



Arlee School District October 2018



SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

I recently attended our NAFIS (National Association of Federally Impacted Schools) in Washington D.C., better known as Impact Aid for Schools, with the majority of schools being affected with National Indian Impacted Schools Association and Military Impacted Schools Association.

Without Impact Aid our schools and all schools located in Montana on Indian reservations would financially be unable to operate.

Currently I serve as the President of all Montana Impact Aid Schools, and along with 26 other superintendents, board members and business managers we descended on D.C. to assure monies continue to flow into our school districts, because the funds are necessary.

Last spring all Impact Aid Schools faced a group trying to reduce our monies and provide private school vouchers for those not attending public school. Because of NAFIS we were able to fight off special interest groups and not only win the fight but receive additional monies.

We as a group in Montana continue to be proactive and make ourselves visible. We all went on the Hill and had a chance to

talk with Senator Jon Tester, Senator Steve Daines and Congressman Greg Gianforte. All three were very helpful and accommodating of our needs and truly seemed to be concerned.

In Arlee Impact Aid is used to backfill shortage in our General Fund, and to provide monies for much needed projects. Currently we are in the process of drawing up plans and submitting bids on a new boiler, to replace our ancient boiler. We hope we can get through the winter with our old one, as it is a coal burner boiler with excess costs accumulating annually. Because of monies we have saved from Impact Aid we will be able to fund the total cost without borrowing or asking for a mill levy.

Hopefully all can see the importance of Impact Aid to the success of our school district. Without Impact Aid our district would be in dire straits financially!

"Thank you Teachers for guiding us, inspiring us and making us what we are today!"

- Superintendent Baldwin

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The Arlee CDC Youth Committee invites you to be a part of something big!!

We are a growing group of volunteers who are passionate about the youth in our community!

- Bring new ideas to the table
- Volunteer for events
- Provide feedback
- Get your children involved

We are currently working on a family/kid friendly booth for the "Junkin' The Jocko Fall Festival" on Oct. 13th!

If you would like to join our team or have any input, contact us via Facebook messenger or call us @ 726-5550.

-Arlee Community Development Corporation

K-2 ELEMENTARY NEWS

Happy Fall!

Times are changing quickly. We have had many reports in our community about suspicious adults in the area. Here are some tips or conversations to have with your child in order to help them stay safe:

Safety Tips for Children: <https://www.huffingtonpost.com/jim-higley/child-safety>

- Know your name, address, and phone number(s).
- Learn how and when to call 911.
- If you are scared of someone, RUN to safety.
- It's OK to be RUDE to a grown-up if you feel you are unsafe.
- Learn the difference between an "OK" secret and a "NOT OK" secret and beware of an adult that asks you to keep a secret from parents.
- Have a "Call List" and know how and when to use it.
- Don't let anyone on the phone or at the door know that you are home alone.
- If you ever get lost in a mall, ask the closest store clerk for help and then stay where you are until you are found.
- Avoid shortcuts when you are walking from one place to another.
- If you are ever "scooped," scream, kick, bite and FIGHT as hard as you can to get away! NEVER trust what the "scooper" tells you.
- Tell your parents or a trusted adult if someone is asking you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable. Listen to your "Uh Oh" voice.
- Always ask your parents for permission before getting on the Internet.
- Never talk to people online without your parent's permission.

We all need to work together to keep our kids safe!

On a different note. Our Elementary Reading Challenge is in full swing. If you read any books with your child at home, keep track of the number of pages that you have read and turn it into Carolyn at the K-2 office. The teachers are winning the "Race to Read" competition so far. Each month will have a "most pages read" student & teacher winner. If you are looking for some good books to read with your child we have really gotten into the "Crazy Daze" series at our house. This series will guarantee some good laughs. I have some available in our building, and Mrs. Hughes our Elementary Librarian has some available to check out in the library.



Mark your CALENDAR: Picture day is October 24th!

