summer Reading Program 2023

The Summer Reading Program is free for kids pre-k through 6th grade and runs from June 20- August 8. Events are on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00a.m. Join us for stories, crafts, science activities, snacks, prizes, and a bunch of fun!

Register with an adult from June 5-June 14 at the Jocko Valley Library.



JH/HS NEWS

Dear Arlee Parents and Guardians -

We are excited to announce that the following members of Arlee School District will be inducted into the National Honors Society: Paley Espinoza, Jake Knoll, and Dylan Lovejoy. Congratulations to each of you!!!

Drivers Education will be available over the summer to students that will be 15 by February 1, 2024. Go to the school webpage and look under Driver Education to fill out the form to sign up. Please be sure to read the policy and then fill out the form. As an important note, students that miss more than one class or drive will not successfully fill the requirements of the course.

With the warmer weather here, please revisit our dress code at Arlee Schools with your child. A quick reference would be shoulder straps must be roughly as wide or wider than three fingers placed on their shoulder, shorts should be roughly mid thigh, and no belly showing. Please see the handbook for further details.

On May 25th we will be having a reunification drill across the district. Reunification is all about safely reuniting students with their loved ones after a traumatic event. Follow up information will be shared on the website and sent out in the coming weeks. It is imperative that ALL children attend school that day. Parents/Guardians, you are important in this process as we need you in order to reunite students with their families. We are sending this out well in advance with the hopes that if you are working on that day, you might be able to slip away to pick your child up. We will start trying to reunite families with their kids shortly after lunch. The day will end for the students upon reunifying with their parents and their long weekend can start. Those students that have families unable to reunite with them, will finish the day as normal. Again, more information will be posted.

Important dates this month:

- May 1 - 11 - MAPS Testing
- May 22 - 27 - 8th Grade Yellowstone Trip
- May 25th - District Reunification Drill
- June 3 - HS Graduation
- June 7 - 8th Grade Promotion
- June 8 - Last Day of School

Go Warriors and Scarlets!

Mr. Beckham

HELP AVAILABLE

The school has a grant that will help pay for expenses related to high school student jobs, classes, trainings, or internships with a learning component that enhances a career pathway. Expenses include fees, tuition, required clothing, supplies, travel expenses, and tools. These opportunities can occur during the school year or summer. See Mr. Cordier for more information, ext. 2302

Graduation

Celebration

On June 1, AISA is sponsoring a Graduation Celebration Powwow. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Please plan to attend and dance.



NHS BANQUET

Congrats to Paley Espinoza, Jake Knoll and Dylan Lovejoy on being inducted into the National Honor Society on May 3rd. They were selected on the basis of four categories....Service, Leadership, Character and Scholarship. We are proud of these students as well as the current NHS members, Raven, Jerny, Rheid, Drew, Fancee, Karli, Kendall, Meghan and Xaria.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Congratulations to Lisa Koetter and Phaedrus Swab for being seated as trustees for the next three years.

YEARBOOKS

2023 Yearbooks are for sale for \$45 each. You may order online at <http://www.yearbookforever.com>

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 spring! May 6th we are hosting a rugby clinic at 10:30 for boys and girls on the football field. If you'd like to learn a bit more about the sport, please come down and participate! Starting at 12:30, there will be three girls' rugby games you can watch. Concessions will be available.

If you are planning on participating in fall sports, please be sure to schedule physicals over the summer. The Fall Sports meeting will be held August 8th in the new gym. We'll have a few folks on hand to help with uploading documents on Dragonfly.

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 anyone interested, we have the following coaching positions open for the 2023-24 season:

Head Volleyball Coach
Assistant Volleyball Coach
Head Girls' Basketball Coach
Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach
Head Boys' Basketball Coach
Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach

Please go to the school website to find the application. Thank you!

For the most up-to-date schedules for track and MAC softball, please use the QR code on the Arlee School's website.

Marisa Crerar

Athletic Director



DRIVER EDUCATION

If you and your parent/guardian want you to be in Driver Education, you **MUST be 15 by February 1, 2024**. Be sure to read the **policy and then fill out the form**. It can be accessed on the school web page under Driver Education, but I have provided a link as well.

