

The Arnold Post

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BEEF BOOSTERS

By: Joel Morgan, Superintendent

ARNOLD: With the Custer County Fair wrapping up this week, a unique opportunity presented itself regarding this year's Livestock Auction. Traditionally, Pinnacle Bank in Arnold supports local 4H by purchasing animals. They typically pay the premium on top of the pre-determined base. APS had the opportunity to piggy bank on bank president Aaron Coleman's efforts.

This spring, the Nebraska Department of Education awarded Supply Chain Assistance grants to school districts. This grant was meant to allow schools to purchase unprocessed foods, including whole beef. With these funds, we were able to purchase a 4H steer at this year's auction. Pinnacle Bank agreed to bid at the beef auction and pay the premium like usual and allow the school to buy the steer at a base of \$1.38, which fell right in the current buyer's average. This allowed

2022 Homecoming Royalty



L to R: Arnold Class of 2023 royalty was crowned at the September 23rd football game. Homecoming Queen Talli Martin and King Silas Cool

APS to purchase a local beef from a local student to be served as a part of our hot lunch program.

The greatest thing about this opportunity was that no local tax dollars were used to purchase the steer, pro-

cessing is covered by donations which can be made through the Arnold Community Foundation Fund, and we had an incredible opportunity to partner with Pinnacle Bank to make this happen. To ensure the school would have no risk, I purchased the steer personally and will feed it until it goes in to be processed. Once it is processed, the school will then pay for the steer at the \$1.38 base with no feed costs.

It is our hope to continue to expand an opportunity like this through donations and sponsorships so that we can buy more in the future. I can think of no better way to support 4H, local students, local producers, and provide quality beef to our students through our hot lunch program. If you would be interested in helping us make this grow, please give me a call or stop in.



College Courses on the Rise

It takes a lot of dedication for a high school student to keep up with a college course and their regular courses along with sports and other activities.

The statistics for the number of college courses the APS students are taking is higher than ever.

According to Counselor Ashley Nansel, there are over 20 courses being offered to Arnold students this fall.

When you look at that, it seems like a lot. However, that might mean only one Arnold student is taking that course right now, which is ok.

The really impressive numbers include: 6 students

taking one class, 7 students taking 2 classes, and 3 students taking 3 classes.

“More kids are graduating with 12 or more credit hours, which is a semester of college finished,” said Nansel.

The majority of the classess are taken online with the junior and senior students connecting to Canvas (a program similar to schoology) where their materials, assignments, quizzes and tests are housed.

With the high number of students taking college courses, several of the electives offered by Arnold don't have students in them. For example, the journalism class didn't have any students enrolled, so the newsletter will be a collection of articles from the staff.

October's Makin' Readers & Crafts Challenge

In the second grade, you get to choose your own books for pleasure reading. Their reading will still grow faster if they read a little bit every day, even 15 minutes a day helps. To encourage them to read each day, Mrs. Moninger will have an October Makin' Readers Craft



Challenge. There will be more Makin' Reader challenges in the future if they enjoy them. Here's how the challenge works:

When they earn 2 AR points in their reading range in a week (Thursday library day to Thursday library day), they get to

attend the maker activity on Friday morning. Their points may come from:

- A “quick pick” chapter book (My Weird School Days, Magic Treehouse, Mercy Watson, Cam Jensen, and many more)
- 4 picture books
- Fiction or nonfiction books
- A combination of picture and chapter books.

Since October is Halloween season, all of the makin' crafts will be spooktacular!! They will make spider bookmarks, origami bat bookmarks, yarn pumpkins, a bat picture holder, and pumpkin catapults.

Parents: Please encourage your child to read a minimum of 15 minutes a day to earn the Makin' Craft Readers Challenge. Your child did a great job with the first-grade take-home books, but it is important that the daily reading practice continues with the switch to “choice” books. If you have any questions, feel free to call Debby Moninger (308) 870-2882.

Congratulations

2022-2023 Cheer Team

Jazlynn Bechtold
Greely Hrupek
Josie Reiff
Delaney Rogers



Go Jump In a Lake!

For the last seven years, school librarian Debby Moninger encourages students to get a quick start to reading by promoting a principal challenge. It is sometimes difficult to come up with a new challenge, so she often asks juniors and seniors for input. Last year Clay Witthuhn said, “I just wish we could make him jump in the lake again. It was fun watching him jump in the lake while it was snowing!” His classmates agreed, recalling riding



Will He Float?
Will They Float?

