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# List

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## Remodeled Gym Unveiled



weeks to finish. Two days of staining and five of those days was sanding, there was a lot of work to get to the bare boards. (Jace Connell and Leighton Bubak even got to help with sanding.)

floor wax," said Mrs. Mohr.

Once the floor was stripped then a crew of students came



Mr. Mohr and some of the School House Graphic Students helped with the floor as they were stripping it and then as they applied the graphics for the middle and lines for the volleyball and basketball.



The Arnold Gym has received a face lift. The gym floor was refinished by Dave Melchoir of Melchoir Contracting LLC in Sidney.

It took approximately two

"The stripping of the floors definitely brightened up the gym when they got down to the lighter color underneath the yellowing



## South Loup Bobcats



# Many Summer Changes in Classrooms and Offices



**Above left: blowing the hole through to the new space.**



**Above right: The new wall from the math room side to close off the new space.**

pal's office by stealing unused space from the math room.

This new space was once part of the principal's office when it housed the principal and the superintendent when the building was originally built.

Access to this new space is through the principal's office between the cabinets.

Mr. Mohr and his crew of Jace Connell, Cole Gracey, Leighton Bubak, Cooper Taylor and Tayten Eggleston, built the new wall, broke through the office wall, put up new drywall.

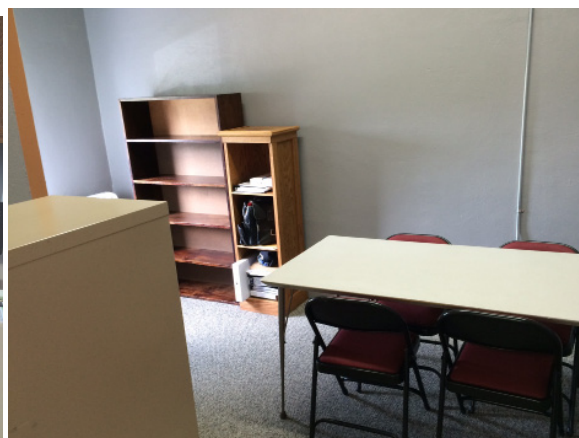
By: Nicole Badgley

It seems that every summer the staff is busy making huge improvements to our school, and this year is no different.

A new conference and meeting space was created for the princi-



**Above left: The finished look of Mr. Morgan's front office.**



**Above Right: The finished look of the conference space in the back of his office.**



**The Lewis family bobcats and the new artwork in Mrs. Lewis' repainted office. She is also going to get a new countertop and additional cupboards.**



Lydia Connell and Tatum Cool came in and primed the walls for a new coat of paint.

Penny Allen and Shar Peterson then came in and painted the walls to match the front part of the office.

The math room and principal's office also received new carpeting



## Classroom Remodel (continued)

and paint.

The superintendent's office also received a new coat of paint and new decorations. The Lewis family had a mount of bobcats and put them up in Mrs. Lewis' new office.

Also a new quote and artwork was put up.

The counselor's office also had some changes made. The lifted area that was left over from the distance learning room era was removed, and walls were painted before new carpeting was laid.

The high school resource room and the kindergarten room also received new carpet.

Other painting jobs included sprucing up the paint in the public restrooms near the gym, the floors in the boys locker rooms, repainting the 3rd grade classroom, and the Elementary resource room.

Last but not least, we can't forget to thank Jerry Preston and Ruth Tullis for their hard work each summer. They hang new bulletin and white boards. They hang the video projectors, fix things that are broken, and anything else anyone thinks of. They scrub each classroom refinish the floors in the hallways, and clean every nook and cranny of the building from top to bottom.

Come for a visit and see all the new improvements.

## Gym Remodel (Continued)

in and laid out the 9 panels of stenciling that tiled together to create the centerpiece of the gym, the Bobcat logo. Students who helped with the stencil were: Madison Reed, Lydia Connell, Tatum Cool, Haley Reed, Olivia Paulsen, and Jordan Rush.

Lydia Connell and Mr. Mohr



stained the center logo.

"It was a very speedy process to do the actual staining once the stencil was in place. It only took about 20 minutes," said Lydia Connell. "And two hours later we could see the finished product."

Then the color around the three point lines was done twice to get a nice even blue color.

Cole Gracey, Tayten Eggleston, Cooper Taylor and others helped with the staining of the lines.

"Dave Melchoir should be commended for his work. Even though the sanding took longer than expected and they redid some of the sanding in the three point area, he held true to his bid and saved the school a lot of money," said Mr. Mohr.

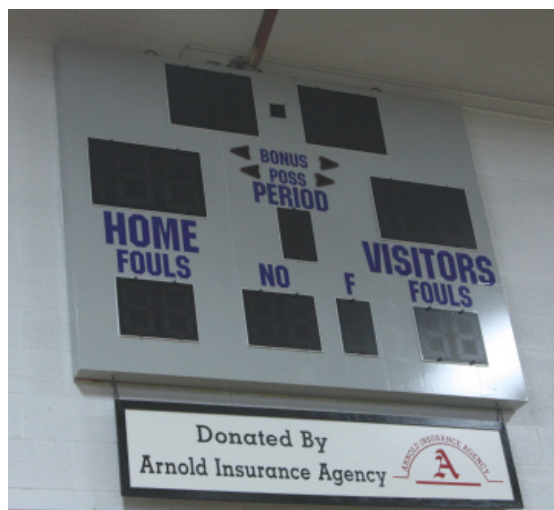
The floor will be finished off with new baseboard trim that

will be black.

