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- Superintendent Jim Baldwin

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy November!

The temperatures really dropped this last week. If you need help with hats, mittens, gloves, boots and jackets please let us know. We still try to get our students outside for fresh air and some constructive play as much as the cold weather will allow, so all students need to be dressed for the elements.

A reoccurring issue has been coming up among our 4-6 grade students. Apparently, kids have been making their own YouTube channels at home. Youtube can be seen by anyone who has access to the internet. Please be aware of what your child is posting on-line at home. Also, follow what they are watching. On Thursday, November 14th from 9-9:30 am in the junior high gym we will be having a K-6 assembly on cyber safety.

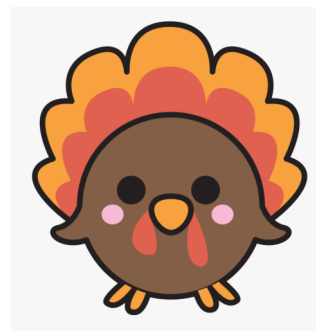
Parent-teacher conferences are approaching quickly. Conferences will be on November 6th and 7th from 4-7pm. **Watch for your scheduled time in your child's Tuesday Take Home Fold-**

er. We will have our annual book fair in the elementary library during parent/teacher conferences. Please stop in and see what cool books Mrs. Hughes has available for purchase. Please be sure to check the lost and found in your child's building when you visit!

We are making many changes to our early morning drop-off routine. In order to provide safe student exchanges we have developed a drop-off system. As you read through this newsletter you will find a map on how we will be organizing our parking area to incorporate a safe system.

Have a great month of November!

- Principal Anne Tanner



SCHOOL BOARD OPENINGS

Board of Trustees: The Arlee School Board of Trustees will have two (2), three (3) year positions open on the Board in May 2020. If you are interested in being a member please contact District Clerk Lonnie Morin at 406-726-3216, ext. 5, Monday through Thursday 7:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Oath of Candidacy can also be found on the Arlee District website at www.arleeschools.org under Departments/District Office/Election Forms. Filing opens on December 12, 2019 and closes on March 26, 2020.

READING NEWS

K-2 Parents!

Cultivating a love of reading in young children is the key to their future success in school and life.

Learn with Homer, is a delightful Learn-to-Read program that we are using in our K-2 computer lab. All K-2 students have lab time once per week. Your family can also use Learn with Homer at home on an iPad, iPhone or any computer with internet access.

Homer was built by literacy experts to cultivate a love of reading in young children and to teach them to become better readers. It is easy to use, safe and nurturing, with 1000s of games and lessons and a vast library of e-books all in one place.

It was also shown in a recent research study by the former US Assistant Secretary of Education to increase early reading scores by 74%.

Because we are using Homer in our school, we are able to invite families to try Homer at home for 30 days free of charge. If you like the program, you can subscribe with a special discount.

Arlee Elementary Book Fair!

When: Monday 11/4 -Thursday 11/7.

7:30-4:00 on School Days

****Come in and shop while attending Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday 11/6 & Thursday 11/7 from 4:00-7:00!***

Where: Elementary Library in the 3-6 building.

If you want to shop early, you can go online to scholastic.com/fair or check out the link on the Arlee Library Facebook page!



MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.

Join us at the Arlee High School Stage at 7:00pm on Saturday, November 23rd as Missoula Children's Theatre and over 50 local students present an out-of-this world performance. With Gulliver's spaceship wrecked and his trusty computer on the fritz, brave explorer Gulliver finds himself lost in space.



Auditions are open for students grades K-12. Please look for a permission slip to be sent home on Tuesday, November 12th. Return your signed permission slip by Thursday, November 14th. Auditions will take place in the 3-6 building's multipurpose room on Monday, November 18th at 4:05pm.

LOST AND FOUND

Don't forget to check the lost and found during parent-teacher conferences this week!