- Principal Anne Tanner



ARLEE CHILD FIND

Join us for **FREE Screening for Infants and Children (birth to 5 years old)** and *coffee, muffins, and fruit!*

WHEN:

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

9 – 11:00

WHERE:

K-2 Resource Room

WHAT:

Developmental Screenings for:

- Hearing
- Speech and Language Development
- Developmental Milestones
- Motor and Cognitive Skills

Stop in any time between 9:00 and 11:00 for the free screening and breakfast treats.

If you have any questions or need transportation to Child Find, please contact Donna Coffman, Arlee's Family-School Coordinator, at 726-3216 x2244.

3-6 ELEMENTARY NEWS

We have just finished the first half of Qtr. number one of the 2018 school year as of September 20th. Our 3-6 enrollment is 170 students, higher than it's been in 4 years. We have very large 6th and 5th grade classes, with 50 and 44 students respectively.

We are having our first monthly attendance celebration and MBI assembly for the month of September on Thursday October 4th. We will recognize and award individual and grade level classes for the highest attendance.

Our Base MAPS testing was conducted in grades 3-6 September 10-13 and we will test again in January to see how much growth our students have had in the areas of both reading and math.

Our 3rd grade, led by Mrs. Ligas and Mrs. Brister, took their classes to the Yellow Bay Bio Station September 20th. There they participated in some experiments concerning the lake and habitat. Observed the differences between Biotic and Abiotic animals and fauna. The students and teachers thought it was a great experience.

Midterm of first Qtr. was September 20th.

Our whole staff participated in our annual Tribal PIR Day at SKC September 17th. It was packed with interesting and informative educational sessions during the whole day.

We had a great turnout of 6th grade boys and girls for our Jr. High football and volleyball teams this fall. Twelve boys and ten girls total. Great job 6th grade.

The Forest Service, led by Ron Swaney and John Malatare, landed a helicopter on our football field for all our students K-12 to observe on September 27th. Our Arlee students had a great Q & A session about the helicopter. They then allowed each class to walk around the copter and gave a short description on how it is utilized by the Forest Service. Thank so much Ron and John.

- Principal Don Holst

October Paperback Best Sellers:

1. Hardcore Twenty Four by Janet Evanovich
2. People VS Alex Cross by James Patterson
3. Fall From Grace by Danielle Steel
4. Deep Freeze by John Sandford
5. Look For Me by Lisa Gardner
6. Merry & Bright by Debbie Macomber
7. Duel to the Death by J.A. Jance
8. Two Kinds of Truth by Michael Connelly
9. Mind Game by Iris Johansen
10. House Rules by Jodi Picoult



JOCKO VALLEY LIBRARY

October Events:

~Tuesday, October 16th Jocko Valley Library Board Meeting at 4:30pm

Library Hours:

Monday 1:00-5:00

Thursday 1:00-5:00

Friday 12:00-4:00

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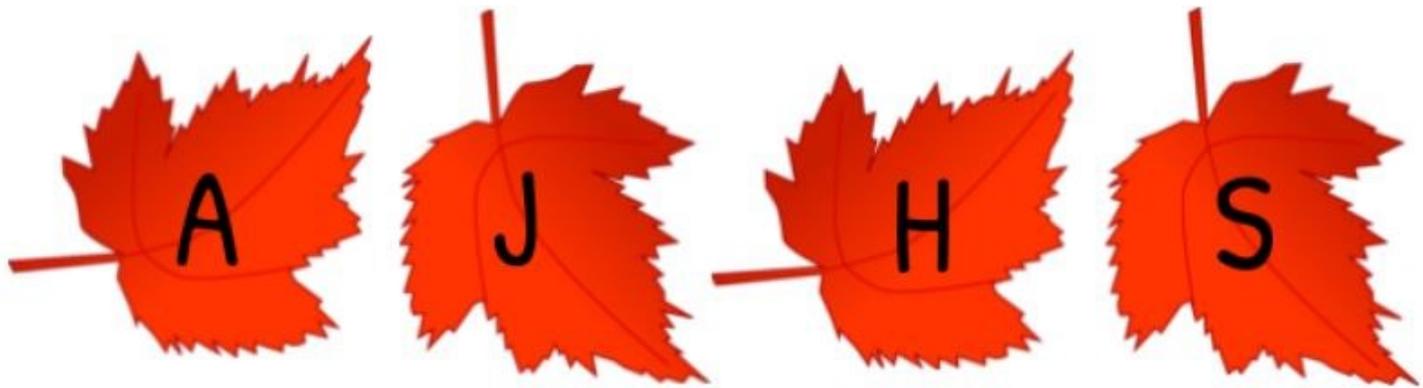


