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November 2020 Superintendent's Letter

Dear Parents,

I was recently reading a book off of my shelf that I had read years ago. The writer is Robert Fulghum and the book is "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." He talked about writing a new personal statement of belief. The community of Arlee is blessed with a wonderful group of staff members here at the school. They care deeply about your children and the community as a whole. I wanted to list a few of the statements by Mr. Fulghum in his book. He lists the following as lessons he learned in kindergarten that would serve us all well to either continue to follow or begin following immediately to improve not only our lives but the lives of those around us. These are the things he learned:

Share everything.

Play fair.

Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.

I often stop in the K-2 building during the day. They are busy learning the above mentioned rules. I see these students excited every day to come to school and be part of the learning process even though they don't even realize how much they are learning and growing. I know that it would benefit each of us to follow those rules and reignite our passion for learning.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments at 726-3216.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mike Perry Ed.D., Superintendent

Elementary News

Happy November,

We have a couple of BIG HAPPENINGS in the month of November. First of all, November 19th is the end of our first trimester. Arlee Elementary is on a trimester system. The elementary has three report card periods instead of the traditional four. The trimesters end on November 19th, February 25th & June 2nd. The first round of report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 24th.

Kindergarten through 2nd grade report cards are based on the common core standards. The report card you will receive for your primary student will be lengthy but also very informative. 3rd through 6th grade receive the traditional report card with letter grades.

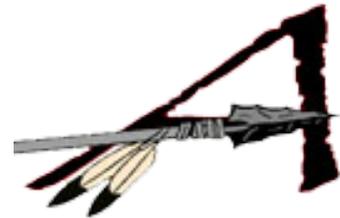
Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for the first two weeks of November. Due to our social distancing situation we will be hosting virtual conferences. Teachers will be contacting you to discuss your child through a phone call, email or google meet.

On November 6th elementary students will be attending a bus safety exercise. Students will watch a video in PE class on bus safety throughout the week. On the 6th students will practice proper evacuation procedures in case of a bus emergency.

I realize the challenges that this school year brings to all of our Arlee families. I appreciate your continued support and understanding as we continue to try to provide the best education for our students during this crazy time.

Please stay healthy, safe and happy!

- Principal Anne Tanner



Junior High/High School News

Dear Arlee Parents and Guardians -

Just like that, the first quarter of school is now over. I would encourage you to reach out to your students' new teachers to discuss any thoughts and concerns you may have moving into the second quarter. Lastly, everyone was given the opportunity to choose between remote and physical learning for the second quarter but have been reminded that they must keep their choice for the remainder of that quarter. If you feel that you missed out on this opportunity, please contact me.

Basketball has started at the Junior High and High School basketball will start later this month. This means eligibility is a must for those players wanting to participate. Please check your child's grades as often as possible to help keep them eligible to play.

If you are having difficulty finding your child's grades, please visit our newly updated website (www.arleeschools.org). You will be able to find the link to Infinite Campus there, your child's teachers emails, and contact information for the IT department. They are here to help with all your technical difficulties.

Winter is coming! Please make sure your kiddo is dressed appropriately for the weather. Sometimes they forget to check to see what the day will look like. If you are having trouble getting appropriate winter clothing for them, please reach out to us so that we can help. We are all in this together.

Important dates this month:

- Picture retakes are November 6th from 8am to 11am. If you do not like your old pictures please bring the packet back. If you had sports pictures taken, but did not get anything ordered, you may still order at this website:
<https://pipercrowephoto.pixieset.com/arleefallsports2020-1/>
- Midterm will be November 19th (ELIGIBILITY CHECK ON THIS DAY!)
- Thanksgiving Break will be November 25th through the 29th

As always, Val, Jamie and I are here for any questions or concerns. Please call us at 726-3216 (ext. 2404 for Jamie, ext. 2301 Val or ext. 2300 Mr. Beckham). We are here to help!

Stay healthy and safe!



Mr. Beckham

The Warriors Football 2020 season ended on October 23rd in a hurricane of snow and with a win! The season was a success on the whole. We ended up 4-5 overall, but more importantly 4-4 in conference and ranked 6th out of 11 in the West. Of our four conference losses, three of our opponents went on to the playoffs, while one (Charlo) narrowly missed the playoffs due to a surprise loss to Mission in a play-in game; we essentially lost only to playoff teams. We lost to worthy opponents, and we beat the teams we should have beaten. We played through injuries, constant role changes, and a bevy of youth and inexperience. In the final two games, our Warriors showed grit and resilience and were rewarded with two satisfying wins and one of the most epic, snowstorm games ever played. In the last two games, we only allowed 24 points, 18 of which were scored against our defense, all of which were scored in the first quarters of the respective games; we held Seeley and Darby scoreless in quarters 2, 3, and 4, and scored 32 and 30 unanswered points, respectively. We certainly showed progress and promise for next year in the final two weeks of the season. Thank you to all the fans who supported the Warriors through wins and defeats! We look forward to seeing you fill the stands next fall.

Thank you seniors Colt Crawford, Sam Phillips, Micah Johnson, Tommy Tanner, and Noah Coulson for your dedication to the football program; you will be missed members of our team.

Counselor Corner:

I am starting to meet with seniors for their post graduation plans. If it'll be working, military or college. We have been busy filling out college applications and now it's time to do the Financial aid application (FAFSA.) Due to covid restrictions, we'll not be doing a Financial Aid night this year, but I will be helping students sign up with their FSA ID and guiding them with the financial aid process on Wednesday, Nov. 4th during school hours. I will be emailing parents/guardians a guidance tutorial on how to help their child fill it out.

I will also be doing **virtual** college campus visits. These are the dates I have scheduled:

November 12th- 9th graders with MT Tech- Butte

November 18th- 11th graders with Carroll College- Helena

November 23rd- 12th graders with MSU- Bozeman

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Misty Brien, JH/HS Counselor

Missoula Children's Theater Production Cancellation

In order to minimize the risk of Covid-19 transmission, this Fall's MCT production has been canceled. The decision was very difficult to make, as it is always incredibly rewarding to see our students engage in the production process. Beginning with auditions and rehearsals through the final performance when the entire community comes together to support our children and enjoy the play.

I am hopeful that things will be better in the Fall of 2021 and that we will once again be able to host the MCT and provide our students with the opportunity to work together to produce another play.

Thank you for understanding,

Mrs. Brister



Dear Families:

We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school with our Scholastic Online-Only Book Fair from 11/02/20-11/15/20

The Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters — helping them become lifelong readers. And you'll love the new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives — directly from the interactive booklist.

Plus, enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Access to over 6,000 products
- All orders ship direct to home
- FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25*
- All purchases support our school and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/arleeeelementary>

Thank you for continuing to support our school.

Happy reading,
Mrs. Hughes