The graphics students, with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Mohr are also recovering the mats at the end of the gym. (The graphic is at the bottom of this page.)

The scoreboards in both schools were also redone by Madison Reed and Olivia Paulsen.

Before the first home game, a large United States flag and a large Nebraska flag will be hung on either side of the stage where the sponsor boards used to be. The sponsor boards will move to the east wall.



The school board looked at two different graphic proposals, one that is the traditional high school gym floor look with lots of color, and the other a more simple design and use of stain similar to what many universities are doing. After input from the coaches they decided upon the more collegiant look. In fact, Mr. Cole suggested the blue in the three point zone.

# KnowHow2GO to college?



FOLLOW  
**4 STEPS**  
to make  
college happen!

**STEP  
1**

**BE A PAIN –  
in a good way.**

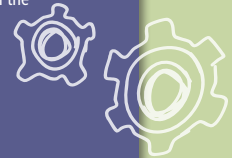
- ❑ Ask adults in your life to help guide you to college — and *keep asking* until you find someone who will.
- ❑ Visit the 8th, 9th and 10th Grade section at **EducationQuest.org** for additional resources.
  - See the “Find Help Near You” section if you can’t find an adult to help guide you to college.
  - Watch the “College Doesn’t Just Happen” video to learn how decisions you make in high school can impact your options for college.
  - Sign up for *Countdown2College* at **EducationQuest.org** to receive monthly college planning emails.



**STEP  
2**

**PUSH yourself.**

- ❑ Work with your school counselor to create a four-year coursework plan for high school that will ensure admission into college.
  - Take the most challenging courses you can.
- ❑ Grades count — so learn good study skills.
  - Use a daily planner to keep track of assignments and tests.
  - Take notes in class and while you’re reading.
  - Ask questions during class and participate in class discussions.
  - Do your most difficult homework first while you’re fresh and alert.
- ❑ Get involved! Extracurricular activities can lead to scholarship opportunities and will look good on college applications.
  - Track your awards, jobs and activities with the *Activities Resume* at **EducationQuest.org**.
- ❑ Freshmen and sophomores... Ask your school counselor about taking the ASPIRE and PSAT preliminary college entrance exams.



**STEP  
3**

**Find the RIGHT FIT.**

- ❑ Think about potential careers and college majors.
  - Ask your counselor about career assessment tools at your school.
  - Get involved in activities that match your career interests.
  - Check into job shadowing opportunities in a field that interests you.
  - Find part-time employment to learn basic job skills and to start building your resume.
- ❑ Start researching colleges that fit your interests.
  - Check out *College Profiles* at **EducationQuest.org**.
  - Attend events at colleges in your area to experience a campus environment.
  - Enroll in sports and/or academic camps at an area college.
- ❑ Watch the “Find the Right Fit” video at **EducationQuest.org** to learn how to find a college that best fits your career interests.



**STEP  
4**

**Put your hands  
on some CASH.**

- ❑ Visit **EducationQuest.org** to learn about financial aid and use online tools.
  - Complete the *College Funding Estimator* to estimate your eligibility for financial aid.
  - Create a profile on *ScholarshipQuest* to find scholarships that match your criteria. It contains over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships.
- ❑ Continue saving for college.
  - Save at least half of your earnings from a part-time job for college.
  - Ask your parents to consider the Nebraska Educational Savings Trust. Find details about this “529 College Savings Plan” at **Nest529direct.com**.



## JUNIORS... a guide for your journey to college



FALL



WINTER

- ☐ Check out the 11th/12th Grade section at **EducationQuest.org**.
  - Sign up for *Countdown2College* to get monthly tips.
  - Set up an *Activities Resume* to track your activities and honors.
  - Check out the Exploring Careers section.
  - Use *Reality Check* to find careers that will fit your desired lifestyle.
  - Use *College Profiles* to research schools you may want to attend.
- ☐ Meet with college reps at a College Fair or Educational Planning Program.
  - See *Upcoming Events* at **EducationQuest.org** for dates and locations.
- ☐ Attend a Financial Aid Program to learn how to pay for college.
  - See *Upcoming Events* at **EducationQuest.org** for dates and locations.
- ☐ Take the PSAT to prepare for the SAT college entrance exam.



SPRING

- ☐ Go to the 11th/12th Grade section at **EducationQuest.org**.
  - Use *ScholarshipQuest* to find local and state scholarships.
  - Use the *College Funding Estimator* to estimate the results of your FAFSA (a form you'll complete your senior year to apply for financial aid).
  - Update your *Activities Resume*.
- ☐ Schedule campus visits.
  - Find campus visit information on college websites.
  - For questions to ask, visit **EducationQuest.org/college-questions**.
- ☐ Prepare for the ACT and/or SAT with:
  - test-prep classes and books
  - sample questions at **actstudent.org** and **collegeboard.org**.
- ☐ Take the ACT and/or SAT.



SUMMER

- ☐ Get a job and save as much as you can for college expenses.
- ☐ Find job shadowing opportunities in career areas that interest you.
- ☐ Review the other side of this checklist with your parents or guardian to know what to expect your senior year.