**Arlee High School Parking Lot
5:30-7:30pm October 31, 2018**

Arlee schools and community are bringing Halloween to the high school parking lot where kids can go from car to car and get candy. This is a popular solution to trick or treating in rural areas where homes are far apart.

Please bring your car and candy (decorated if you'd like but not required) by 5:20 before the Arlee goblins arrive at 5:30!

SEE YOU THERE!!



Greetings from the Junior High!

We are already halfway through first quarter! Midterm was September 18. This means that Quarter 1 ends October 25. Midterm Report cards were mailed September 27, if you have not received your child's report card please call the junior high, ext. 2404.

There will be a Montana Behavioral Institute (MBI) assembly October 4, at 10:25 am in the high school (old) gym. The guest speaker is Joe Moriarty from Montana Office of Public Instruction he will be presenting the MBI Matrix and Universals. The junior high teachers will also be honoring several outstanding students at this time for going above and beyond and leading by showing what the MBI Universals look like in action.

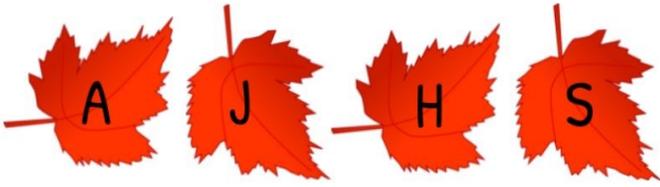
Homecoming week brought a friendly rivalry to the junior high. The homeroom classes competed each day to gain points for the spirit stick. The staff voted on best dressed for each day.

Red and White Day: Everyone was a true Scarlet & Warrior winner!



Pajama Day: Trent
Tacky Tourist: Michaela
Decade Day: Shonlea





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Our Warrior and Scarlet sports teams have been doing a great job this year. If you haven't had the chance to watch them, make sure you do! You will not be disappointed.

We had our elections for student council this past month and are excited to see what things they have planned for us. The new members are:

President: Garrett

Vice President: McKaryss

Secretary: Ben

Mr. Hill's Rep: Raidyn

Mrs. O'Neill's Rep: Kolby

Mr. Sproull's Rep: Imperial

Mrs. DiFulgentis's Rep: Vicente

The junior high would also like to give a big shout out to our fabulous and wonderful custodian Theresa LaHaye. More importantly than keeping our building in tip top shape, she always has a smile on her face and truly cares about the students' well being and safety. Theresa is a true treasure to all of us. Thank you Theresa for all you do, we really appreciate you!!



Last minute reminders:

Theresa LaHaye Day - October 2

No School October 18 - MEA Days

Picture Day - October 24

Parent Teacher Conferences - November 5 -6

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Food Sovereignty Committee and The Family Dinner Project are thrilled to invite you and your family to a free Community Dinner at the Arlee School Cafeteria on October 25th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Open to any and all families in the Jocko Valley! At the Community Dinner, families can get hands-on time in the kitchen making a family meal. While we wait for the food, we'll enjoy some fun games and conversation. We are looking forward to this event and we hope you are too! If you have any questions please contact Mary at 531-7975.