Arlee



Bazaar

**November 16, 2019
10 am to 3 pm**

In downtown Arlee at 92439 US Hwy 93N

Lunch and pie will be available for sale



Sponsored by the Arlee Brown Building Committee

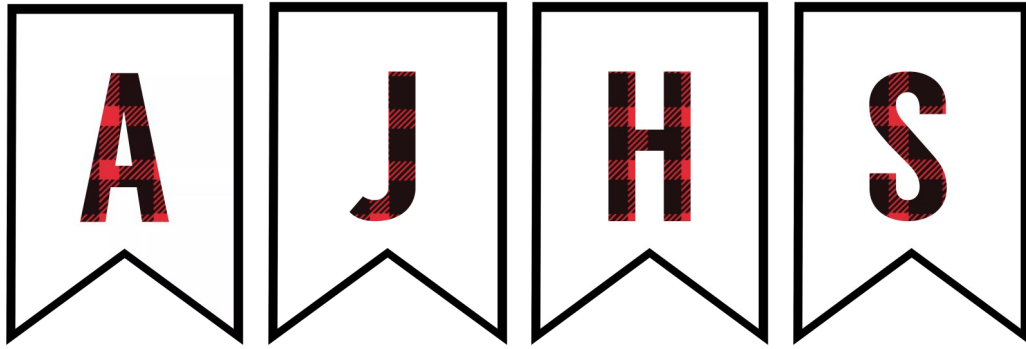
Call Paula Wofford for table information 726-3227

Arlee Paid Group Facilitator Opportunity

GUTS! is a leadership program of the YWCA of Missoula that serves young people ages 9-18 in Missoula and the surrounding communities, who identify with girlhood or who believe participation in the program will benefit them. The goal of this program is to encourage participants to discover their personal strengths, develop their leadership skills and activate positive community change.

Facilitators co-lead a weekly lunchtime group at Arlee Elementary with 5-12 participants. The role of the facilitators is to foster growth of participants and encourage them to develop as leaders through mentorship, group activities and projects. Facilitators dedicate around 2-3 hours each week (including travel and planning time) for 10-12 weeks. Facilitator training will be provided. Each facilitator will receive a stipend for the group. Please apply at YWCAofMissoula.org





Our school year has been flying by and Quarter 1 ended on November 1st. The students in the Junior High have been working hard and we are so proud of them. Report cards will be handed out during Parent Teacher Conferences, November 6th and 7th from 4 pm to 7 pm. We hope to see you there as the students are excited about sharing what they have learned in the first quarter of the 2019-20 school year.

Please bring your child with you to conferences because they will be leading the conferences and sharing their portfolio and goals with you. If you are unable to attend on November 6th or 7th please contact your child's community groups advisor to set up another time that works for you. Please check your mail for more information on student-led conferences and the invitation letter your child wrote inviting you to come to their conferences.



The Arlee Junior High Drama Club performed the play 'Gingerbread Girl' for the kindergarten classes. The theme of the play was 'kindness'. Thanks to Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Smith for accommodating us; your students were a wonderful audience.

Individual picture retakes will be on November 18, if you're unhappy with the pictures or your child missed that day, they will be able to retake the pictures. Send them with their smiling faces that day!

Our fall sports have ended and we wanted to give a big thanks to our coaches, Mr. HeavyRunner, Franny Brown, Cassidy Smith and Abby Yocum. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our young student athletes.

With fall sports ending, our winter sports are beginning. Boy's basketball started on October 15. There is a great group of kids out and we are all excited to watch our Warriors this season. They will have pictures on November 6, so be on the lookout for picture packet forms.



Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Difugentis took Brooke Tanner, Ben Harlow, Aaron Haynes and Dallas Swab to the Blackfoot Banquet on Wednesday, October 23rd to accept our \$300.00 technology grant.



The 8th graders attended a college visit to the University of Montana on Monday, October 21st. They hiked the M, toured the campus and had lunch in the cafeteria.



November 11 is Veterans Day and us at AJHS would like to honor our very own veteran, Mr. Ken Hill, our science teacher. Thank you for your years of service. We all appreciate you!

Stay warm and we look forward to seeing you at Parent Teacher Conferences!