  
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 FOUNDATION  
**EducationQuest.org**

## SENIORS... a guide for your journey to college



FALL

- ☐ Retake the ACT and/or SAT.
  - Colleges use your best score for admission and scholarships.
- ☐ Narrow your list of colleges.
  - Continue campus visits.
  - Meet with college reps at a College Fair or Educational Planning Program. See *Upcoming Events* at **EducationQuest.org** for details.
- ☐ Request letters of recommendation for scholarship and college applications.
- ☐ Apply to 3-4 colleges.
  - Application deadlines are typically in December-January.
- ☐ Update your *Activities Resume* at **EducationQuest.org**.
- ☐ Apply for LOTS of scholarships. Where to search:
  - *ScholarshipQuest* at **EducationQuest.org**
  - Your school counselor
  - The college you plan to attend
  - Free national search sites



WINTER

- ☐ Prepare to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
  - Apply for a PIN at **pin.ed.gov** (student and parent).
  - Attend a Financial Aid Program. See *Upcoming Events* at **EducationQuest.org** for dates and locations.
  - Complete your taxes early for use on the FAFSA.
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA at **fafsa.gov** before your college's priority date.
  - Use our FAFSA Demo and other FAFSA tools at **EducationQuest.org**.
  - For additional help, make an appointment at EducationQuest.
- ☐ Watch for acceptance notifications from colleges you applied to.
- ☐ Continue to apply for scholarships.



SPRING

- ☐ As a follow-up to the FAFSA:
  - Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR).
  - Verify your FAFSA information with the college, if they request it.
  - Expect financial aid award notifications from your college(s).
  - Compare notifications to determine which college offers the best award package.
  - Make your final college selection.
  - Notify the other schools of your decision.



SUMMER

- ☐ Apply for student and parent loans, if needed. Complete Student Loan Entrance Counseling at **studentloans.gov**.
- ☐ Attend freshman orientation at your college.

For **free** help with college planning, contact the location nearest you.



# From the Principal's Desk



Welcome Back!!

With another summer wrapping up it's time to start thinking about the beginning of a new school year. My name is Joel Morgan and this year is especially exciting for me as I begin my new position here as your Principal at Arnold Public Schools. I am originally from Campbell, Nebraska. I graduated from Hildreth High School in 2001. I earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Midland Lutheran College in 2005. I have spent the last 10 years as Elementary Teacher and Athletic Director at Blue Hill Community Schools, and I just completed my Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Doane College in May.

My wife Kelly and

I have 2 boys, Jett (4) and Jeremiah (3). Kelly will also have a new job as well as she will be a Spanish Teacher at Gothenburg High School. We have had an opportunity to meet a lot of people here in Arnold and we look forward to meeting the rest of you. We have heard many great things and we are excited to make Arnold our new home.

I am excited to begin my new role and I look forward to working with Mrs. Lewis and en-

tire staff at Arnold Public Schools. I intend to continue to build upon the success we have here and continue to provide, enhance, and create excellent opportunities for our students.

I am not the only new face here at school this year. We would like to welcome Miss Batenhorst and Mrs. Soucie. Miss Batenhorst will be teaching Kindergarten, and Mrs. Soucie will be teaching Elementary Special Education.

- Joel Morgan

## Class of 2028



Back- Adalei Tullis, Delanie Weinman, Makinzee Baird  
Second- Alexis Stutzman, Tylee Smith, Rae Hagler, Maryah Gabir-Oeltjen  
Front- Tyson Schacher, Shane Gibson, Austin Davenport, Anna Coleman  
Not Pictured- Brody Green, and Callan Witthuhn.

# Arnold's Junior Honor Society 2015-2016 Goals

Arnold's Junior Honor Society met last May to elect officers and determine goals for the following year. Members decided to focus on increasing school morale for their annual goal.

They plan to:

- Adapt the sports locker decorations that the cheerleaders create by adding recognition for honor roll, quiz bowl, music, writing competitions, art shows, etc.
- Motivate student performance on state tests by providing inspirational notes or treats.
- Building a float for the Fall Festival Parade to show community pride.
- Encouraging elementary morale by assisting with the Halloween Carnival, Easter Egg Hunt, elementary soccer league, and tutoring based on teacher requests.
- Emphasizing community service with the food drive.

Our membership is the largest in Arnold's Junior Honor Society history and we're planning on having a very active and supportive year.

## Daily Announcements

The daily announcements can be found on the school web page announcement's tab every morning. Mr. Morgan updates those announcements with corrections, additions to the calendar, and reminders of upcoming events. Please check the school web page often for new information.

## Laptop Hand Out



This year things will be the same as last year for laptop check out. The parents will not be required to come to the school to sign papers. The students will come to a boot camp on the first couple of days of school, with Mrs. Badgley and Mr. Jageler. During that time, students will be given their new laptop, and they will go through the steps of handout.

The students will also go through a new lesson about online safety with their laptops and with other electronic devices. We will also review the school rules, and the consequences when someone is breaking the rules during school hours, and when they are off school grounds.

We will also go through some study skills demonstrations with their laptops, set up their foldering, printing, and passwords for the school year.

When your student comes home after the first day of school, they will need you to sign the following forms and return them the next day, or they won't get their laptop the next morning for use in classes:

- Receipt of the student handbook
- Acceptable Use Policy
- Computer Loan Agreement form
- Media release form for use of photos on web site, newsletter and yearbook.

Other forms that you may see coming home for you to sign that same day include:

- Open Campus form
- Accelerated Reader connect letter
- Dual credit course forms
- A nurse's form

# Renaissance Home Connect

## Watch Your Child's Progress in AR and see their testing scores for STAR, Sign Up Now

Dear Parents,

Your student uses Accelerated Reader, also known as Renaissance Place, at school. This program has a new feature called Renaissance Home connect, which the student and the parent can access outside of class with

an Internet connection. Renaissance Home Connect is fun and easy to use. It allows the teacher, the parent and the student to share information about your student's progress in Accelerated Reader.