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

This year's MCT production is Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Please include the following important dates in your messages.

~MCT week Monday, Nov.12th- Saturday, Nov. 17th

~MCT Auditions Monday, Nov. 12th

~MCT Production Saturday, Nov. 17th at 7:00pm

K-6 permission slips will be sent home on Tuesday, Nov. 6th with Take Home Tuesday papers. JH & HS will have copies available at your building's office.

HIGH SCHOOL FALL COACHING STAFF

Football:

Head coach Mr. Chuck Forgey

He is entering his second year as head coach in Arlee. Forgey attended West Valley High School in Spokane, graduating in 1991 and was selected all-conference as an offensive lineman and defensive lineman and played in the Washington All State Classic. He then attended Montana Tech in Butte. In 1992 and 1993, Coach Forgey was an All-Conference Offensive Lineman. In 1994, he was a First Team All-American, All-Frontier Conference player, and also received the Simonich Award given to Montana Tech's team MVP. In 1995 he began coaching at Montana Tech and coached until 1998. The teams he coached included a national runner up (1996) and national semifinalist (1997). Coach Forgey graduated from Montana Tech in 1996 with an engineering science degree and currently owns Glacier Lake Sand and Gravel in Polson. He is married to Wendy and they have three children, CJ 16, Sophia 13, and Brayden 7.



Assistant Coach Mr. Ryan Landolfi

Landolfi grew up in Missoula, where he attended Sentinel High School and played middle linebacker on the football team. He went on to earn both his bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Montana in English. During his college years, Ryan coached the McDonalds Burgers for Little Grizzly Football in Missoula. He is now teaching English classes at AHS. Ryan looks forward to coaching the Warriors for the third season in a row this year.

Assistant Coach Todd Yocum

Yocum grew up in Ohio and then attended college at the University of Montana. He has been part of the Arlee Warrior Football program for the past six years; both as an assistant and head coach. Yocum really enjoys working with the students and athletes. Off of the football field, he spends his time with his family. He is married to wife, Traci, who works for the Arlee School District. The Yocum's have one son and three daughters. He enjoys camping, hiking, and wood-working in his spare time. Yocum's day job is in interior lumber sales.

Volleyball:



Head coach Ms. Cortney Dix

Cortney graduated early from Arlee High School in 2011. Cortney attended Butte Tech for a year on a volleyball scholarship, then transferred to UM in Missoula where she finished her nursing degree. She has worked for Hospice in Missoula since 2016. Cortney has a son, Kase, age 5.



Assistant Coach Ms. Alex Courtney

Coach Courtney is originally from Wolf Point, MT, where she lettered in volleyball, basketball & tennis, & earned All-Conference & All-State recognition in volleyball and basketball. Alex led her team to the State volleyball tournament in 2009-2010, & also qualified for State tennis that year as well. After HS, she earned a full-ride volleyball scholarship to Montana Tech, where she played for 2 seasons before transferring to a university in Denver, CO where she finished her collegiate athletic career playing volleyball & basketball. Alex has a BS in Nutrition and is pursuing a career as a Registered Dietitian in the Missoula area.

Cross Country:



Head Coach Brett Sproull

Sproull grew up in Missoula and attended Hellgate High School. Sproull ran four years of Track and three years of Cross Country for the Knights, highlighted by winning the Missoula city Cross Country championship in 1998. After high school, he attended the University of Montana, where he graduated in the fields of History and Health and Human Performance in 2005. After college, Sproull began teaching in Great Falls and coaching track at Whittier School. In 2008, Sproull began working in Arlee and couldn't resist becoming the Junior High Cross Country coach when the program was created in 2010. In 2016, Coach Sproull became the head coach of Arlee's High School Cross Country team and has greatly enjoyed each of his eight seasons. Sproull has coached many talented runners during his time in Arlee, and watching them finish at the front of the pack has been very exciting. His favorite part of coaching, however, is watching each runner develop and improve throughout the season. The 2018 Arlee Cross Country team is an especially fun group to coach but is also stocked with very competitive runners. Coach Sproull is very excited for his runners to start competing in meets

and see what they can accomplish.

