



**Arlee School District
December 2019**



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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.

TALENT SHOW

See the Arlee students shine at the 2019 Talent Show! The Arlee Talent Show will be held Thursday December 19th, 2019 from 1:10-3:00 in the old gym. Auditions will be held for grades 3-12 on December 9th-12th on the high school stage at 12:30-12:45 and after school. Sign-up sheets for auditions are located in the 3-6, junior high, and high school offices. Come watch our stars shine!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy December!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the effort that you have been putting into bringing your child to school on a consistent basis. As of the first of November our attendance by grade level has been reported as:

Kindergarten -- 93.76%

1st grade -- 94.43%

2nd grade -- 93.11%

3rd grade -- 94.49%

4th grade -- 93.25%

5th grade -- 92.61%

6th grade -- 93.70%

This is the first time since I started officially tracking attendance that all grade levels were in the 90% range! We are very excited to see this. Keep up the great work. Most of the core subjects (math & reading) are first thing in the morning. Getting your kids to school everyday and on time is essential!

During the first couple of weeks of January we will be having our second round of MAP testing. This year, on average, across all grade levels we have been scoring around 10 points below

the national average. We are working hard to bring our scores up by providing new interventions, reintroducing our title program and tracking students progress. Please make sure your child is well rested and fired up for this second round of assessments. I have a feeling that they will do GREAT!

We are approaching a long holiday break. I hope that you will be able to use this time to relax, hang out with family, and eat lots of treats!

Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Tanner

MUSIC CONCERTS

Holiday Concert

The grades 6-12 holiday concert is Thursday, December 5. The concert starts at 7:00 p.m., with a call time of 6:00 for the performing students. This means that at 6:00, students need to be in the music room, dressed, with all music and materials, ready to start warming up.

Tardiness will result in a loss of grade points for the concert (worth a total of 100 points). If a student cannot get a ride either from a parent/guardian, other family member, friend, or a classmate, they are welcome to stay with me after school until the concert starts (be sure to bring something to eat and your performance clothes).

Attendance at this concert is MANDATORY.* Music is a performance-based subject, and therefore students must be participating in the performance in order to get the full experience. If, for any reason, a student cannot attend the concert, I must know no later than Tuesday, November 26. This would give the ensemble enough time to get ready to perform without this person. Any notification after this date will result in an unexcused absence for the concert, with no chance to make up the points.

*The only exception would be family emergency or sudden and severe illness/injury.

For this holiday concert, students may add some holiday flair to their concert uniform. Santa hats, Christmas scarves, holiday colors/accessories, etc. If something is so extravagant that it is deemed a distraction to oneself and others, a student may be asked to change or remove the item. If you're not sure whether or not something is appropriate, feel free to ask!

Concert Etiquette

When not performing, students are expected to be sitting quietly and attentively with their ensembles in the audience, supporting their peers. When on stage, students are focused, not talking, participating, and respectful. Cell phones are not permitted in the performance area. No talking or leaving the gym; this prevents distractions. Transitions between performing groups will be quiet, quick, and efficient (these transitions will be practiced during dress rehearsals).

If a student fails to follow concert etiquette, they may be removed from stage and receive a failing grade for the concert with no chance to make it up. There will be no tolerance for distractions or disrespect from any performer; I will not allow a student to ignore expectations and ruin the experience for other hard working performers.

Elementary Music Concert

The K-5 music concert is on Tuesday, December 17, at 6 p.m. Please have students seated with their classes in their assigned spots in the gym by 5:30 p.m. Band students need to be in the music room at that time to put together and warm up their instruments. Performing students are to wear something that is clean and nice (bonus points if it makes them feel good and professional!) Students are welcome to add some holiday flair to their attire. Students will be held to the same concert etiquette standards as the sixth-twelve grade students, listed previously.

Music Boosters Bake Sale

The Music Boosters Bake Sale will be happening during the Elementary Music Concert on Tuesday, December 17. We are asking for a donation of baked goods for us to sell; the money we make from this bake sale helps to pay for classroom materials and performance opportunities in the future. Please bring your donation of baked goods to Val Espinoza in the HS office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17. Thank you for your help!

GRANTS AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Arlee Syal (circle) Project had a big event in November! During Native American Week, we honored veterans on November 11, had District Unity Day (matching t-shirts for everyone) on November 12, Native Heroes Door Day on November 13, and safety/Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness on November 14. Our next event is in February and will be winter storytelling.

Title I: Thank you to all the parents & caregivers who signed the Title I compact (available at the Open House and again at Parent-Teacher Conferences) as well as the questionnaire. The number of signed compacts (not the names on them) are reported to the state to demonstrate that we are communicating with families about Title I. We use the questionnaires to help write grants and adjust our programming for the coming year.

New: A grant for **homeless student support** was funded by the Montana Office of Public Instruction.

