

12 Days at Arnold School

A parody of The Twelve Days of Christmas

By: Amanda Winfield, Junior

On the first day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me,
A school full of jolly children.

On the second day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me,
Two school buses, and
A school full of jolly children.

On the third day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me,
Three new books,
Two school buses, and
A school full of jolly children.

On the fourth day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me,
Four new cameras,
Three new books,
Two school buses, and
A school full of jolly children.

On the fifth day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me,
Five graphic signs,
Four new cameras,
Three new books,
Two school buses, and
A school full of jolly children.

On the sixth day of
Christmas,
My true love sent to
me,
Six brand new jump
drives,
Five graphic signs,
Four new cameras,

Three new books,
Two school buses, and
A school full of jolly children.

On the seventh day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me,
Seven students studying,
Six brand new jump drives,
Five graphic signs,
Four new cameras,
Three new books,
Two school buses, and
A school full of jolly children.

On the eighth day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me,
Eight mock trial winners,
Seven students studying,
Six brand new jump drives,
Five graphic signs,
Four new cameras,
Three new books,
Two school buses, and
A school full of jolly children.

On the ninth day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me,
Nine actors acting,
Eight mock trial winners,
Seven students studying,
Six brand new jump drives,

Five graphic signs,
Four new cameras,
Three new books,
Two school buses, and
A school full of jolly chil-
dren.

On the tenth day of Christ-
mas,
My true love sent to me,





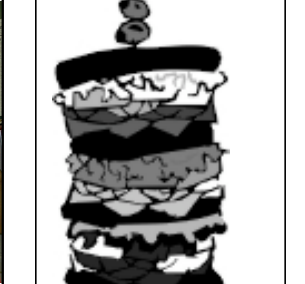
Ten children coloring,
Nine actors acting,
Eight mock trial winners,
Seven students studying,
Six brand new jump drives,
Five graphic signs,
Four new cameras,
Three new books,
Two school buses, and
A school full of jolly children.

On the eleventh day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me,
Eleven painted canvases,
Ten children coloring,
Nine actors acting,
Eight mock trial winners,
Seven students studying,
Six brand new jump drives,
Five graphic signs,
Four new cameras,
Three new books,
Two school buses, and
A school full of jolly children.

On the twelfth day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me,
Twelve new computers,
Eleven painted canvases,
Ten children coloring,
Nine actors acting,
Eight mock trial winners,
Seven students studying,
Six brand new jump drives,
Five graphic signs,
Four new cameras,
Three new books,
Two school buses, and
A school full of jolly children!



Going the Extra Mile

			
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This Trick or Treat is not for me it's for the Arnold food pantry.

The afternoon of October 31 found 18 first and second grade students getting a jump on the Halloween spirit. The students weren't gathering the traditional Halloween treats, they were trick or treating for non-perishable food items for the Arnold food pantry.



Each year the National Honor Society has a school wide food drive as one of their community service projects. This year the first and second graders decided to help out as part of their Halloween party. The group gathered 99 items in a little over an hour.



The first and second grade classes would like to thank National Honor Society member Dustin Strasburg for helping out by driving the pick up. This way the students always had an empty sack and when our feet were tired he gave us a lift back to the school. Thank you also to the community members who supported our special Trick or Treat.

The first and second graders pose with the goods they produced on halloween to help out the National Honor Society project.

Fundraiser Before for After-Prom

By: Sarah Magill, Freshman

The benefit held for the after-prom party was a definite success! The senior and junior parents pulled together their resources to cook a large amount of chili, potato soup, and many pies.

Before the showing of Stapleton, Callaway, and Arnold's one-act plays the supper was held. The donations that were collected will go to the after-prom party.

Another benefit to receive money for the after-prom party was the breakfast held on the Fourth of July. "With the large amount of people that are expected to come to the One-act community night, we think we won't have to have any more benefits to get donations to go to the after-prom party," said Ronda Gilland, Senior Parent. The final major event will be the teacher's Plunge For Prom, in February or March. Be watching for dates.

For quite a long time, the senior parents have headed the after-prom party and this year will be no different. The senior parents make the snacks and help serve the food while the junior parents provide the pies for the dessert.

As of now the theme for the after-prom party has not been chosen, but in previous years there have been such themes as "Survivor," "Night After the Premiere", and "Under The Sea".

Scholastic Book Fair

By: Rachelle Preston, Freshman

The Arnold Public School library hosted a book fair on November 13th, 14th, and 15th.

The book fair is a place to buy books from Scholastic, who donates all the books to be sold at the school. The school gets a certain percent of the money made at the event.

The money that goes to the school will go mainly towards the library. The library will use the money to buy books, shelves, ect.

"I think the students benefit from it because they get to preview a variety of books," said Mrs. Lanham, the school librarian.

The expected best sellers were Clemintine, Peak and Rules, which was the Honors Book for 2007.

The book fair also contributed to Arnold's economy. On family reading night there were 35 to 40 people there. It was reported that every family that came bought something before they left. Also, families were able to donate to teachers and their classroom's.

There were also toys, puzzles, erasers, and many other objects at the Book Fair. One of the best selling toys was the "Terrifying Tornado."

Mrs. Lanham said in the interview, "I appreciate the support that the students, parents and grandparents, not only this year, but in all the years that we've had it. Scholastic has good quality books, they are very easy to work with, I'm not required to do inventory, and they are very trusting."

10 Easy Ways to Earn Money for Christmas

By: Rachelle Preston, Freshman

- * Offer to babysit for mother's who need to go Christmas shopping.
- * Offer to hang Christmas lights and decorate.
- * Never give back change unless they ask. (If they ask, give back the coins- that's the only true "change.")
- * Offer to clean houses.
- * Make Christmas decorations and sell them.
- * Turn your couch on its side and shake it to find change.
- * Look in the drum of your dryer. (No, really, it works!)
- * Have a garage sale.

