

June 2023

# Newsletter

## SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Summer is here and we have sent another amazing graduating class from Arlee High School out into the world. Many that are not in the education world believe that we all get the summer off. Arlee School employees certainly do not take the summer off. We have summer school starting for those students that could use a little extra time, especially one on one with a teacher. We fill those positions with our own teachers. The teachers are here for 4 weeks working with students. Our custodial and maintenance staff are working full time to clean and maintain our buildings so they are ready to go at the start of the next school year. We also have some amazing projects going on in the high school with a complete remodel of the science room. We are also doing work in the high school and junior high offices to make them more functional for the staff and students. Our teachers and administrators spend time during the summer attending professional development opportunities in order to better serve our students. We are constantly striving to improve the education that we provide here in Arlee and the beneficiaries are the students. We hope that you will all join us as we focus on reading in the next school year by taking time this summer to make sure your students read both by themselves and to others. The district will be sending out information in all our newsletters next year to pinpoint our K-12 focus on reading which will require us all working together.

The building committee has been working hard to keep the elementary project on track. We are currently reviewing proposals from four different general contractors that would like to be considered for the project. The district is expecting to ask for bids from all four companies and by the end of the summer the board will be tasked with choosing our builder. It is such an exciting time and we look forward to continuing to share the plans for the new building as we put them together. As a district we hope that you have an amazing summer filled with wonderful family time and the creation of memories to last a lifetime.

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

Dr. Mike Perry Ed.D. Superintendent



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Board of Trustees: Congratulations to Lisa Koetter and Phaedrus Swab who were seated on May 23rd to the Arlee School Board of Trustees through May 2026. We appreciate their dedication to the community's students.

#### **IMPORTANT**

## DATES 2023-20234

#### Important Events and Dates

Open House August 22rd (3:30-4:30)

First Day of School August 23rd

Signing Day for HS athletes Feb. 7th

H.S. Fall Sports August 11th

Elementary Class Picture Day May 8th

H.S. Winter Sports November 16th

H.S. Spring Sports March 11th

Yellowstone Trip May 20th - 26th

Graduation June 1st

JH Promotion May 29th

Last Day of School May 30th @ 7pm

PT Conferences TBD

#### End of Quarters ("GO" DAYS too)

- Q1 October 26th (36 Days)
- Q2 January 11th (37 Days)
- Q3 March 21st (38 Days)
- Q4 May 30th (37 Days) (NOT A "GO" DAY)

#### Midterms

- Q1 September 21st
- Q2 November 30th
- Q3 February 15th
- Q4 April 25th

#### End of Trimester (Elementary)

- T1 November 21st (50 Days)
- T2 February 29th (49 Days)
- T3 May 30th (49 Days)

#### School Closings & Holidays

Office Staff Report to school August 9th

Teacher Work Days August 21st & 22nd

Labor Day September 4th

Tribal PIR September 18th

MEA Days October 19th & 20th

Thanksgiving Break Nov. 22nd & 23rd

Winter Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 1st

Spring Break March 28th - April 1st

Make up Snow Day March 28th if needed

Easter March 31st

Memorial Day May 27th



## **ELEMENTARY NEWS**

Hello All -

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

June 8: Last Day of School
June 12: Summer School Starts
August 23: 1st Day of School

#### **Happy June**

Wow, what a year. I started my educational career in 1999 and I have to admit that this has been my most challenging year yet. Each day brought new adventures. I would like to thank all our adults at home that work diligently to help Arlee Schools make education a top priority. Your support and encouragement is truly appreciated.

#### Track and Field Day

Each year the festivities surrounding track and field day get better and better. It takes a lot of hard work from lots of different people! The kitchen staff pivoted many times throughout the day in order to keep the food rolling - A huge THANK YOU to our Kitchen Crew! They are the unsung heroes!

Our pancake/hamburger flippers arrived bright and early with hot coffee and big smiles. Thank You Kirt Tanner, Beth Munro, Mike Perry, Chris Mallozzi, Ron Ritter, Jim Taylor and Brian & Dennis Johnson-BigSam. You guys "rocked it". Mr. Taylor also volunteered his time to run the starting line. Thank you Mr. Taylor.