Be watching a letter to come home on the first day of school

with instructions of how to login and how to use the program. You can also set up automatic emails when your student takes tests over books or takes the STAR test.

Please contact me if you have any questions,

Nicole Badgley

### PowerSchool

### Passwords

As in past years, the school will be using PowerSchool to share student grades with their parents. If you already have the ability to login and check your child's grades, then nothing has changed. Simply login to <https://arnold.powerschool.com/public/>. If you don't have a log in, forgot your password, or would like some help, please contact Nicole Badgley, [nbadgley@esu10.org](mailto:nbadgley@esu10.org) or Penny Allen [pallen@esu10.org](mailto:pallen@esu10.org), or call either of them at the school 308-848-2226.

### Upcoming ACT Test

#### Dates:

- **Test Date: September 12, 2015**
- Registration Deadline: August 7, 2015
- **Test Date: October 24, 2015**
- Registration Deadline: September 18, 2015
- **Test Date: December 12, 2015**
- Registration Deadline: November 6, 2015
- **Test Date: February 6, 2016**
- Registration Deadline: January 8, 2016
- **Test Date: April 9, 2016**
- Registration Deadline: March 4, 2016
- **Test Date: June 11, 2016**
- Registration Deadline: May 6, 2016



# ARNOLD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Quarter 4 and Semester 2 Honor Roll

	QTR4	S2
	<b><u>12th Grade</u></b>	
Claire Beshaler	4-A's, 3-B's	5-A's, 2-B's
Issak Cole		3-A's, 3-B's
Trevor Halstead	5-A's, 2-B's	6-A's, 1-B
Grace Magill	6-A's, 1-B	6-A's, 1-B
Racheal Smith	7-A's	7-A's
Wei Qin Chua	4-A's, 2-B's	4-A's, 2-B's
	<b><u>11th Grade</u></b>	
Morgan Eggleston	8-A's	8-A's
Olivia Furne		3-A's, 4-B's
	<b><u>10th Grade</u></b>	
Jasmine Nelson	6-A's, 2-B's	5-A's, 3-B's
	<b><u>9th Grade</u></b>	
Avery Atkins	4-A's, 3-B's	4-A's, 3-B's
Cade Connell	3-A's, 3-B's	4-A's, 2-B's
Madison Reed		4-A's, 4-B's
Blake Schwarz	2-A's, 4-B's	2-A's, 4-B's
	<b><u>8th Grade</u></b>	
Leighton Bubak	6-A's	6-A's
Lydia Connell	5-A's, 2-B's	4-A's, 2-B's
Tatum Cool	4-A's, 3-B's	4-A's, 2-B's
Matthew Corbin	3-A's, 4-B's	
	<b><u>7th Grade</u></b>	
Jace Connell	1-A, 5-B's	2-A's, 3-B's
Max Werner	4-A's, 3-B's	
	<b><u>6th Grade</u></b>	
Jadeyn Bubak	6-A's	5-A's
Landyn Cole	6-A's	5-A's
Sam Cool	6-A's	5-A's
Kacee Dvorak	5-A's, 1-B	4-A's, 1-B
Kylee Lehmkuhler	3-A's, 3-B's	3-A's, 2-B's
Bailey Schwarz	6-A's	4-A's, 1-B
Drew Vickers	3-A's, 3-B's	1-A, 4-B's

## School Calendar Subscription - NEW!

If you are interested in subscribing to the school calendar on your phone or computer, there is a new address to use. (Last year's calendar run's out very soon.)

Type in the following address, or copy and paste the address from the announcement tab on the school web.

As the calendar is updated, your calendar should too!  
[webcal://ical.schedul-estar.com/iCal\\_NOW.cfm?i=E9D12603-ED44-7F66-6F137F7809514F80](webcal://ical.schedul-estar.com/iCal_NOW.cfm?i=E9D12603-ED44-7F66-6F137F7809514F80)

## Rotary Edutained by the Fourth Grade

Four 4th graders presented their Famous Nebraskan Edutainer reports to Rotarians and guests May 14.

Silas Cool, remained cool as he took on the character of Standing Bear. His presentation was full of interesting facts. Especially interesting



was the fact that Standing Bear had to prove that he was human in a court case, that he wound up winning.

Devin Peterson portrayed the part of Suzette La Flesche Tibbles, who was the interpreter for Standing Bear in his trial.

George Norris, aka Johnathon Lamphear, was the father of the Nebraska Unicameral and started public power in Nebraska, and by his own words wore out several sets of tires traveling across Nebraska to promote the formation of the Unicameral.

Then, Chester Oberg as Johnny Carson, entertained the audience with his reenactment of Johnny Carson as Carnac and amazed the audience with his ability to predict the future.

Debby Moninger, in cooperation with Berni Crow, guided the students in the study and research of each of their chosen Nebraskans. This unit had started with the visit of Darrel Draper who represented Theodore

Roosevelt. He spent time with the fourth grade class instructing them on how to become the character they would be portraying. This was a well rounded project for the 4th grade class and they remained excited and dedicated to it throughout.



## National Honor Society

The National Honor Society elected officers in May. The President is Olivia Furne, Vice President Morgan Eggleston, Secretary Ashton Weinman, and Publicity Tristan Johnson.

The National Honor Society will participate in Youth Leadership in Custer County (YLCC). During that leadership training, they will adopt an annual service focus.

They plan on continuing some of their favorite service opportunities like the popular turtle races (to be held during the Fall Festival), the food drive, Easter Egg Hunt, and a shoe drive.

Watch for updates from their YLCC service focus!