McIntosh Plunge

The contest began this summer! Accumulate Accelerated Reader points now to apply towards the first quarter challenge.

If the entire student body gets 3,500 points, you will see Mr. McIntosh jump into the cold Arnold Recreation waters in late October.

If the students get 4,000 points all together, then a staff member, or two, will have to jump with him! The students will use their number of points to vote for the teacher jumper.

**Splashing your way
October 27th!**

the bus to the lake as the flakes flew when Mr. Morgan took his plunge.

As the students were discussing the Morgan Plunge, Mrs. Moninger decided that maybe we could try the plunge again — after all, Mr. McIntosh hasn't taken the plunge. Although she was worried whether or not students would get behind a recycled challenge, it seems like the class of 2023 called it. So far students are exceeding the pace needed to reach the 3,500 first quarter points.

Mrs. Moninger stressed, “Mr. McIntosh felt like the recycled challenge could work if we added a twist — a teacher or two may jump in the lake with Mr. McIntosh if students exceeded their goal by at least 500 points.”

Students vote based on the number AR points they earn. For example, earning 10 AR points allows a student 10 votes that they can put on one teacher or divide among multiple teachers.

Regardless of whether students are reading for Mr. McIntosh to take the plunge or to have their teacher jump in the lake, students are definitely reading. A few highlights:

- The kindergarten class has been logging their reading and try for a book a day.
- The first grade class was the first class to have ALL students earn points.
- The fourth grade class loves earning reading badges and plunge voting points.
- Several of the middle school classes have been reading books written by Jennifer Nielsen or Roland Smith as they look forward to the

Plum Creek Literacy Festival.

- Another middle school favorite has been reading books that make their heart go “boom, boom”, whether



those books are thrillers, chick picks, or mysteries.

- Juniors started their American literature study with a contemporary story and have en-

joyed SciFi novels like Michael Vey and hot picks like November 9 and Where the Crawdads Sing.

- High school students are enjoying reading characters strive to “be the best”.

At the end of week three, students have earned 1,448 points (they need 1,166 to be on pace to reach 3,500 points). Students have been doing so well on the challenge that Mr. Morgan and Mr. McIntosh are considering an additional surprise on the day of the plunge. I can't promise it will snow, but it will definitely be a plunge to remember.

Elementary teachers who might have to jump include: Katie Blowers, Molly Ryan, Sadie Rotherham, Debby Moninger, Ashley Nansel, Nicole Recoy and Tracy Kennedy.

High school teacher who might have to jump include: Nicole Badgley, Pat Recoy, Liz Brown, Katie Berglund, and Jason Wehnes.

Friday Fields of Interest



By Ashley Nansel, APS counselor
Mid-Plains Community College launched a new program this fall called the Mid-Plains Exploratory Program. The program began

in the middle of September and will end in December. Every Friday, the students who registered were taken to North Platte to participate in this program. We have four students from Arnold attending the program this fall.

Of the four students from Arnold attending, Rio Remund and Annalee Starr will be participating in

the Agriculture sessions. There will be 12 rotations at the UNL-West Research Center focusing on agriculture. Students will be taught by a specialist in their fields and learn about employment opportunities and gain hands-on experience in: General Agriculture-WCREECT Tour and Virtual Tour of NCTA; Cropping Systems; Irrigation Systems; Agroecosystems/Crops Entomology; Pesticide Application Technology Laboratory; Beef Production Systems and Range Management; Careers in Agriculture Business; and Careers in Veterinary Technology.

Johnathan Lamphear will be participating in the Applied Technology sessions. There will be 6 rotations focusing on Applied Technologies. Students will select 6 areas of interest and spend 2 weeks in each area before moving on to the next field of interest. The rotation choices are: Autobody; Building Construction; Electrical; Diesel; Welding; Automotive and HVAC.

Devin Peterson will be

participating in the Health Occupation sessions. There will be 4 rotations focusing on Nursing, Medical Lab Tech, EMT and Dental.

“We are really thankful for the flexibility it takes from our teachers to be able to participate in something like this. It really shows that our staff members really do what they can for the students. We are very fortunate to have opportunities like this in rural Nebraska. It really is a team effort with our teaching staff, administration and the community college. Our teachers have to be willing to work with the students and allow them to miss one class period a week for a semester in order to participate. We are also thankful for the administration finding bus drivers and making sure our students are getting to and from the college every week.”