AltaCare

New Altacare Staff has been hired for Arlee High School.

Mary Ellen Crabtree is coming to us from Frenchtown School District where she worked in Altacare as a Behavioral Intervention Specialist for the last 3 years. Over the summer she graduated from Walla Walla School of Social Work and will be the Therapist in the High School.

Thersa Brown will be the Behavioral Intervention Specialist for as long as possible but will be moving to Tennessee before long.

Altacare works with severely emotionally disturbed students and provides them with counseling and support during the school week. The program is currently enrolling clients and if you feel that Altacare could help your student please contact Mr. Taylor to discuss.



Counselor's Corner

Gear Up will be starting the fall campus visits in October. 11th graders will be traveling to Carroll College in Helena on Wednesday, October 10th and 9th graders will be traveling to Montana Tech in Butte; date is TBD.

Seniors and Senior Parents:

College Application Week is October 1-5. I will be holding a college application night on Wednesday, October 3 from 6-8 pm in the library. Take advantage of filling out college applications and learning more about colleges you are interested in. There will be refreshments served during this event.

Also, there will be a financial aid night on Monday, November 5th from 5-6:30 in the library. A representative from Reach Higher Montana will be here to help you fill out the FAFSA. Seniors and their parents will both need to get a FSA ID at: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> You'll need to have your FSA ID login and last year's taxes at the meeting.

If you have any questions about upcoming events or need help with college applications, fafsa, scholarships or anything, please feel free to contact me.

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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

October is here and we are starting to feel the chill in the air. Arlee High School has added two major programs this year that are showing to be successful for the staff and students. These programs are an Advisory program and we have turned off the bells.

Each staff member, including myself, is in charge of six to eight students each day during advisory. In this program, the students have a staff member that they can relate to, check grades, interact with, develop rapport with and counsel with. In the past we had the break time for approximately 10 minutes each day so students could get a snack. We increased this time to thirty minutes where the students still get the snack, but also have time with the staff member (Advisor). In September, each of the groups worked on setting SMART Goals for each student. These goals ranged in areas of attendance, academics, personal growth, athletics, clubs and so forth. Also, during Advisory, the time period is used for school clubs to meet without students being pulled out of academic classes. All our clubs have a set time where they can meet and grow as a club, as well as develop strong student involvement. We have an area that all of the advisories work towards each month. Grade checks between the student and his/her advisor happen on a weekly basis. This seems to be working well as we are hoping that the ineligible lists are smaller than the past.

Both Arlee Junior High and Arlee High School are running school without bells this year. We do ring the bells at the start of the school day, lunch break and the end of the day. The teachers and students have adapted to this well and it has helped with students getting to class and cut tardiness down.

Our first mid-term has come and gone and Homecoming week was fun and entertaining. We are working hard to give your children a good education and we hope to see all parents at Parent-Teacher conferences November 5th and 6th.

Have a great fall and Go Warriors and Scarlets!

- Principal Jim Taylor

Homecoming Week

AHS is in the middle of Homecoming week as this goes to press. The Homecoming King and Queen candidates are as follows:

Senior class nominees: Mia Pierre-Stone & Dar Bolen
Junior class nominees: Sydni Rogers & Lane Johnson
Sophomore class nominees: Frankie Wright & Lane Schall
Freshman class nominees: Isaac Ahenakew Fisher & Louetta Conko-Camel

The king and queen named Friday night were **Dar Bolen** and **Frankie Wright**. Congratulations! The classes were busy this week decorating the hallways for Homecoming, and the winner will also be announced at the game.