## Family Lunch Balances Online

Parents will now have online access to the balance of the family lunch and breakfast accounts! This new feature of Wordware just came out this year.

The first day of school, the oldest or the only student in the family will be given a letter explaining about the new lunch program. This feature will eventually be included in your PowerSchool Access.

Please be looking for this letter to come home on the first day of school.

# Xtreme Experience at Cheer Camp

The South Loup Cheerleaders attended the UCA Cheer Camp in Overton on July 8th and 9th. Those attending were Jennifer Barraza from Arnold and Lucy Kimball, Haylea Rynearson, and Amanda Harrison from Callaway. Cheer sponsor, Tammy Weinman, also attended.

They were taught cheers, chants, and several dances. The girls received a 9th place trophy in the Xtreme Routine,

2 superior ribbons on cheer and sidelines, 1 excellent ribbon on Xtreme Routine and 1 Outstanding ribbon for overall. The girls competed against 12 other schools in the competition.

We are a young squad and I expect this year to be a building year. The girls worked very hard at camp, learned new material and are excited for the for the 2015 sports



## From the Superintendent's Desk

Welcome to a new school year. We have some new faces in staff and students, and I am looking forward to getting to know each of these important people!

I having been working between Arnold and Callaway since July 1, and am beginning to wrap my brain around the Superintendency. I am enjoying the work, and also enjoying getting to know people in Callaway. The days go by very quickly!

Some projects that were finished this summer include an amazing summer cleaning, thanks to Jerry and Ruth, re-finishing of the gym floor, re-detailing

of the mats at each end of the gym, new carpet installed in four classrooms and the Principal's office, and lots of fresh paint, thanks to Penny and Shar.

Please read the entire newsletter for lots of information about the beginning of the school year, and pull out that calendar and breakfast/lunch menu to have for your reference. A free/reduced lunch application is also included in this newsletter. If you think you might qualify, but are uncomfortable bringing paperwork through the office, you may direct certify online. Details on how to do this are in the application.

Thanks for all of the support you offer



to the school throughout the year, and we are looking forward to another great one!

Dawn Lewis, Superintendent



# 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION

"Sixth grade students and their parents will meet at 6:30 p.m. on August 12th in the Guidance Classroom.

We will begin by handing out student handbooks, signing those forms, and then discussing the increased responsibility that goes with being middle school students.

We will go through their class schedules and answer any questions they may have about teachers, supply lists, and locations of classrooms.

Students and their parents will sign computer paperwork and write a check for their computer deposit of \$25.00.

Later students will be

able to locate their new lockers.

Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Meyer, and Mrs. Badgley will be on hand to answer any questions you have about middle school.

All students should come with at least one parent to share in this experience. The meeting should only last about 30-45 minutes.

## Pop Tabs Collection

Mrs. Geiser and the second grade class will again be collecting aluminum pop tabs for classroom math assignments and projects. You can support our school by saving pop tabs and sending them with your student to the school. Thank you for your support.

## Activity Passes

Activity Passes, which get you into all home games at Arnold and Callaway, all year, will cost \$20.00 for students, \$40.00 for parents, and \$80.00 for a family. These passes will be good for all events except NSAA sponsored activities, and conference events. Everyone can get them at the office.

## PowerSchool App Available

In the App Store if you search for the Powerschool app, you will find a quick and easy way to access your student's grades with your mobile phone.

Simply download the free app. It will ask you for your District Code (a 4 digit code) immediately. The code for

Arnold Public School is:

**SNPX**

Then you can use your regular

username and password from last year.



6th Grade Orientation

will be

Wednesday, August

12th at

**6:30 p.m.**

# Welcome Our New Kindergarten Teacher



By: Carissa Batenhorst, new teacher

I would like to a moment to introduce myself to the community and tell you how excited I am to join the APS staff. I am looking forward to having my own classroom and meeting my students in the next couple of weeks.

To tell you a little about me.

I grew up in Beemer, NE. This is a very small village of roughly only 700 people. Everybody knows everybody and it reminds

me a lot of Arnold.

My childhood was awesome! I was always playing with the boys and getting picked on!

☺ Making mud pies and constructing our fort in the woods were some of my favorite things to do.

I attended high school at West Point Public Schools and graduated in May of 2011. I attended college at Wayne State College and graduated in May of 2015.

In high school I played volleyball for 3 years. I was also a wrestling stat keeper for 3 years.

My mother and father have been married for 25 years. My mother's name is Lachelle and she is a nurse. My father's name is Jeff and he is a parts salesman at Sid Dillon. I have two brothers. Josh is 25 and he is a para-educator at West Point Public Schools. He also coaches football and wrestling. Cole is 20 and he is a junior at UNL. He is studying turf management and he has an internship at the UNL sporting facilities.

This will be my first year of teaching and having my own classroom! However, I completed my student teaching experience

at Stanton Community Schools in the 4th grade.

I have not coached any sports at the high school or elementary level.

I love the small town community feeling of Arnold and the small class sizes. It gives me more of a chance to have a one-on-one connection with each of my students. Everyone has also been very friendly and inviting!

I am looking forward

to having my own classroom and finally being able to teach students! I am also looking forward to living in the beautiful town of Arnold! Moving from Northeast Nebraska to the Sand hills will be a big change, but I am ready for a change of scenery!

I have always loved to give my students the opportunity of learning with hands-on activities. I am a very caring teacher that always has an ear to listen. I will do anything for my students and be their best role model! I also own an iPad and love using new technology in the classroom!