This grant will supply a space we're calling the Cache Closet with winter clothes, school supplies, PE gear, and nonperishable foods. The Cache Closet will be located in the 3-6 building, inside Ms. Tritz's office. Homelessness in students is not just kids living in cars, hotels, campgrounds, and other nonpermanent housing, but it's also families doubled up with other families and students who are couch-surfing.



Arlee again has a **Gifted & Talented** program! This program will help teachers better differentiate their instruction to meet the needs of all our students in their classes. G/T students are identified via three pathways: 1) MAP test scores, validated by teacher approval; 2) teacher nomination validated by Renzulli observation tool; 3) parent nomination validated by Renzulli observation tool.



Hello from the Arlee Junior High!

Quarter one ended and we had an exceptional amount of students make honor roll and perfect attendance. Wonderful job students keep up the hard work!

Arlee Junior High 1st Quarter Honors

Perfect Attendance 8th Grade: Ethan Fiddler, Adalyn Jacobson, Jorja Kellmer, Drew Knoll and Trista White

Perfect Attendance 7th Grade: Levi Conover, Alexis Arlee, Chayton Bartell, Tai-Lee Davidson, Dylan Lovejoy, Leah Mesteth, Bridger Smith and Brooke Tanner

High Honor Roll 3.7 & Above 8th Grade: Michaela Buck, Paley Espinoza, Adalyn Jacobson, Harli Kinney, Drew Knoll, Edwin Koetter, Shonlea Matt, Kendall O'Neill, Dallas Swab and Trista White

High Honor Roll 3.7 & Above 7th Grade: Olivia Adams, River Gray, Dylan Lovejoy, Bodhi McLinden, Kaiden Ostby, Brooke Tanner and Alonah Warrior

Honor Roll 3.3-3.69 8th Grade: Kinika Bartell, Imperial BigSam, Ethan Fiddler, Benjamin Harlow, Matthew Johnson, Tavin Lapahie, Fancee Old Person, Trent Rutherford, Kailee Scott and SaanJay Small Boy

Honor Roll 3.3-3.69 7th Grade: Tayen Edmo, Madisyn Hanken, Paige Johnston, Leah Mesteth, Isadore Mitchell, Dhane Morsette, Saisha North Peigan, Bridger Smith, Brody Smith and Faith Sween

On The junior high staff would like to give a big thanks to all the parents, guardians and family members that came to the Student-Led Conferences! We had a great turnout with 74% of the parents participating this year. If you were not able to attend please feel free to call 726-3216 ext. 2404 or email and schedule a meeting at any time of the year. The staff wants to see your child succeed and a major part of that is communication.

November 23, Starr Maeseelah, Juaquin Santos, Paige Johnston, Dylan Lovejoy, Cayden Clark, Saisha North Peigan, Madisyn Hanken, Levi Conover and Brody Smith participated in the Missoula Children's Theater production of Gulliver's Travels. These nine (a record I believe!) artistes did a tremendous performance of Gulliver's Travels.

This month is filled with basketball! Junior high boys' basketball will have their last home game on December 10, against the Mission Bulldogs. This group of boys are playing outstandingly well and are a blast to watch!

Junior high girls basketball will start Monday, December 16. We would like to welcome Ellen Big Sam as head coach and assistant Shawn Matt to the junior high court. We are anxious to watch the Scarlets play some great ball!

Our last day of school before Winter Break will be December 19. We will return to school on January 6, 2020! Wow 2020!! Wishing our students and their families a safe and fun winter break!

We will leave you with a good news event that will warm your heart and make you smile on a cold December day. Dallas is a 7th grader that lights up our halls with his infectious smile, charming sense of humor and kind ways.

A Day in the Life of Dallas

When Dallas Ellison was born he was premature. Born at only 31 weeks, he weighed 5 pounds 2 ounces. The doctors didn't think he would make it through the night and 2 hours after he was born he suffered from a collapsed lung and had to have an emergency surgery. After this surgery, it started a long list of other medical issues that Dallas and his family are still trying to figure out today. Dallas has gotten told many times what medical issue he has or had, and has baffled many doctors time and time again. Dallas has battled many illnesses and seems to get stronger after each fight. He wakes up each day and is ready to take on any battle that is thrown at him. The help of his families support has kept him going through many hard times and because of this he was able to experience something that most kids dream of.

On November 16, 2019 Dallas was honored at a Montana Grizzly Football game for The Dream Come True Program. He was able to be an honorary captain and get an autographed game ball from the players. He also got to hang out with Monte the Bear for a bit. Dallas said his favorite part of the game was "Getting the pass for going out onto the field and getting a whole bunch of Griz gear." To learn more about Dallas and his story you can follow his Facebook page "A Day in the Life of Dallas." #DALLASABILITIES



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Basketball and wrestling seasons are just starting for the 2019-20 school year. With these sports starting, the new gym will have lots of use. Arlee School District is very proud of the new gym and with good maintenance it will be the "Showcase" of Western Montana.