The Boosters sponsored their annual Tailgate Party on Weds., Sept. 26, which wasn't as well attended as usual, but everyone got a decent meal and the kids always enjoy the Manly Man Volleyball game afterward. Here is the lowdown on the game:

In a surprising turn of events last night our two-time Manly Man Volleyball champions were defeated during the semifinal match up cutting short their bid for a

3rd championship. The power house team fought a heated battle till the very end but lost in the third and final match with a score of 7 to 9. Congratulations to our new champions: Demetrix Austin, Colt Crawford, Tyler Brown, Tommy Tanner, Noah Coulson, and Sage Nicolai. Congratulations to Coaches Halle Adams, Rylee Belcourt, and Skyla Lewis. You pushed your team hard and won the battle. All is not lost though, our former champions did walk away with a consolation prize. Their team won the best uniform contest. Ultimately the Scarlets Volleyball team did defeat everyone! Congrats to all and thank you student body for your participation. Arlee Warriors and Scarlets All The Way.

Thank you to all who helped with the tailgate party and game: Becky Malatare, Val Espinoza, Karen Hunter, Tricia Johnson, Anne Stewart, Shawna O'Neill, Kelly & Dusty Nagel, Bridget Fiddler, all who brought side dishes, and a HUGE thanks to the Big Sam family (Nelson, Debbie and Ellen) for cooking the burgers and dogs! They have been doing this for years and we certainly appreciate all their efforts.

Close Up Program:

Close up is a program involving high school students who

are raising funds for a week long study-visit to Washington DC during their Senior year. The mission of the Close Up program is to inform, inspire, and empower young people to exercise their rights and accept the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy. Students get an inside look at their democracy in action, using the nation's capital as a living classroom. Some of our fundraisers are running the basketball and wrestling concessions, a silent auction and fruit sales. Val Espinoza, the long time advisor, will be stepping down next year and handing over the reins to Mr. Dave Linzmeyer, our new history/government teacher. Ms. Sue Carney has also been helping out for several years and will continue with Val this year helping out the new guy!

***Fruit sales of oranges, grapefruit and mandarins and also coffee sales will be starting Oct. 1. Please help our students out by purchasing a box of fruit or a bag of delicious coffee when they come calling! If you don't hear from anyone and would like to order, please call Val at the HS office. 726-3216, ext. 2301.*

Senior Nights:

Senior Nights for Cross Country and Football will take place on Friday, Oct. 12, during the home football game vs Victor. We will be honoring these seniors and their parents: **Football:** Lane Schall, Dar Bolen, Chase Gardner, Lane Johnson, Skyler Titsworth, Jason Miller, Greg Whitesell and Nathaniel Coulson.

Cross Country: Jason Miller, Isaac Ahenakew Fisher, James Crazyboy, Ashley Potts and Frankie Wright.

Volleyball Senior Night will happen on Sat., Oct. 13 at the home game vs Noxon. Seniors and their parents being honored will be *Tomi Brazill, Louetta Conko-Camel, Sydni Rogers, Noelle West and Nellie Desjarlais.*

Activity Fees:

Most everyone has now paid their activity fees for the year, but if your child still owes the \$30, please pay as soon as possible. This is a required fee for all HS and JH students. It covers the many expenses that it takes so that we may offer extra-curricular programs, not just sports. We have many clubs/organizations also at AHS. Paying this fee guarantees the student free admittance to any home game or meet during the school year, excluding tournaments.

Upcoming Events:

-There will be no school on Thurs., Oct. 18, due to staff being at Teacher Conventions.

-The State Cross Country meet is in Missoula at the UM Golf Course on Saturday, Oct. 20. Come and support our hard working runners!

-Individual pictures will be taken on Weds., Oct. 24. Order forms will be sent home with your kids.

-The District Volleyball Tournament will be held in Hot Springs Oct. 25-27. Go SCARLETS!

-Quarter One will end on Thurs., Oct. 25. Report cards will be sent out the following week.