The most important advice I would give to a student is to enjoy school as much as you can. You will never learn more than when you are in the classroom. You will meet the best friends you've ever had. Enjoy it, because it goes by too quickly! But most of all have FUN!

When I get my own desk, I ABSOLUTELY anticipate having a secret stash of chocolate and goodies! If someone tried to bribe me with something to make my day better, there's no way I could resist a nice cold iced coffee.

## Note for Incoming

### Kindergarten Parents...

These items need to be sent to the school office or to the Kindergarten Teacher before your child will be allowed to attend the first day of Kindergarten. Law requires these items! Thank you for your help! ☺

1. Shot/Immunization Record
2. Birth Certificate with the RAISED SEAL – it must have a seal and signature. You may need to send for one from the Bureau of Vital Statistics.
3. Proof of school physical
4. Registration form

## FAVORITES

- **6 adjectives to describe me:** Organized, Hard-working, Enthusiastic, Creative, Caring, Ambitious
- **Quote:** "Refuse to Sink" because no matter how many times life knocks you down, I always refuse to let it get me down."
- **Movie:** Pitch Perfect because I love singing and music!
- **Genre of music:** Country.
- **Food:** Tacos and Spaghetti
- **Drink:** Mt. Dew and Iced Coffee
- **Dessert:** Puppy Chow and Scotcheroo's

## Coke Cap Collection

You can help our the school by collecting your Coke product bottle caps. Those you get from convenience stores, the grocery stores, vending machines, at ball games, and other places may all have the promotional codes on them. Coca-cola is refreshing its commitment to supporting education by enabling schools to collect donated points and then redeem them for a variety of school rewards including playground equipment, supplies, classroom materials, cameras, sound equipment, and more. You can send your Coke caps (and other Coke products) to the school office and they will redeem them. For more information, you can go to the <http://www.mycokerewards.com/schools>. Thank you for your support.

## Box Tops

Arnold Schools will again be collecting box tops for education with a goal of earning \$500 to purchase items for classrooms. In the past, a Smartboard was purchased and some other equipment. The Box Tops campaign is a school fund-raising program started by General Mills in 1996. To date, Box Tops has raised over \$200 million to help purchase school supplies, playground equipment, technology items, and so much more. You can support our school by saving box tops and sending them with your student to the school, take them to Finch Memorial Library, or to Reed's Food Center. Thank you for your support.

## Capri Sun Bags

Mrs. Crow is collecting Capri Sun bags again this year to help fund classroom projects. Please save those bags and send them to school with your student.

# Approved Calendar 2015-2016

## Arnold Public Schools

<b>August 13</b>	<b>Teacher In-Service</b>
<b>August 14</b>	<b>Teacher In-Service</b>
<b>August 17</b>	<b>1st Day of School</b>
• <b>Regular Classes for all students</b>	
<b>August 18</b>	<b>Elementary Assessment Day (all students present)</b>
<b>August 19</b>	<b>No School Elementary only (6-12 here)</b>
• <b>Elem teacher data analysis/placement decisions made</b>	
<b>September 7</b>	<b>No School – Labor Day</b>
<b>September 10</b>	<b>No Students – Parent/Teacher Conferences Noon-8:00pm</b>
<b>October 16</b>	<b>Noon Dismissal; End 1st Quarter – 44 Days</b>
<b>Oct 30</b>	<b>No School: Fall Break</b>
<b>November 25</b>	<b>2:40 Dismiss for Thanksgiving Break</b>
<b>November 26-27</b>	<b>No School – Thanksgiving Break</b>
<b>December 18</b>	<b>End 2nd Quarter (42 Days)</b>
	<b>End 1st Semester (86 Days)</b>
<b>December 19</b>	<b>Begin Christmas Break</b>
<b>January 4</b>	<b>Classes Resume</b>
<b>January 22</b>	<b>Winter Break (South Loup Wrestling)</b>
<b>February 11</b>	<b>No Students – Parent/Teacher Conferences Noon – 8:00pm</b>
<b>March 4</b>	<b>End 3rd Quarter (47 Days)</b>
<b>March 10-11</b>	<b>No School - Spring Break</b>
<b>March 25-28</b>	<b>No School – Easter Break</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>Teacher Work Day – South Loup Invite Golf and Track April 29</b>
	<b>Callaway hosts Conference Track</b>
<b>May 14</b>	<b>APS Graduation TBA</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Last day of school – Dismiss 2:40</b>
	<b>End 4th Quarter/End 2nd Semester</b>



# School Supplies for 2015-2016

## Kindergarten List

Dear Kindergarten Parents/Guardian's,  
I am looking forward to having your child in Kindergarten! The following is a list of supplies that your student will need next year in Kindergarten. I ask that you do the best you can to provide your child and your child's classroom with these materials.

Thank you!  
Miss Batenhorst

Please mark ALL of these items with your child's name or initials.

- Backpack
- 1 Box of Crayons
- 1 Bottle of Elmer's Glue
- 2 Boxes of Kleenexes'
- 1 Pencil Box
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Pack of Pencils
- An Extra Change of Clothes
- Tennis Shoes for P.E.
- Snacks for the Class

Miss Batenhorst's Wish List

- Stickers

- Clorox Wipes
- Permanent Markers
- Expo Markers

## First Grade List

- \* Backpack-no wheels
- \* 4"x6" Plastic pencil box
- \* Extra pair of clothes in a labeled bag
- \* 3 large boxes of Kleenex
- \* 1 package of dry erase markers
- \* 1 box of Crayola markers
- \* 1 box of colored pencils
- \* 1 box of Crayola crayons (no larger than 24 colors)
- \* 2 glue sticks
- \* 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- \* 1 pump style bottle of hand-sanitizer
- \* 2 pink erasers
- \* Scissors
- \* PE Shoes-these will stay at school

## Second Grade List

- 1 backpack
- 1 pair of shoes for P.E. can be a previously worn pair – make sure they are clean and have laces in them.
- 1 small pencil box – the box needs to only be large enough to hold 24 cray-

ons, 2-3 pencils, 1 glue stick, scissors, and an eraser.