With the bleachers and larger playing area, it could be a playground for younger children. Because of this, we are asking that if you bring your pre-elementary or elementary children with you to the basketball games, you keep track of them and do not allow them to run throughout the building. The bleachers are electric and can only be pulled out or put back in using electricity. Because of this, there are many wires attached under the bleachers that operate the bleachers. For safety reasons, we do not want children playing under the bleachers.

Also with the playing floor, we are asking that fans and students do not walk on the floor with their street shoes. Please walk on the runners that we will have in front of the bleachers. To be on the floor, people and players will either need to have clean non-marking basketball shoes or a shoe that is approved by the administration. We will be asking all visiting teams that want to shoot on the floor to have either their game shoes on or socks only.

We want each and every one of you to enjoy the new gym and the upcoming basketball and wrestling season. However, if you choose to not supervise your children during games, we may need to ask you to take your child home. The enjoyment of watching good basketball is for everybody in attendance. It is not the administration's job to babysit during the games.

Thank you for your help with these issues and enjoy the season. Go Scarlets and Warriors!

- Principal Jim Taylor

Congratulations to the following students on achieving **Perfect Attendance** for Quarter One! Rylee Arlee, Princess Bolen, Devin Cordier, Rheid Crawford, Charley Crawford, Colt Crawford, Jerny Crawford, Jessica Daniel, McKaryss Fisher, Skyler Hubbard, Aubrey Ishler, Billy Ishler, Micah Johnson, Noel Johnson, Brianna Kellmer, Shanelle Pakootas, Sam Phillips, Sky-lar Vernon. This is a very honorable accomplishment and you are to be commended. Good attendance relates to good grades and success in school!

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS – QUARTER ONE

Straight A's:

Kiya Ironshell, Rheid Crawford, Jerny Crawford

High Honor Roll (3.7 & Above):

Seniors: Peyton Lammerding

Juniors: Noah Coulson

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED

Sophomores: Noel Johnson

Freshmen: Meghan Upton, Xaria Jacobson, Patience Bunce

Regular Honor Roll: (3.3 to 3.69):

Seniors: Halle McVicker, Melaia Matt, Kanoa Palazzolo, Denny Sween, Emily Fiddler, Mandy Couture, Skylar Vernon, Jessica Daniel. Juniors: Colt Crawford, Micah Johnson, Tommy Tanner, Shanelle Pakootas. Sophomores: Cheyenne Pablo-Wall, Kaden Wills, RJ Knoll, McKirah Fisher. Freshmen: Brianna Kellmer, Trinity Falkenstein, Charley Crawford, Raven Parson, Xavier Coates, Karli Doerr

Congratulations to all **Academic All-State** winners for the Fall sport season. To obtain this honor, you must have lettered in your sport and had a 3.5 or above gpa for Fall quarter. **Cross Country:** Melaia Matt, Denny Nelson-Sween, Cheyenne Pablo-Wall. **Football:** Kanoa Palazzolo, Colt Crawford, Noah Coulson, Tommy Tanner, Charley Crawford. **Volleyball:** Mandy Couture, Emily Fiddler, Noel Johnson, Rheid Crawford, Jerny Crawford, Xaria Jacobson, Raven Parson.

More congratulations go to the following athletes on receiving **All-Conference** honors for fall sports:

CJ Forgey – Football 2nd Team Center and Defensive End

Colt Crawford – Football 2nd Team Running Back

Emily Fiddler – Volleyball – 2nd Team

New Coach at AHS:

Mr. **Zach Conko-Camel** has been hired as the Warrior basketball coach for the 2019-20 season. Over the past 20 years, Camel has coached the SKC boys' basketball team, win-

ning 11 national championships. We welcome Coach Conko-Camel to our coaching staff! Other returning winter sports coaches are Missy Tiensvold – head coach, and Susan Carney, assistant coach for girls' basketball and Ken Hill – head coach, and Paige Carney, assistant coach for Wrestling. Good luck to our coaches and teams!

Arlee's own, **Miss Peyton Lammerding**, received a special award from Kalispell Regional Healthcare and the Lake County Leader called the "Today's Leaders, Tomorrow's Achievers" award for exemplary students. She will receive \$250 which she has chosen to donate to AHS Student Council, and she will have her picture and an article in the newspaper. WAY TO GO PEYTON!!!! You make us PROUD!!