- * Put clothes on consignment. (Round Two Clothing, Downtown Arnold)
- * Look through all drawers in dressers, desks, and tables.



Remember Always: "Stay True"

By: Jessica Eastburn, Senior

Are you successful if you are acting like someone else? Absolutely not. Those of us who are deemed successful-are the people who are not and were never afraid to listen to our hearts over listening to other people. We were the ones who said, "No", when people suggested we change. We are the people who... "*Stayed True*".

My grandpa taught me a few things before he passed away almost two years ago- but the only thing he taught, possibly without even realizing he had taught me, was to always stay true to myself. Never settle for what people think of you or what they think you should do. Follow your heart. Be who and what YOU want to be.

Do you think the first male nurse was commended by people who knew him for wanting to be a nurse, instead of a doctor? Or the first female wrestler, do you think she the first time she competed people were on her side? I'm honestly guessing, no. But those people still followed their hearts- they followed their own path and became successful.

Everyday people are trying to convince you to go places. They try to make you do things or hang out with people that honestly may not interest or be good for you. It is OKAY to say "No." Someone may have a great athletic ability, but really have to interest in athletics,

as much as they love singing or writing. On Disney Channel's "High School Musical", the main character is faced with a situation like this.

The character is a great basketball player, and has lead his team to many victories, but realizes his true passion for singing during the season. He is ridiculed by teammates and praised by people less than popular than he. But in the end, he sings. It's what makes him happy.

I don't want to sit here and tell you to go against the grain and constantly try to prove people wrong, I am just suggesting that we follow our hearts more than we follow what the media and other people say is right.

Staying true to yourself is the only way to be truly happy and truly, successful in your life.



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Bus Danger Zones

By: Steven Johnson, Freshman

Over the years there have been some problems when the buses go to unloading and loading buses.

"When the buses are unloading, parents pull up on the other side of the bus and let their kids off in the unloading zone of the buses, which makes the kids walk in between the buses. Then when the buses are ready to move, the kids are in a danger zone by being between two running buses," said Ruth Tullis, bus driver.

With this happening almost every day, the bus drivers are afraid to move in case there are kids in front of or behind their bus.

"The safety of the children are our biggest concern", said Mrs. Penny Allen, bus driver.

"With my little yellow bus and all of its mirrors, I can see if there is a child behind my bus and I can see in front the bus also. But the people driving the vans can have trouble because they have the standard side mirrors and the rearview mirror which gives them limited vision," said Tullis.

Another problem is before the buses can pull out, they have to watch out for parents driving in and out of the loading and unloading zone.

This also happens at the end of the day when some parents pull up in the unloading and loading area to pick up their kids. The kids then have to walk in between the buses again, but if they drop something and run back for it the bus drivers might not have seen them go running back and they have a chance of hitting a child.

"The parents should pull up behind or in front of the buses, next to the same curb as the buses, or not even in the Unloading and Loading zone at all, then there is a less of a

chance of a child being hit by a bus," said Tullis.

Parents should immediately load their child and get their car out of the way of the buses immediately so that the buses can leave and also so that the parents vehicles would not be accidentally bumped into by a bus.

Review of the Bus Rules

- Never pull up across from the buses in the loading and unloading zone.
- Park somewhere else than the unloading and loading zones so that your child does not have to walk in between the buses.
- If you have to pull up to the unloading and loading zones then pull up behind or in front of the buses to avoid having your child going between buses.
- As soon as you have your child loaded, pull away immediately to avoid being hit by a bus.
- Single file lane in bus lane
- Maybe let your children off in the playground or let children off at a different door.

Unnecessary Caution or Needed Policy?

By: Sarah Magill, Freshman

The idea of a closed campus has been discussed for about four to five years. Lately, with all the school shootings and security issues, having a closed campus for Arnold High School is a lot more of a controversy.

Closed campus is a possibility, but as of now, the school board has decided nothing officially.

Closed campus has become a concern for state officials. Because of their concern, this issue is now being put upon small town schools to consider more seriously.

The main point to a closed campus is to make sure that the students cannot leave the school from first period until the bell for the end of eighth period. Having a closed campus can have its different guidelines though.

With specific guidelines, it could make closed campus a more open policy. There would be rules, such as, a student would not be allowed to get into your car to drive, but the student would be allowed to walk.

Argument for Closed Campus
School is liable for any harm that comes to the students from the time that students get to school until they leave.
During an unofficial poll taken by Mr. Harvey 69 parents were in favor of closed campus.
Majority of parents are in favor of closed campus.
Department of ED encouraging schools to have closed campuses.
Closed campus would lessen the risk of car wrecks over lunch hour.
"I think they should close campus because some of the kids end up racing, over lunch hour, and someone could get hurt. It's not fair to close campus because of a few trouble makers but in the end I'd rather avoid the tragedy," said Mrs. Moninger, High School English teacher.

Refuting Arguments for Closed Campus
If for merely liability, closed campus would seem only a safety blanket for the school against lawsuits.
There were 38 parents against having a closed campus according to the same poll
Majority of students against closed campus.
Having a closed campus is still a choice, not a law or a policy that has to be followed.
Errands like going to the bank, which is open only during school hours, and going home to get items for the multiple extracurricular activities immediately after school would be out of the question.
"There is always going to be a risk of accidents, but I don't think the risk is high enough for us to be concerned enough to actually have a closed campus," said Casandra King, Freshman.

Weird Facts

#1.) Early Romans used to use porcupine quills as toothpicks.

#2.) Research has indicated that indoor pollution is 10 times more toxic than outdoor pollution.

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