1 box of tissue (Kleenex) may need to bring more after the cold and flu season descends upon us.

1 box of 24 crayons  
#2 lead pencils – the yellow ones – will need to bring more as your child needs a new pencil.

large eraser

1 SMALL bottle of hand sanitizer – large bottles do not fit in or on our desks very well. Your child may bring home his/her small bottle to refill when necessary.

scissors

glue sticks

SMALL water bottle with a tight fitting lid – large bottles do not fit on our desks very well

## Third Grade List

- 3 red pens
- 1 ruler
- 1 big pink eraser
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- scissors (Fiskars are great!)
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 box of colored pen-

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- cils
- 1 box of crayons
- 1 binder (1" wide)
- 6 12 count packages yellow #2 pencils
- 4 spiral wide-lined notebooks
- 3 package of wide-lined loose leaf paper
- 1 blue 2 pocket folder (with NO fasteners in the middle)
- 1 green 2 pocket folder (with NO fasteners in the middle)
- 1 red 2 pocket folder (with NO fasteners in the middle)
- 1 yellow 2 pocket folder (with NO fasteners in the middle)
- 1 small package of whiteboard markers
- 1 large Zipper pencil pouch
- 1 pair of tennis shoes for PE

Donations: (if you want to purchase for our classroom)

- Large container of Clorox wipes, small Ziploc bags, large Ziploc bags

## Fourth Grade List

The following is a list

of the things you will be needing in the fourth grade. Since our desks are small, it is best that trapper keepers and large notebooks be kept at home. A book bag works so much better to haul your things back and forth.

- Colored pencils (crayons optional)
- 1-2 Expo dry-erase markers
- notebooks (preferably not spiral bound)
- pencils
- eraser
- glue stick
- scissors
- ruler (with metric and standard units)
- shoes for PE

## Fifth Grade

- 1 pack of red pens
- 1 pack of black pens
- 1 big pink eraser
- 1 package pencil top eraser
- 3 large boxes of Kleenex
- scissors (Fiskars are great!)
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of crayons

- 3 12 count packages yellow #2 pencils
- 2 spiral wide-lined notebooks
- 1 package of wide-lined loose leaf binder paper
- 2 pocket folders
- 2 package of large chisel tip whiteboard markers
- 1 large Zipper pencil pouch
- 1 pair of tennis shoes for PE, shorts, and shirt
- 1 combination paddle lock for locker room locker
- 1 Soap
- 1 ear buds
- 1 flash drive
- 1 white out (bottle)
- 1 pencil/pen desktop holder

Optional:

- small whiteboard eraser
- mechanical pencils and lead
- sticky notes
- highlighter

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## Music Students:

dress pants and shirt for  
concerts  
if possible: a musical in-  
strument they want to play

lock for locker room  
locker

- Dress pants and shirt for concerts.
- (See other list below)

## 6th Grade: Mr. Lewis

- Ear buds
- 1- 3 subject note book
- 4 packs of loose leaf paper; it does NOT have to be 3 ring binder paper but can be
- 1 ruler
- 1 eraser
- Pack of blue pens
- Pack of red pens
- 3 boxes of # 2 pencils
- Scissors
- High Lighter
- Dry erase markers
- White Out
- Flash Drive
- 1 box of Kleenex
- PE shoes and shorts and shirt
- Combination paddle

## All 6-12 Students:

a jump drive to back up  
computer files

## 7th,8th, and Geometry

Protractor

## Alg 1, Alg II, Geom. Trig.

Calculator

## 6-12 English

- 2 inch three ring binder
- College Ruled Loose leaf paper
- Dividers
- Pens/pencils
- red pens
- highlighters (yellow, green, pink, blue)

## 6-12 Science

Need calculator

## SCHEDULE FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

### Weekday Schedule:

#### (52 Minute Periods)

8:00-8:52 1st  
8:54-9:46 2nd  
9:46-9:52 Break  
9:52-10:44 3rd  
10:46-11:38 4th  
11:40-12:32 5th  
12:32-1:02 Lunch  
1:04-1:56 6th  
1:58-2:50 7th  
2:52-3:44 8th

### Friday Schedule:

#### (44 Minute Periods)

8:00-8:44 1st  
8:46-9:30 2nd  
9:30-9:36 Break  
9:38-10:22 3rd  
10:22-11:06 4th  
11:08-11:52 5th  
11:52-12:22 Lunch  
12:24-1:08 6th  
1:10-1:54 7th  
1:56-2:40 8th

### 10:00 Late Start Schedule

10:00-10:37 1st  
10:39-11:16 2nd  
11:18-11:55 3rd  
11:57-12:34 4th  
12:34-1:08 Lunch  
1:10-1:46 5th  
1:48-2:25 6th  
2:27-3:04 7th  
3:06-3:44 8th

## Breakfast and Lunch Prices

**Breakfast:** K-12 \$1.30, Adults \$1.55

**Grab-N-Go Break Prices:** \$0.35- \$0.55

**Ala Carte Choices by Students:** \$0.50 - \$2.00

**Lunch:** K-6 \$2.30, 7-12 \$2.55, Adults \$3.55



# Kindergarten Open House



Dear Kindergarten Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I hope you had a hot, fun summer! I've been busy in the classroom getting ready for this upcoming school year! I look forward to getting a chance to hopefully meet with all of you at the Open House!