DRAMA CLUB NEWS

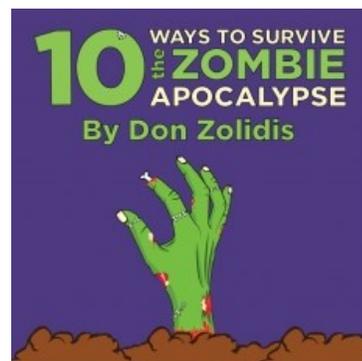
Mark your calendars!

The Arlee High School Drama Club will be presenting a double-header fall production:

10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse and
Superheroes

Saturday, November 10 at 7 pm and

Sunday November 11 at 2 pm





Join us on Saturday, **October 13, 2018**
at **11:00am** at the **St. Ignatius Airport &**
help make a difference for a great group of
High School Seniors!

HOW IT WORKS- The field out at the St. Ignatius Airport will be marked as a grid. Numbered tickets will be sold for each square in the grid. The morning of the Pumpkin Drop, ticket numbers will be randomly assigned to the squares in the grid. Then the fun begins! ... Pumpkins will be dropped from an airplane onto the grid. If a pumpkin drops on your square, **YOU WIN!!**

TICKET COST- Tickets will be sold by area High School Seniors for \$20.00 or 2 for \$30..

PRIZE- The winning squares will win the proceeds of 25% of the money collected on ticket sales.

EVENT DAY BREAKFAST- Join us for a donation only breakfast & watch this fun event!! *All proceeds benefit the scholarship fund.

The Pumpkin Drop Event is sponsored by Valley Banks and the St. Ignatius Chamber of Commerce. All proceeds go to the Valley Banks Community Scholarship Fund.

This fund benefits graduating seniors from area High School. Seniors must apply for the scholarship and must be used toward their secondary education choice. All funds will be disbursed at the end of the school year between all applicants.

This event will kick off our scholarship drive and you can learn more by visiting our facebook page. If you would like to donate or help, call us at 745-3123 or email us at bdennis@valleybankronan.com or spatton@valleybankronan.com

Valley Banks Community Scholarship

INVESTING IN OUR STUDENT'S FUTURES

TITLE I NEWS

What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federal assistance program for schools across the United States. The funds flow through the state office of public instruction and each district must submit an application for these funds.

The funds are based on the numbers of students receiving free and reduced lunch. Arlee School District is a Title I district, meaning that all students in our public school are eligible to receive the benefits of Title I, even if they do not qualify themselves.

What does Title I emphasize?

Title I funding focuses on the following four categories:

- 1) Reading and math improvement
- 2) Support for teachers and paraprofessionals to improve their craft
- 3) Graduation support
- 4) Family and community engagement

School administrators help create a plan for the funds based on what they know about their students, teachers, and families.

You can learn more here:

<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/index.html>

How can I get involved?

Families and community will be invited to participate in a survey online or on paper at the first parent-teacher conference meetings of the year, November 5-6, to help guide the planning for our funding. If you would like to chat about funding ideas prior to that date, please call the district grants manager, Anna Baldwin, at 726-3216 x2315.

Update:

Our state required Title I applications to be submitted by September 30. Ours was submitted on Sept. 28. We will hear back from the state shortly regarding the approval of our plan, at which point we can start implementing our supports for students.



Upcoming Events

Tues., October 9, 6:30 pm: School board meeting

Thurs., October 18: NO SCHOOL (state teacher conference)

Weds., October 24: School pictures

Thurs., October 25: End of Quarter 1

Thurs., October 25, 5-7 pm: Community dinner (cafeteria)

Weds., October 31, 5:30-7:30 pm: Trunk or Treat (HS parking lot)

Mon-Tues., Nov. 5-6: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Tues., Nov. 6, 9-11 am: Child Find (K-2 Resource Room)

Sat., Nov. 17, 7 pm: Missoula Children's Theater *Snow White & the Seven Dwarves*
