Fall is here! Beautiful leaves, crisp air, bonfires and football!
Arcola’s Fall Festival is quickly approaching, October 28th! Each year we celebrate the coming of Fall with hay rides, s’mores, hot chocolate, games, crafts and a good book! Information will come home about the need for volunteers to help make this event a big success for everyone!
If you can’t help out the day of the event, and would like to make a donation to help off set the cost of supplies we would love to hear from you.
Please remember the Fall Festival takes the place of traditional Halloween parties in the classrooms.
We will be celebrating Veterans Day on Friday, November 11th. If you know of a Veteran we can honor please call the school office at 625-6131. We hope they will be able to spend some time in the classrooms reading or speaking to students.
SCRIP sales are growing each year, but we still need your help! So if you haven’t started using SCRIP, now is the time to get started! Start by stocking up on gift cards you can use at the stores or shop online with. Easier yet, give the card as a gift and take the guessing out of it! That way you know they’ll like what they get for Christmas! Buy a few cards every two weeks and by Christmas you’ll have all you need! SCRIP has cards for gas, groceries, restaurants, shoes, clothing, sporting goods and on and on! Christmas is just three months away! Its time to get shopping!
Letters went home today with each of your children about parent/teacher conference day. Please check your child’s book bag for the form you will need to fill out with your preferred times and send back to school with your youngest child. Teachers will fill in time slots and you will receive a letter with your conference time. Please understand time management is a must for the teachers, they have to meet with each family during the day. Be ready for your conference time with a list of concerns or questions you may have, it helps to keep everyone on task.

Picture Retake Day!

Lifetouch Pictures will be back on Monday, October 10 for retakes. If you were not happy with your child’s pictures, please send the packet back into school so we can make sure they have retakes. All students who didn’t have pictures taken will also have pictures taken on this date.
Please dress appropriately. All students will be in the school yearbook and we also use pictures for record keeping purposes.
Perfect’s Page

Dear Parents:

Even as I write this, I am not sure where to begin. I was excited to share with you how our first “Year of Gratitude” challenge has been coming along, and yet in the midst of us counting our blessings, we suffer in the loss of two of our greatest blessings, Liliana and Rene. Our hearts along with yours are so very heavy right now. There is no way of making sense out of evil. When the unthinkable happens, it shakes us to our core, yet as we move through this grieving process we will start to heal and we will pull even closer. That is how it works with incredible families such as ours.

Times of tragedy can make it even more difficult to focus on the positive. And for some, it can move us to take note of the everyday blessings that we have. That is what we will do here at Arcola. This staff has worked to be a comfort to your children during this most difficult time, but please know that your children have in return provided so much comfort and hope back to us. That is what families like ours do.

In speaking of gratitude, thank you for all the great photographs that are coming into school displaying our blessings! The variety is wonderful. I hope your students shared with you the story of “Mr. Elder and the Horrible, Terrible, No Good, Very Bad Day”! We spoke of gratitude after the story and the ability to find joy in the everyday, non-eventful days of simple pleasures and ordinary miracles.

The students were given their gratitude bracelets and their photo challenge at that time. Again, the imagination and variety is wonderful. If you want to see them, they will be up all year on the board across from the gym. Keep those photos coming!

Thank you also for the generosity on the bake sale proceeds and the donations. The staff did an amazing job showcasing their baking skills, and Luann would be proud! Your generosity raised nearly $1,400.00 to send to Riley’s Children’s Hospital in Luann’s name.

The unthinkable that we turn to now… that this school family can come even closer together once again and support each other even more.

I believe that is what happens with incredible families such as ours.

Blessings,

Kathleen Perfect
Available at all Northwest Allen Schools

Breakfast Times: 7:30 A.M. as student come off bus

Prices:  
   K-5 $1.35  
   6-12 $1.40

Location Served:  School Cafeteria
Hello Everyone! Things are really moving in the art room as we head into October. Many students have been assessing their work, as well as, studying the difference between geometric and organic shapes, and most classes will be experiencing some form of 3D art.

**Important Reminder!** I would like to remind you that if you log in to PowerSchool to view your student’s grades, you will see a letter grade for art. Remember that this grade is **invalid**, as we are transitioning to standards based report cards. To view your student's true art grade you will have to click on that letter grade and view scores for individual standards and conduct grade. I encourage reading the information on my school website at the following link. It will explain how to understand art grades, grading procedures, and more.

http://www.nacs.k12.in.us/domain/1349

Items needed: Thanks to everyone who keeps sending in magazines for us to use in the art room. We greatly appreciate it. An extensive list of items we collect can be found on my school website at the above link.