Open House will take place on August 12th from 6-7 p.m. in the Kindergarten classroom. I encourage students to bring their school supplies with them.

(The Kindergarten school supply list is included with this letter. Please disregard the previous list that was handed out at Kindergarten round-up.) They'll spend some time putting them away that night, touring the classroom, finding their cubbies and seats, and completing some fun activities!

At Open House Night, parents/guardians will fill out assorted information. This will include a "Contact Information" sheet and a "Tell Me About Your Child" form. They will also watch a short video on Reading Mastery and be given the chance to ask questions and talk with myself!

I look forward to meeting all of the parents, guardians and students and am eager for the 2015-2016 school year!

Thank you,  
Miss Batenhorst

# Welcome Our New Elementary Resource Teacher

By: Nicole Badgley

Debbie Soucie has officially accepted the position of elementary resource teacher for Arnold beginning in August.

"I like that the community is very involved in the school. Another aspect that drew me to Arnold Schools is the use of scientifically based curriculum and interventions that help every child be successful. I also like the 1:1 laptop initiative and the use of latest technologies," said Soucie.

She has worked as head teacher at Centennial Mall Childcare in the federal building for 4 years, and taught at Blessed Sacrament School for the last 15 years.

Soucie expressed her excitement to begin teaching in

Arnold and working with the elementary students. "I encourage my students to participate in class and adapt my teaching to include various learning styles. My students are expected to take some responsibility for their learning. They need to ask for help when they don't understand. I am persistent and never give up on my students. I accept my students for who they are and try to help them in any way that I can," said Soucie.

Mrs. Soucie is originally from Edison, Nebraska (population 250) and was the third of five children. Her grandparents, and aunt and uncle with cousins also lived there and the family was very close.

"Some of my best memories are of when we all went camping together," said Soucie. "I am looking forward to being a part of a school where the community is very supportive and invested in the school. I will enjoy the slower pace of life and, I am excited for my daughters to have the experiences of living in a small town."

Soucie participated in volleyball at Arapahoe High School, and went to college at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Mrs. Soucie has been married for 20 years to her husband Mike and they have two daughters, Tory who is 19 and Alexis who is 16.

# One Act Tryouts Scheduled

The play that has been chosen for One Act competition this year will be titled "Imperfect Proposal" by Lisa Parry.

"Ben, a young man in love, has invited his girlfriend to a romantic picnic in the park to pop the question. Spreading out the blanket and food, he rehearses the perfect line. But as soon as Kate arrives, his hopes of happily ever after are dashed as anything that could possibly go wrong does — he says the wrong thing, she misunderstands, they get plowed over by a gang of football players... followed by a parade of other mishaps! A constant stream of wisecracks (and wisdom!) comes from a nearby park bench, where a nosey old couple spends the afternoon eavesdropping and commenting. By the end of the picnic, it's more like a death knell than wedding bells for the young couple's relationship. This fast-paced comedy is full of dynamic characters, amusing stage action and non-stop laughs — perfect for contest or any one-act event!" (pioneerdrama.com)

Tryouts have been scheduled for September 8th at 7 p.m. (or following sports practice).

## FAVORITES

- **6 adjectives to describe me:** dedicated, dependable, resilient, caring, amusing, and insightful
- **Quote:** "Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You have set yourself a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find a joy in overcoming obstacles." -Helen Keller
- **Movie:** Romancing the Stone
- **Genre of music:** Country.
- **Food:** Pizza
- **Drink:** Diet Mountain Dew
- **Dessert:** Cheesecake

# Summer Reading Program Acts Wild!



Many of Arnold students in grades 3rd through 8th participated in the first annual summer reading theater program.

Debby Moninger, Nicole Badgley, and Berni Crow organized the "Page to Stage" reading workshops similar to Crane River Theater's Backstage Workshops that high school students attend.

This year's Page to Stage theme was "Welcome to the Jungle" because the common text was Tarzan.

As well as the workshops, participants attending Crane River Theater's performance of Tarzan the musical and visited with cast members when they visited Arnold in June.

We were blessed to receive a local expert since Kristen Olson-Jones was visiting the Neth family on her summer break from her Doctorate of Theater program.

Weekly workshops focused on various aspects of the theater as students turned their books into short theatrical

performances. The workshops focused on acting as reacting, voice projection, dialect, make-up techniques, blocking, and simple set design.

The summer Page to Stage Workshops concluded with students performing their own cuts of Magic Treehouse Tigers at Twilight, Swiss Family Robinson, and Cryptid Hunters for parents and the public on July 23rd.

Each of these books/plays were intended to peak a stu-

dent's interest in that particular story. There is a huge series of Magic Tree House books that the kids can check out. There are many kids who went and checked out more Illustrated Classic books because of reading the Jungle Book and Swiss Family Robinson. Other kids enjoyed the Cryptid Hunters which is the first of 3 or 4 books in the series.

Students were allowed to check out books and take AR tests every session. and the students definitely took advantage of that. It averaged about 7-10 students checking out books regularly, and about the same for AR tests taken each week.

A special thanks goes out to those who supported the first annual Page to Stage summer reading workshops: Scott B. Cool Memorial, Arnold Education Association, Arnold's Chamber, Joe Bob Atkins, Crane River Theater, and many other individuals.





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