BUS SAFETY

The community safety team has been concerned about the bus and car procedures in mornings and afternoons and has produced a map for guidance. Please read the guidance below and follow signs and cones deployed twice every day during arrival and dismissal times.

Morning:

Cars, please drop your students along the sidewalk in front of the high school and then exit through the marked exit between concrete parking barriers.

Cars, please do NOT drop off students on the west side of the concrete barriers or drive along the left side of the buses. Buses and other cars CANNOT SEE your students crossing the parking/driving areas in the dark.

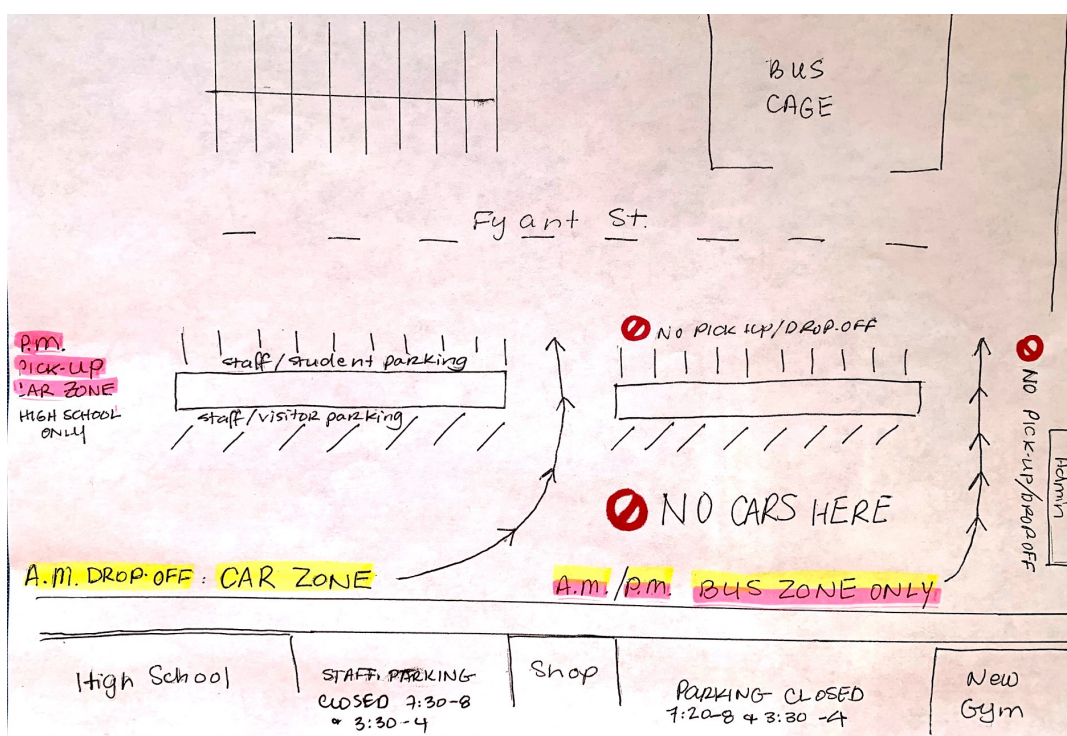
Cars, please follow the flow of traffic along Fyant Street (which is actually a street contained inside our parking lot). Please do not drive the wrong way through the parking area.

Afternoon:

Cars, please pick up your student at the student's school building. Please do not grab students from the bus zone.

Cars, please do not drive along the left side of the buses. This area is coned off in the afternoon for the safety of our students.

No cars should drive across the sidewalk at any time when students or staff are crossing, in particular from 7:30-8 am and 3:30-4 pm.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Here we are at the start of November and almost winter break. With this, we have the start of basketball and wrestling seasons as well as music concerts and in no time the end of the first semester.