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Greenhouse is a Go

After writing grants and applying for REAP money, the school board approved the building of a new greenhouse at the August board meeting. They approved an 30x60 greenhouse at a total cost of \$85,000.

The total cost includes the starter plant costs at \$10,000, the interior structure costs (workbenches, rowing beds, root pits, garden tools, raised planters, row benches) at \$15,000, and the greenhouse itself at \$60,000.

The greenhouse will be situated in the northeast corner of the playground outside the fence.

“It will have three zones inside the greenhouse. One is for production of plants from seeds. We are hoping to sell these plants for spring gardens. The second zone will be for the Ag Bio class to study plant life by practicing soil

testing, water treatment, etc. And the third zone in the back will be a community garden where kids can work hands-on the gardens,” said Sandager.

The greenhouse will be run by the Ag-Biology class and the Schoolhouse Gardens Club. The Schoolhouse Gardens club will be responsible for taking care of the greenhouse afterschool and during the summer, while the Agriculture Biology class takes care of it throughout the school year.

Key topics covered in class and club are general plant production, plant sciences, how to run a business, and how to become involved with the community. Products produced in the greenhouse will either be used in the school kitchen, sold through a student-led business model, or donated to local community establishments (food

bank, and retirement center).

Community members will also be encouraged to use the greenhouse as a community garden - The goal is to have students interact with community members and learn from their agricultural experiences.

Funding for the project came from several places. Students have been fundraising with plant and soap sales. Sandager also wrote an Arnold Foundation grant for \$7,500, and a Youth Engagement Grant for \$7,500. Sandager also wrote grants to Mid Nebraska Community Foundation (Apple-gate) and the Custer County Foundation.

The students will also continue raising money through community donations and fundraisers, leaving the school to help with the remaining balance.

2-Day Volunteers Create the Court

A large group of men helped the school make some improvements to the preschool and the elementary school playgrounds.

The first day they poured

a cement pathway on the north side of the preschool to get to the backyard. The also poured a “pour-in-place rubber membrane over the top in the playground area so the students were more protected

from injury.

On the second day, the volunteers returned to pour the new basketball court and install the new hoops that are adjustable.

The men who volunteered were: Todd Phelps, Mr. Morgan, Rich Hornung, Duane Bowers, Malachi Neth, Clay Mohr, Chanc McIntosh, Shane Cool, Eric Nelson, Andy Schwarz and Jason Wehnes.

The National HONor Society students then went and painted the lines on the court and repainted the four-square boxes and map closer to the school.

A group effort really upgraded our new fenced-off playground.



Pete the Cat Adventures Around Arnold

Regular reading is key to becoming a good reader, so Mrs.



Kinsley Tucker

Molly Ryan encourages students to read for a little bit each day by sending home grade-level books.



Previous Newsletters

- Link to the school newsletter: <http://www.arnoldpublicschools.org/journalism>
- Links to newsletters prior to the 2015-2016 school year: <https://sites.google.com/a/esu10.org/mrs-badgley/schoolnewsletters>
- Links to historical and alumni newsletters: <https://sites.google.com/a/esu10.org/mrs-badgley/alumninewsletters>

Please give us your feedback by contacting Nicole Badgley at nicole.badgley@arnoldpublicschools.org.

School librarian Debby Moninger helps increase the selection of books by using interlibrary loan through Kearney Public Library. While she was in Kearney to get books, she saw a Pete the Cat plush animal inspiration kit.

Public libraries often have promotions where young patrons leave a favorite stuffed animal for



Beckett Preston

a sleepover at the library. During the sleepover, the librarians take pictures of all the stuffed animal's escapades. Mrs. Moninger thought it would be fun to have a reading promotion that does the opposite. She realized that Pete the Cat loves reading and adventure.

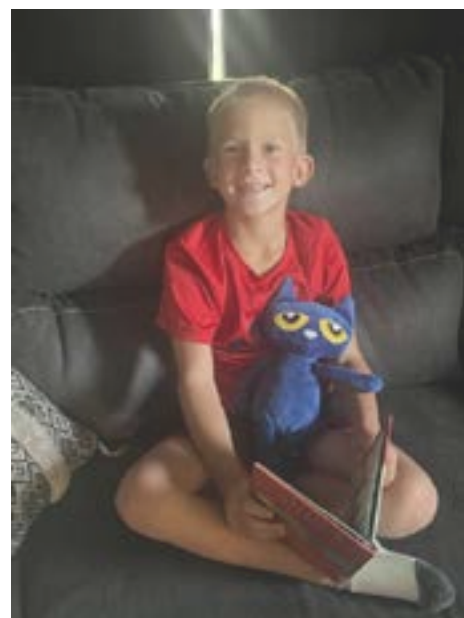
As first graders pass a test from a take-home book, their name goes in a drawing to take Pete for a sleepover. Pete stays one night with the student. He will have a month of sleepovers if all the first-grade students participate in Pete's reading adventure. Parents take pictures of Pete's escapades and Mrs. Moninger creates a short video for the

students.