Thank You Larry and Dorthy Clinkenbeard for letting us use your grill. Your generosity and support for our schools does not go unnoticed.

#### **Next Year**

As we wrap up this year, it is time to start thinking about next year. This year's 2nd graders will make the big move to a different building as 3rd graders. We say goodbye to this year's 6th grade class as they adventure off to Mr. Beckham and Junior High. It always amazes me how fast the school year flies by. Soon we will welcome a new batch of kindergarten students, which I am sure, will keep us on our toes.

I wish you all a fun, safe, and adventurous summer break. **Remember, school starts August 23, 2023!** 

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

## **EAGLES CLUB**

The Arlee EAGLES Environmental Science Club are the 2023 Montana SMART Schools Challenge Champions! The EAGLES leadership presented their environmental science projects to MT State Officials and DEQ professionals in Helena at the State Capitol Building on May 23rd. Please congratulate these amazing Arlee high school students who are keeping Arlee beautiful!



## 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

#### Slideshow

<u>Click here</u> to view the Class of 2023's slideshow.

#### YEARBOOKS

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

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Arlee High School welcomes new National Honor Society members: Paley Espinoza, Jake Knoll, and Dylan Lovejoy. They join current NHS members: President Meghan Upton, Representative Xaria Jacobson, Kendall O'Neill, Vice President Raven Parson, Treasurer Drew Knoll, Fancee Oldperson, Karli Doerr, Jerny Crawford, and Secretary Rheid Crawford.



#### 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 <a href="https://shop.game-one.com/montana/arlee/arlee-high-school">https://shop.game-one.com/montana/arlee/arlee-high-school</a>

#### 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.

## WARRIORS AND SCARLETS

Arlee Community.

Hello and happy almost summer break! 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 9th in the new gym. Please welcome Matt Santay back to the community as the new Boys' Basketball Coach and congratulations to our Junior High Math Teacher, Ross Coleman, on being named the new Girls' Head Basketball Coach. They are ready to get started this summer with open gyms and weightlifting and will be in touch with athletes soon.

A big congratulations to the MAC Softball Team on placing second at state this year and to track athletes Charley Crawford (5th in Javelin) and Raven Parson (4th in High Jump and 7th in Long Jump) on placing at state. Congratulations also to Rheid and Jerny Crawford for both being selected to the Class B All-State Softball Team

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: <a href="https://www.mhsa.org/moa">https://www.mhsa.org/moa</a>.

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

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

Please go to the school website to find the application. If you are planning on volunteer coaching next year, please remember it is mandatory that you also submit an application and take the require MHSA courses.

Thank you and have a great summer!

Marisa Crerar

Athletic Director

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Looking for outdoor activities to do with your kids this summer? Join the Garden Warriors at the Arlee Community Development Corporation's community garden. Volunteers meet for two hours every Friday morning on a three weeks on, one week off schedule to learn and practice gardening skills. The garden will have 55 rows of produce, and the ACDC is looking for an individual or family to plant and care for each row. To sign up, email <a href="mailto:foodsovereignty@arleecdc.org">foodsovereignty@arleecdc.org</a> or call 406-546-5633.

The Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming will be bringing their mobile STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) van to the Arlee Community Development Corporation on Friday, June 23, from 10 to 11:30 AM. The van features displays and activities including 3D printing, drones, robotics, virtual reality, coding, microbiology, space science, and more. The van activities are open to all kids, both boys and girls, as well as non-scout members. Everyone is welcome.

The Arlee CDC's Fourth Fridays open house and art display will resume June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5-7 PM. Join us for an art reception sponsored by Killdeer Artisans Guild for Arlee Youth Artists. Enjoy live music by Andre Floyd along with beverages, finger foods and dessert.

"Out of Darkness, Into Light" is a special exhibit of SKC student artwork that will debut at an open house on Friday, June 9, 5-7 PM at the Arlee CDC. The exhibit features farm, abstract and landscape photography. Light refreshments will be served.

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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 June 20 at 6:30pm.

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