With this being said, there are some school rules and policies that I would like to review with you, parents, staff and coaches. All of these policies are located in the Arlee Student Handbook which can be found on our school website. www.arleeschools.org

Attendance: This is the number one issue that we as a school deal with each day. Students are sick or have appointments, attend cultural events, and/or have other reasons why they are not in school. As a reminder, if your student is going to be absent from school, we ask that you contact the school office that your child's main classes are in and let the office manager (Val, Jamie, Carolyn, Wendy) know that your child will not be in school that day. If you know in advance, you can also call ahead of time to let us know. The school policy on attendance in the junior high and high school on page 8 of the handbook states: To earn credit for any school course, a student cannot be absent ten (10) days from a course per quarter (JH) or ten (10) days from a course per semester (HS) or credit may be denied. Exempt absences do not count towards these absences.

On a positive side with attendance, your students can earn awards such as an Honor Roll Pass, No Tardy Pass, and Perfect Attendance Passes. Attached are the types of absences that the school looks at when determining credit and excused or unexcused absences.

Types of Absences: There are three (3) types of absences – exempt, excused, and regular.

1. Exempt absences are defined as the following: (A) Honor Roll Pass, No Tardy Pass, and Perfect Attendance Pass (B) Parental request for cultural or religious activities (page 7) (C) Required court appearances (D) Counseling appointments (E) School sponsored activities including athletics (F) College Visitations

2. Excused absences are defined as the following: a. Personal illness with a doctor's note b. Bereavement approved by the principal c. Other unforeseen absences approved by the principal

3. Regular absences are all other absences.

If your student is involved in athletics or any extra/co-curricular activities, we follow the information listed on page 18 of the student handbook which is as follows:

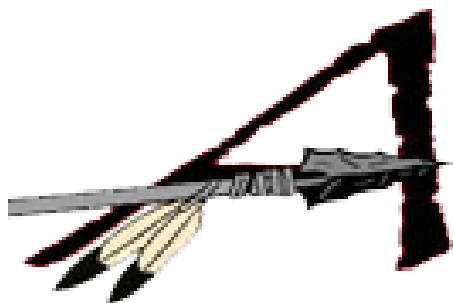
Attendance Rules for Extra and Co-Curricular Practice

☐ If an athlete is absent and/or tardy, he/she may not practice and/or play in a game with the team that day.

☐ If a student needs to miss school for medical/dental only, the Athletic Director must be notified 12- 24 hours in advance for the student to practice or participate in a game.

If a student is assigned Advisory-time detention and/or Friday ISS and the student misses or skips these, the student will not be allowed to practice or participate in activities scheduled for those days.

Grades: This is the most important part of school as grades equal credits which are required to graduate from Arlee High School. Arlee High School requires 24 credits to be able to graduate.



We follow certain Arlee School Board, MHSA and State of Montana requirements when developing our policies on extra/co-curricular participation. Arlee requires the following requirements to participate:

A 2.0 grade point average and no failing grades. We check grades every 4.5 weeks and the only grades that go onto a student's transcript are the semester grades (4th and 8th grade check). The teachers at Arlee develop classroom grades by class work, quizzes, tests and projects as well as finals week which will be the week of January 13-16, 2020.

Montana High School Association requires a student to meet the following terms to be eligible to participate in extra/co-curricular activities:

1. A student must be enrolled in twenty hours per week and in regular attendance.
2. A grading period is defined as one semester. A semester is defined as one half of a school year.
3. A student must have received a passing grade and received credit in at least twenty periods of prepared class work or its equivalent in the last previous semester. At Arlee, this would be passing four periods out of seven.
4. The scholastic record at the end of the semester shall be final and deficiencies may not be made up in any manner.

As I stated above, high school finals week will be the week of January 13-16, 2020 and I will be sending out the finals schedule with my December newsletter. There is a lot of information in my report this month, but I felt it was important as we all don't have the time and resources to read the various handbooks.

Hope you have a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas break. We are also looking forward to another successful Arlee basketball and wrestling season.

Go Warriors and Scarlets!

- Principal Jim Taylor

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Seniors and parents: I will be holding a FAFSA night for seniors on Wednesday, November 6, from 6:00-7:30 in the library for those of you who need help with financial aid for your college bound seniors. A representative from the University of Montana will be at the meeting to assist anyone with questions.

I sent letters home for you to sign up for the FSA ID. Please let me know if you have any questions about how to sign up.

