Science Fair = STEAM

Science is not the only part of STEAM when it comes to the Science Fair. Technology, Engineering, Art and Math come alive as students delve into their hypothesis! All Fifth and Fourth grade students are required to complete a project. All other grade levels are encouraged to become budding scientists also.

This is the last week-end to work on projects, the office still has science fair display boards on sale for $4.00 each.

February 4th is Arcola’s Family Science Night! The PTO is planning to serve dinner from 5:00 to 6:00. The awards will be presented in the gym at 6:00. Arcola families are invited to come view the projects, eat dinner and enjoy the Science Central stations that will be set up. The evening will conclude at 7:00.

St. Council is gearing up for their big food drive! Members made posters for the Denver Broncos, and Carolina Panthers teams. They have tables in front of the office for students to place the items they bring in each day. Students can put their items on the team table that they think will win Super Bowl 50!

St. Council members hope everyone participates, and would like to thank you for supporting this service project.

Do you have a talent you would like to share with others? We are looking for teachers/parents who would like to teach a fun and enriching class. Please let me know if you are interested or have a lead on someone who would be. The number in the office is 625-3161.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

March 22, at 6:00 p.m. is the date for this years Kindergarten Round Up. The office will be sending home information packets this month. Please fill out all information and return to the office if you have a child entering the 2016-17 Fall Kindergarten. Please feel free to pass this form to a neighbor or friend that may have a child who will be 5 on or before August 1, 2016. Parents will need to bring a copy of the legal Department of Health birth certificate, shot records, utility bill (must be gas, water or electric) and ID or drivers license with correct address on it. If you have Custody papers pertaining to your child we will need those also. We can make copies for you that evening.

The evening is informational for the parents about what to expect in Kindergarten. The children will go to the classroom and work with the teacher doing center activities.

We look forward to welcoming your child to Arcola Elementary School! Please call the office with questions. 625-3161.
Dear Parents:

Thank you for your assistance in reminding students to be prepared for the weather in bringing their winter gear! As you saw in the letter from earlier this week, we are working to build the sense of responsibility in the students. What a positive affirmation for them to understand that home and school work together to raise healthy responsible children.

You may have heard that due to a fire along one of our bus routes, some of the students needed to be brought back to the school for pick up by parents because the bus could not get to the homes. The students did a wonderful job in coming in, staying calm, and using their manners to following normal school procedures while waiting for parents to pick them up. It is always reassuring to see our students being able to adjust and respond so well in emergency situations.

I hope this next Monday off of school will allow some “slow-down” quiet time for you and your families (even if that simply means that Sunday evening is more relaxed)!

On a much more somber note, many of you may have learned of the MSD of Lawrence Township (Indianapolis) tragedy in which the principal of the school passed and two children were reported to be in serious but stable condition at Riley Hospital for Children after a bus accident in front of their school.

As a district that understands how difficult it is to live through unexpected situations of this magnitude, it is suggested that if any families would like to reach out and comfort this community, we will do so by collecting children’s books. They will be donated on behalf of Northwest Allen County Schools.

If you would like to donate a book to the Amy Beverland Elementary school library, you can send it in to Arcola by Friday, February 5th and we will be sure to get it to the school. If you would rather make a cash donation, there will also be a donation made to “Make a Wish” in memory of Principal Susan Jordan.

We will certainly keep this school community, as well as the individual families in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Perfect

http://wishtv.com/2016/01/26/several-students-hit-by-bus-seriously-injured/

PTO Eagle Flyer

The Holiday Shoppe was so much fun!! Seeing all the children come in and think about the gifts to give you for Christmas was a true blessing to be part of. Hope you enjoyed! What an awesome team we had to help your children wrap presents, write tags and pick out gifts. Thank you to Jodie Williams, Christina Baker, Katie Rozelle, Shelly Thieme, Kelly Niblick, Angie Wilhelm, Tim Wilhelm, Julie Amos, Anna Knitter, Gena Schneider, Jen Mann, Terri Walker and Yajaira Silva. What a great (and fun) group of people. Thank you so very much for making this years Holiday Shoppe a blast!

A few events coming your way:
February 4th is the Science Fair.
If you will be there the PTO will be hosting a meal for the participants and their families. The menu is going to be pizza, salad, Ziano’s breadsticks and drink.

February 5th is Popcorn Friday.

Our next PTO meeting is February 9, 2016 from 5:30-6:30 in the cafeteria. Hope to see you there!