While Pete only stays one night with the first-graders, they can earn other small Pete prizes if they continue to read their take-home books and take the quizzes.

Pete has been having so much fun this month that he has been telling some other book characters of his adventures. As a result, there will be different plush character sneaking into the first grade class in future months. Clifford the Big Red Dog is scheduled to visit Arnold first graders this October.

- Beckett's video: <https://animoto.com/play/UnKkRSIyLmzUc-zyy01x1dg>
- Brody's Video: <https://animoto.com/play/wHkkUB10W5Wb-j0IEQJebmg>
- Colter's Video: <https://animoto.com/play/k6RAhyg-01p10hatJ5QciCQ>
- Kinsley's Video: <https://animoto.com/play/phjqdg-s1q5eeCNhdxXhoiQ>



Colter Dailey

Welcome New Students



New junior high and high school students, L to R: sophomore Re'alta Leach, eighth grade Rachel Leetch, and sixth grade Riley Leetch.



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. If you are unable to remember your password, then please contact Heather at the school office by phone 308-848-2226.



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From the Superintendent's Desk

It's hard to believe we find ourselves in October already. The school year is in full swing with high quality instruction and exciting opportunities for our students. New this year is a career exploratory program through Mid Plains Community College. We have four students that attend on Fridays in North Platte. Each Friday focuses on a new unit of their chosen career exploration. The will run throughout the semester. We also seniors actively engaged with internships throughout the area. These hands on experiences will definitely give them an incredible opportunity identifying potential careers for them.

I am also excited for the construction of our new greenhouse. This is another example of hands on and

collaborative learning that will focus on plant science, plant production, agriculture, and a there will even be a community connection. I'd like to thank the school board for their commitment in continuing to expand opportunities for your students and staff.

If you have a chance be sure and come on over and see our kids involved in multiple activities. The fall sports season is in full swing and One Act is gearing up for another year of competition. Please be sure and follow our Facebook page and check out our calendar on the school website for activities and changes along the way.



Middles Dance the Night Away



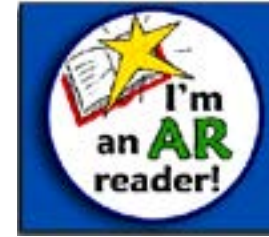
ARNOLD: Most of the middle school students came to a first annual fall dance sponsored by the Arnold Junior Honor Society.

September 16th was the highly anticipated day for them. The dance was held from 7 to 11 p.m. in the commons area which helped with the acoustics and volume.

After hanging some fun lights and some simple decorations, they hired John Christensen to DJ their dance. The honor society kids even brought snacks and drinks for the attendees.



Renaissance Home Connect



Watch Student's

Progress in AR/STAR, Sign Up Now

Dear Parents,

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Coke Cap Collection

You can help out the school by collecting your Coke product bottle caps and numbers on the inside of Coke product boxes.

We accept caps and cardboard cutouts from the products you get from convenience stores, the grocery stores, vending machines, at ball games, and other places that may all have the promotional codes on them.

Coca-cola committed itself 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 cna go to the <https://www.mycokerewards.com/schools>. Thank you for your support.



From the Elementary Principal's Desk

Hello Arnold Community Members,

School is off to a good and fast start with many things happening already. Including many extra curricular activities, assessments, fun classroom activities, and parent/teacher conferences.

I want to remind parents of the Nebraska Fall weather and please send kids to school dressed appropriately. The only time Elementary students don't go outside for recess is when the temperature is below 10 degrees or it is pouring rain. October 1st is also when shorts are no longer permitted to be worn to school.

I want to remind everyone of the importance of attendance and being in class daily. The fact remains that the impact to the student is the same whether the absence is excused or not. Your child is missing out on fun classroom activities, social time with peers, and instructional time with the teacher. The maximum allowed absences before falling into the category or truant is 10 per semester or 20 days for a school year.