We have students interested in weaving and knitting and crochet. If you have any weaving looms or knitting looms sitting around your house collecting dust, consider donating them to the art room. I promise the kids will put them to good use.

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**Counselors Corner**

While words can never fully express how much someone means to us, language can still provide comfort, solace, hope and even inspiration following the death of a loved one. After speaking with several students and staff after the death of two of our Arcola family I found comfort in the caring that was shown to the Arcola family community. As we grieve together please call or send me a note and let me know if you or your child would like to talk.

“There is no footprint too small to leave an imprint on this world.” Author Unknown

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**Musical Notes**

The music students have been working hard completing their Pre-Assessments in music and we are working towards becoming music literate. Reading music is a life-long skill that takes some getting used to, but Arcola students are up for the challenge. Band and choir have begun as we are very excited to begin the exciting journey of performing in an ensemble together. Students in fourth grade just received their recorders! Recorders will be going home after students fill out a contract committing to being responsible with their recorders and after we learn how to properly make music on our recorders. Parents of band and recorder students, please be patient with your new instrumentalists, the sounds will improve. We have sure had an exciting month of learning in music class!

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**P.E. Central**

Welcome Fall. I love the warm fall days with the wind blowing and the leaves beginning to change.

I want to challenge us all to get outside and take a walk in the evening or play catch with your kids.

We will begin to learn the skills and techniques of volleyball during October. By the end of the month students should be able to demonstrate pass, setting and serving.

George will also make his appearance in the gym to help us learn his major bones in his body. You may be asked to name some of them at home by the kids so be ready.

Mrs. Eakright

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**OCTOBER 2016 DATES FOR THE CALENDAR**

- KDG. TO APPLE ORCHARD AND KUEHNERTS DAIRY FARM: 10-5
- POPCORN/PRETZEL DAY: 10-7
- EAGLE MUD RUN: 10-7, 5:30-8:00
- BOX TOPS CONTEST: 10-3 THRU 10-7
- PICTURE RETAKES: 10-10
- GRADES 4TH AND 5TH LIBRARY TRIP: 10-19
- PTO MEETING: 10-20
- 3RD GRADE FIELD TRIP: DOWNTOWN FORT WAYNE
- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES, NO SCHOOL: 10-21
- FALL BREAK, NO SCHOOL: 10-24
- GIRL SCOUT NIGHT: 10-26, 6-7 P.M.
- FALL FESTIVAL: 10-28
October is National Bullying Prevention Month!

Since school has begun, your child has received instruction on the definition of bullying, strategies to use when faced with bullying behaviors, as well as positive character traits and attitudes that preventatively combat bullying and create a safe learning environment for all students in our building. This type of preventative programming will continue throughout the school year in various ways.

Our goal is to partner with parents and empower students to take responsibility for their actions and words - both on and off school grounds. To learn how you can initiate productive conversations about bullying at home, please visit our school’s homepage and click on Bullying Prevention under Quick Links. There you will find many parent and student resources related to bullying and online safety.

The Eagle Flyer from the PTO

Angie Harrell, PTO President

Hello, my name is Angie Harrell, I am the new PTO President. I look forward to serving in this capacity and hope to be able to continue the enjoyable, fun, and educational PTO sponsored events of the past. Our first event, the Eagle Fall Mud Run is scheduled for Friday, October 7 from 5:30-8pm with hot dogs, chips, cookies, and water available for purchase while supplies last. This event is an obstacle course run with lots of MUD! Each obstacle has been designed to challenge both the young and old alike. Each participant will receive an official Eagle Mud Run t-shirt after the run. This event is from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Look for registration forms that were sent home with the students.

PTO Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome. We discuss upcoming events and Mrs. Perfect shares updates concerning our school and students.

The PTO would like to thank everyone that sold Save Around Town books. We were able to raise funds that will help us continue to support our school. We are extremely proud of the fact that 100% of the profits from our fundraisers go directly back to the students and school.

If you would like to contact the PTO please email us at arcolapto@gmail.com

AVFD Annual Chicken BBQ

Arcola Volunteer Fire Department Chicken BBQ & Raffle
Saturday October 1ST, 2016 from 4-7 p.m.
Adults $8.00
Carry Out Available