Jennifer Kuhnen

Mrs. Kuhnen, President
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I would like to share some tips to help prevent your child from getting a cold, or the flu. However, there are many times that no matter how hard we try, the flu and/or colds do occur. I hope these tips will help prevent illness in your family!

- Teach your child to cover coughs and/or sneezes with a tissue, or a sleeve of his or her shirt.
- Teach good hand-washing techniques, and to wash hands often. Proper handwashing technique: use plenty of soap and water, and lather hands for about 20 seconds. Singing “Happy Birthday” two times is about the right amount of time. (Most cold germs are passed via germs on hands.)
- Provide a balanced diet, with lots of fruits and vegetables. Many pediatricians recommend giving a daily vitamin.
- Encourage drinking water! Too little fluid intake contributes to dehydration. Poor hydration results in dry mucous membranes which can lead to: nosebleeds; chapped lips; headaches; constipation; dry, itchy skin; bladder infections; and fevers.
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- Keep the child’s environment tobacco free. There are ill effects from second hand smoke.
- If your child does become ill, it is helpful to clean all surfaces, wash the bedding, and air out the room where your child was while ill. Do this once your child is feeling better.

I wish everyone well! Remember, spring is only 52 short days away!

Counselors Corner

YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!
In January, I focused my classroom guidance lessons on the lifeskill of Cooperation. I have been talking with the students regarding “working together to get the job done” and what a better time to thank all of you who work together with our wonderful teachers and students to help Arcola run so smoothly. Thank you to all of you who put in a lot of time and energy to help the students at Arcola. We have parents volunteering in the classroom, on fieldtrips, and planning special programs. All students benefit from your support.

A quote from a Cooperation Cheer some classes have been practicing, “We can learn a lot more with C-O-O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N!”

Healthy Tid Bits

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Musical Notes

All of the music classes had a terrific time last week drumming away in our annual drum circle. Typically Sweetwater will come out at the end of the year to provide this wonderful opportunity, but because we are studying the orchestra right now I decided this would be a better time. We have been exploring the instrument families with all of the grades, and most of the students have been able to check out these instruments first hand. Ask your child what is their favorite instrument in the orchestra?

The fourth and fifth grade students have been preparing for the Embassy field trip to sing and play with the Philharmonic on February 10. Link Up is a program of Carnegie Hall’s Weill Music Institute, and the students have been exploring many aspects of orchestra repertoire. The fourth graders will be bringing their recorder along and playing with the Philharmonic music they have learned and the fifth graders will be singing and dancing along with the music they have learned and composed. Students will need to pack their lunch on this day. More information will be coming home soon about this.

The choir and band have been starting to prepare to go to FAME. This year FAME will take place the weekend of March 19 at the Grand Wayne Center. Both the choir and band will perform. More information about music shirts and times will be coming home soon.

Art Easel

It’s time to begin preparations for art show season. Our school will have an artboard and a sculpture garden set up at the Fame Festival this year, during the weekend of March 19-20. We can also look forward to an all school show in the spring. More details to come in regards to both events.

Many students are participating in 3d lessons during February. 4th, 5th, and 2nd grade will be working in clay. 3rd grade has constructed 3D houses and will begin a painting that focuses on creating the illusion of depth. In 1st grade and Kindergarten, we are using the cold weather to our advantage as we create art inspired by the season.

3D printer news: We have successfully printed an object of original design, and should be able to get kids creating in the lab very soon.

Thanks to everyone who sends in items for use in the art room. You’ve been great! The bags, magazines, and other stuff, are being put to creative use.

P.E. Central

We kick started the year with our bowling unit. The students learned the proper grip along with a one step or four step approach with the ball. This is one of the favorite units of the year. Our next big unit is Basketball. Hopefully there are some basketball fans in the house. If so I would encourage you to talk about the game when it is on TV. See if the kids can identify some of the skills they are learning in class. Be on the lookout for the date of the All Star Game. Staff vs Students it should be a great game this year.

For something new at night try adding some exercises during commercial time. Pick a different one to do each time a commercial comes on.

Art Tip for Home: cheap stuff that kids love: twisty ties and aluminum foil are fun to sculpt; coffee filters are great for cutting snowflakes. Both can be a little messy so spread out an old sheet first and have the kids create on it. When they’re done, pick up the four corners and shake it out in the trash bin.
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