I mentioned days, however, when students become JH and HS students they count class periods. For example if a student missed the same class period 20 times in a school year, that would fall under truancy. Parents will receive a letter if students miss 7 days or class periods in a semester just to let parents know students are

approaching the 10 absences. I would like to see the District attendance rate improve above the State average compared to where it was. When your child is absent or going to leave early, it is important to communicate this with the office (Ms. Heather) and if on a bus route contact your child's driver.

Other Highlights:
Enrollment PK-12 is 198 Students
PK - 23 Students
K-5 - 85 Students
6th-8th - 42 Students
HS - 48 Students
Assessments
NWEA MAP and Fall NSCAS
Growth Testing Completed
Parent Teacher Conferences
6-12 66% parent attendance
Elementary parent contact 98%.
Opportunity to buy books from the Book Fair.
Arnold Students out for HS extra-curricular activities

Football Team - 14
Volleyball Team - 11
Cross Country Team - 7
Cheer Team - 1
One Acts - 23 cast, 8 crew members
Kindergarten and 1st Grade visited The Bumpkin Patch at Estes Farms
Plum Creek Literacy Festival for 6th - 8th Grade Students
PK-12 Student had a blast during homecoming week



with dress up days

AR Update
As of 9/19, total AR points 1,784.
The first incentive is 3,500 points and the second incentive is 4,000 points by October 15th.

Mr. McIntosh

2022/2023 ACT TEST DATES		
SEPT 10 - Test Early Aug 5 Late Aug 19	OCT 22 - Test Early Sept 16 Late Sept 30	DEC 10-Test Early Nov 4 Late Nov 11
FEB 11-Test Early Jan 6 Late Jan 20	APR 15 - Test Early Mar 10 Late Mar 24	JUNE 10-Test Early May 5 Late May 19
	JUL 15-Test Early June 16 Late June 23	

Teammates Ice Cream Social Kicks Off Year



The Arnold Chapter of Teammates began the school year with Ice Cream Social on August 23rd held in the APS Library. Ice cream was served for potential mentors and mentees that desired to learn with hopes of joining the Arnold Teammates Program.

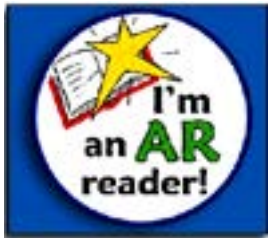
Ice Cream was both provided and served by the Arnold National Honor Society with their soft-serve ice cream machine purchased last school year.

First-year Arnold Chapter Coordinator, Jason Wehnes stated, "This a great way not only reorganize and get Teammates going again but also to celebrate with the potential to grow!"

For more information regarding interest in being a mentor or mentee, please contact Jason Wehnes at jason.wehnes@arnoldpublicschools.org.

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Middle Schoolers Visit With Some Favorite Authors

SEWARD: Roland Smith, Jennifer Nielsen and Jerry Pollatta are all popular authors the middle schoolers read, according to librarian, Mrs. Moninger.

Mrs. Badgley's 7th grade class reads Smith's novels *Zach's Lie* and *Jack's Run*. That usually leads the students read

one of the other 50 books Smith has written over the years.

Smith started out his career as a research biologist working with all kinds of animals. That is where a lot of his inspiration comes from. He decides to write a novel about a kid working with one of the animals he knows so well.

When he was in Africa working with the elephants, he decided to write his first book about a young man trying to save an elephant from the ivory poachers.

Smith talked about his writing process and how he goes from ideas on index cards, all across the floor to putting them in order and writing each scene like you are watching a movie in your head. He then revises his writing around 12-

15 times before it goes to publisher. "Writing is RE-vision," said Smith several times.

He recently finished a book that is coming out in March, titled *The Switch* and kids were able to purchase it at this conference.

The sixth and seventh graders also read *A Night Divided* in Mr. Phelp's reading class.

Nielsen is an author

of over 22 books and says there are "8 Super EASY Things Authors Do."

"They read, they know stupid facts, they as 'What If' all the time, they research, they ask questions, they write, they revise, they take suggestions, and they keep trying. It isn't all that hard to do if you are truly interested in what you are writing about. You want to do these things!"

Jerry Pollatta is famous for the 100 A-Z books he has written for children.

"The main feature of writing children's books is the ability to write concise and clear." She told stories from history and then revealed the actual story from history she had researched, showing how much fun research can be.

"I am sure the kids will be checking out Roland Smith and Jennifer Nielsen after our great trip," said Moninger.



Favorite author of the JH students, Roland Smith autographed his books following his presentation about how to write a novel.



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