If your senior is interested in retaking the ACT on Saturday, December 14, please have them come see Misty to get signed up. The registration deadline is November 8, 2019.

Also for those seniors who put in for the Valley Banks Scholarship, the financial readiness class will be on Wednesday, November 13 at the Arlee Bank. Please contact me or Shannon Patton for an application.

Misty Brien
Arlee HS/JH Guidance Counselor
mbrien@arleeschools.org

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS, CONTINUED

Homecoming week was busy and hectic but a good time was had by all. The Juniors won the hall decorating contest, **Princess Bolen** was voted the “most spirited” female student and Charley Crawford was voted the “most spirited” male student! **Headley Feed** won the “**Paint the Town Red**” contest, so if you get a chance, stop by there and tell them thanks for all the support.



Mistie Dillree of Headley Feed and Peyton Lammerding, AHS Student Council President

Congratulations to the 2019 Homecoming King and Queen candidates: Seniors chose **Emily Fiddler** and **Ka-noa Palazzolo**, juniors chose **Peyton Lammerding** and **Jon Henry Matt**, sophomores chose **Melaia Matt** and **Devin Cordier** and the freshmen chose **Reese Bird** and **Cody Tanner**.

The 2019 Homecoming King and Queen are **Cody Tanner II** and **Emily Fiddler**!



Our fall sports have come to an end and we thank the cross country, volleyball and football teams and coaches for all the hard work and good watching throughout the season.

Coach Sproull wrote the following about his cross country team:

“Wow..did this season go by quickly! We started it off in the heat, with runners ending practices by soaking in the Jocko. We ended it at State in the snow and the cold in Great Falls, and we ended it right. Congrats first to the runners who somehow managed to set PRs at the State meet despite the elements – Princess Bolen joined the 7 minute mile club and ran her most complete and consistent race, finishing in 24:38! Elaina Wall made those Hardin boys take notice by setting her season PR by 47 seconds – 30:55! Melaia Matt ran her best race of the season, improving by a minute and a half - 32:42! Finally, Devin Cordier put those monster calves to work and made his last

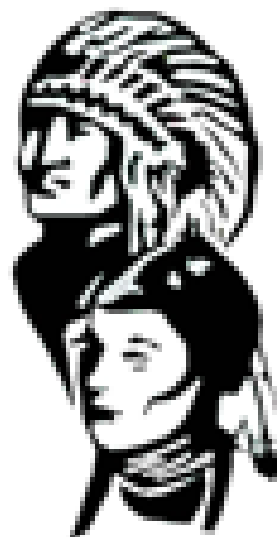
race his best – 23:53!

Several runners – Cheyenne Pablo, Denny Sween and Devin Cordier – had better races at the State meet than last time we ran at the same course in Great Falls in September, despite the snow. Aubrey Ishler and Denny Sween had their second best time of the year, and Tally Martin had her fourth best. Micah Johnson and Sage Nicolai didn't set any personal records at the State meet, but they did lead the team with the two fastest times of any Arlee runners. R.J. Knoll proved his toughness by running in his eighth straight race in which he had some unending respiratory zombie infection. Finally, Billy Fisher went for it, despite his back injury. Like many of you in previous races this season, he poured all he could into the race, but his body couldn't keep up with his heart."

Assistant football coach, Ryan Landolfi, wrote this about this year's football team: "The 2019 Warriors may have lacked experience on the varsity gridiron, but they more than made up for it with tenacity and enthusiasm. While the win and loss column may not have added up to what many would consider a successful season, the coaching staff couldn't have been more pleased with the team's season-long effort and attendance. A few of the season's highlights include Cody Tanner's exploits under center as a first-year starter at quarterback, CJ Forgey's protection as the offensive

line's anchor, Colt Crawford's agility from the offensive backfield, and Noah Coulson's big hits on defense. The younger players' contributions to the team can't go unnoticed; without their hard work day in and day out at practice, the team's successes would have been impossible. Finally, toward the end of the season, the JV boys wound up on the winning side of two contests against Victor and Clark Fork, led by Charley Crawford's athleticism, Lucas One Horn's big plays, and Justice McLinden's unblockability on defense. All in all, Coach Forgey and Coach Landolfi thoroughly enjoyed the boys' effort and willingness to learn new positions, plays, and schemes all year long. To the graduating seniors: it was a great ride! And to the rest of the team: the off-season is just beginning. The 2020 Warriors will build off of this year's successes and create their own!"