<https://www.arleeschools.org/page/drivers-ed-sign-up>

The google form will give me the opportunity to send out information and contact you via email prior to the class. The calendar is almost set. Be on the lookout for it so you can ensure you will be able to take this class as stated in the policy. Keep in mind that if you miss more than one class or miss one drive, you will not be successful in this class.

In the meantime, do not wait until the parent and teen meeting to get these documents as they will be required for entrance to the class.

Social Security Card - If you have lost it please contact them immediately as it takes a long time to get this processed.

Certified Birth Certificate - This certificate must have the state seal of birth. It can not be the hospital one. If you can not find it please go to your nearest courthouse and order one immediately.

A piece of mail with your physical address on it such as voter registration, car registration, or propane bill.

EAGLES CLUB

The Eagles Club attended the 2023 International Wildlife Film Festival on April 26th in Missoula. Before they left they did a Hwy 93 clean up along the walking path in Arlee and collected 29 bags of litter which was roughly 232 pounds of garbage. They are working hard to keep Arlee beautiful. The Eagles leadership team will be presenting their environmental projects in Helena at the Capitol Building on May 23rd. Wish them good luck as they compete against class AA schools in the state for the SMART Schools Environmental Championships.



Mother's Day Planter Boxes

Created by Arlee Schools Shop Class & EAGLES Club

*\$40 flower planter box including flower starters
or
\$40 herb planter box including herb starters*



Flower and Herb starter plants will vary per box

*To order call Arlee High School or (408)274-5067. Leave your name, number, and order.
Limited Amounts so Order Soon!*

All proceeds go to the Shop Class & EAGLES Club for building and gardening supplies

GRADUATION CELEBRATION



Arlee High School Graduation Celebration Powwow 2023

Thursday, June 1, 2023
12:45 - 2:45 PM

MC/Arena Director: Allen Pierre



Head Woman Dancer:
Saisha North Peigan



Head Man Dancer:
Dean Moran

Drums:
Red Sand
Nkwusm
Dancing Boy Singers
AIM

Activities:
Grand Entry
Honoring of Graduates
Men's & Women's Dancing
Intertribal Dancing
Potato Dance
Owl Dance
Round Dancing
Retiring of Colors



**New Gym
Family/Community Day
Drums & Dancers Needed**

Contact Jenn Jilot @ 406-880-1133
For further information
Sponsored by AISA



COMMUNITY NEWS

NAME THE GARDEN CONTEST

Our garden on Powwow Road is starting to take shape, and it needs a name! What should we call our garden? Send your ideas to foodsovereignty@arleedc.org or call 546-5633.

GARDEN CLASSES STARTING SOON

Learn gardening skills and leadership skills in our upcoming series of classes taught by Farmer Fred Billings. Classes start May 19 and will be held Friday mornings from 9 to 11 AM on a three weeks on, one week off schedule through September 15. The first hour is on the life, work and PowerPoint lessons regarding the field work, and the second hour is hands-on field work. Sign up today – email foodsovereignty@arleedc.org or call 546-5633.

COMMUNITY DINNER MAY 8

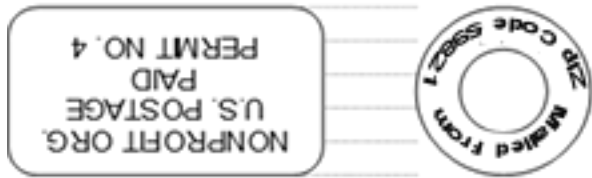
Our next community dinner will be Monday, May 8 from 6 to 8 PM at the Arlee Indian Senior Center. Join us for taco salad, mint limeade, pineapple cake, and a chance to connect with friends and neighbors. We hope to see you there.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS/VOLUNTEERS

The food pantry needs volunteers over the summer and we are always in need of donations of food or cash. To support the food pantry, please call 406-215-5113. Your donations are tax-deductible.



Arlee Neighbor
Arlee, MT 59821



Arlee Schools
72220 Fyant St.
Arlee, MT 59821

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 May 9 at 6:30pm.

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