Congratulations to **Mr. Sam Parke** and his helpers on winning the "Native American Hero" Door Decorating Contest for the high school!!! The hero is **SUPAMAN!!** Other heroes represented in the high school were Buffalo Calf Road Woman, Chief Joseph, Tecumseh, Barney Old Coyote, Louis Charlo, John Trudell, The Fort Shaw World Champion Girls' Basketball team of 1904, Jerry Louie-McGee, Pikuni, Lonnie Kauk, Denise Juneau, Jim Thorpe, actors from the movie "Smoke Signals" and Alex Sunday Deerinwater. Supaman is actually **Christian Parrish Takes the Gun**, an Apsaalooke rapper and fancy dancer who grew up in Crow Agency, Montana. Alongside rapping, he also tours schools, where he educates students about Native American history and culture. He has also been nominated for and received multiple awards for his work as a DJ, singer, and rapper, and a fancy dancer.



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December Paperback Best Sellers:

1. Silent Night by Danielle Steel
2. 13- Minute Murder by James Patterson
3. Running Scared by Lisa Jackson
4. No Exit by Taylor Adams
5. Lying Game by Ruth Ware
6. Someone Knows by Lisa Scottoline
7. Skin Game by Stuart Woods
8. Daughter of War by Brad Taylor
9. Where Winter Finds You by J.R. Ward
10. Party by Robyn Harding
11. Out of the Dark by Gregg Hurwitz (bonus Best Seller!)



December Events:

~Jocko Valley Library Board Meeting, Monday, December 16th at 4:30

Library Hours:

Monday 1:00-5:00

Thursday 1:00-5:00 **Friday** 12:00-4:00

Jocko Valley Library's mission is to provide a safe life-long learning center for our community by implementing technological, informational, cultural, and educational resources.



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.

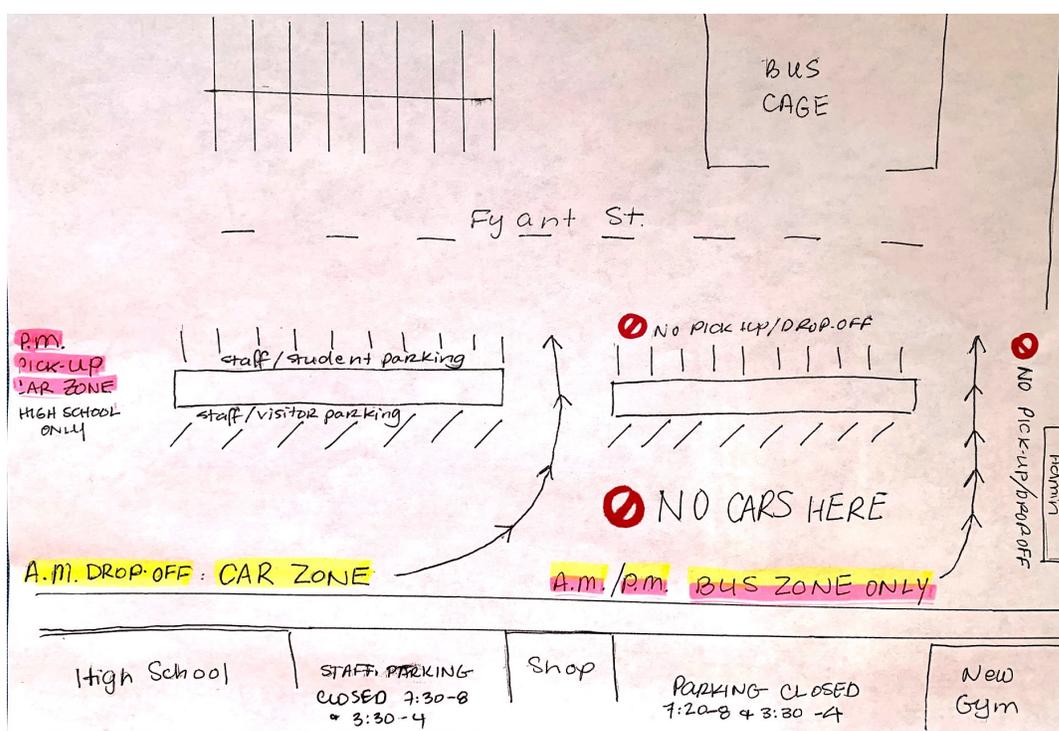
Cars, please follow the flow of traffic along Fyant Street (which is actually a street contained inside our parking lot). Please do not drive the wrong way through the parking area.

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.



Upcoming Events

Weds, Dec. 4—winter sports pictures

Thurs., Dec. 5—grades 6-12 holiday concert, 7 pm

Fri.-Sat., Dec. 6-7—HS Tipoff Tourney, Ronan

Fri., Dec. 6—school is IN SESSION until 1:46 pm

Tues., Dec. 10—school board meeting, 6:30 pm

Tues., Dec. 17—grades K-5 holiday concert, 6:30 pm

Thurs., Dec. 19—Talent Show, 1:45 pm

Fri., Dec. 20—winter break begins