We did not hear back from our volleyball coach for an end of year report, but hopefully we'll have one in the next newsletter.



HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Arlee Health and Physical Education classes recently enjoyed learning contra dance for the third year in a row from Mr. Mark Matthews. Mark Matthews is not only a dance instructor but also a historian and writer about dance. His 'Swinging through American History' series includes "Square Your Sets," "Promenading toward Democracy," "Cakewalking out of Slavery," and "Jitterbugging across the Colorline." Matthews also wrote, 'Smoke Jumping on the Western Fire Line' about conscientious objectors fighting fire instead of going to World War II.

At Lynn Classical High School Mr. Matthews earned second team All-State honors in Massachusetts, and played on the old parquet floor at the old Boston Gardens during the Tech Tourney in 1968. At Brandeis University he played for the legendary NBA star K.C. Jones of the Boston Celtics. At the 'Garden', Mr. Matthews watched his idol, K.C. Matthews also admired Sam Jones, Satch Sanders, Havlicek and Bill Russell. Matthews said he dreamed of growing up to be a black 6'6" basketball player. Matthews noted he saw Led Zeppelin at the Garden back in the day.

Mr. Matthews was paid by Humanities Montana to teach at Arlee School.

Mark now lives in Hysham, Montana, where he spends most of his time sculpting and writing.

GRANTS AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS

What happens in the Grants Office?

Grants manager Anna Baldwin researches grants that might fit Arlee School's mission and our needs, conducts focus group interviews and then writes grants proposals. Some recent proposals include an Impact Aid grant to build a new elementary facility, a Montana Commerce Department grant to help pay for the new boiler system, a homeless assistance grant from the Montana Office of Public Instruction, and so on.

Arlee Schools also receives federal funds which are coded as grants, including Title I which provides support for struggling readers and writers, and Title VI which supports Indian education.

A sampling of current projects funded by grants and federal programs:

- **Arlee Syal Project**, provides culture– and unity-focused activities all year round, funded by the Headwaters Foundation
- **Arlee Next Step Project**, a grant to support teachers in creating culturally responsive materials for other teachers to use, funded by the Montana Office of Public Instruction
- **Arlee GreenWorks Project**, a grant to retrofit our greenhouse for plant, biology and nutrition lesson, funded by the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools
- **Jump into the Jocko Valley**, part of Title I and Title VI to support new teachers and teachers new to the district in learning about our local community

If you have any questions about the grants programming at Arlee Schools, please call Anna Baldwin at 726-3216 x2315.



**ARLEE AMERICAN LEGION
ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY SPAGHETTI DINNER
NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

5PM TO 8PM

**ARLEE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER
34532 Wessinger St.**

**(ONE BLOCK WEST OF THE ARLEE POST OFFICE)
FREE WILL OFFERING APPRECIATED**

For more information contact:

Bill Orr 726-3798 or Ron Tonasket 406-531-9176



Veterans Day Event - Arlee Schools

**Monday, November 11, 10 am
Arlee New Gym**



**All Jocko Valley & Mission Veterans
&
community members invited**

- Presentation by Marine veteran Chuck Lewis
- Honor song from Red Sand drum group
- Flag raising at elementary flagpole
- Lunch invitation for veterans

Upcoming Events

11/6 after school: Junior high boys' basketball pictures

11/6 and 11/7, 4-7 pm: Parent-Teacher Conferences

11/12, 6:30 pm: School board meeting

11/18: Individual picture retakes

11/21: Winter sports practices begin

11/23, 7 pm: MCT presents *Gulliver's Travels*

11/27-12/1: Thanksgiving break

Follow Arlee Schools on Facebook for up-to-date scheduling, weather changes, and other information!
