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Welcome to Arnold!

Mrs. Payne

By: Gracie Neth, APS Senior

ARNOLD: Brittany Payne, Arnold's new preschool teacher, is excited to teach in our great community! "I am excited to be back in a smaller school community and making more connections with the families in the school district," Mrs. Payne said.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, but raised in Wisconsin, Mrs. Payne attended Lutheran high school Shoreland. She attended Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, for a degree in Early Childhood Education. She recently achieved her Master's in Early Childhood Education. She currently lives in Dunning, Nebraska.

Mrs. Payne has been teaching preschool for 9 years. Her first job was teaching preschool in Valentine, and for

the past 5 years, she has been teaching preschool in North Platte. "Preschool is the best years to teach children because I get to be one of the first experiences a child has in their school career and I love to create their love and passion for learning. Nothing is better than seeing the kids come into my classroom and being excited to be at school every day," Mrs. Payne said about why she loves preschool!



New Preschool Teacher Brittany Payne and her husband, Eric.

Mrs. Payne has been married for 6 years. Together they have 3 foster children - a one-year-old girl, an eight-year-old boy and a nine-year-old boy. She also has 5 dogs, chickens, pheasants, and ducks.

"I am so excited to share my passion for early childhood education in a community that is close to my home, Dunning, NE," Mrs. Payne said.



New 2nd grade teacher, Ms. Jaycee Stupka

Ms. Stupka

By: Gracie Neth, APS Senior

ARNOLD: New teacher Jaycee Stupka is excited to join APS staff as the new 2nd grade teacher! "I'm excited to meet new people, get new experiences, and start this next chapter of my life in Arnold!" she said.

Raised 40 minutes away, Ms. Stupka was raised in and graduated high school from Gothenburg, Nebraska. She attended the University of Nebraska in Kearney where she studied Elementary Education. Arnold will be her first teaching job. She is engaged to be married in November. She has a yellow lab named Maverick.

"I'm excited to be able to teach 2nd grade because it was my 2nd grade teacher that made me want to become a teacher. I'm also excited to build new relationships with both my student and staff! I hope to influence my students the same way not only my 2nd grade teacher influenced me but all of my teachers have influenced me!" Ms. Stupka said about why she is excited to teach 2nd grade in Arnold.

Kelly Morgan Joins Staff

By: Gracie Neth, APS Senior

ARNOLD: Kelly Morgan is joining Arnold Public School's staff in the fall! "I am looking forward to working with the teachers and staff to help foster the educational needs of the district," she said.

Mrs. Morgan grew up in North Bend, Nebraska. She attended the University of Nebraska in Kearney and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with endorsements in Spanish and English as a Second Language. She earned two Master's degrees as a Reading Specialist and in School Library Media. She plans on adding a Special Education endorsement through the Univer-

sity of Nebraska in Omaha.

Mrs. Morgan has been teaching Spanish I, Spanish II, and Exploratory Spanish in Gothenburg, Nebraska, for the past nine years. She also taught in Blue Hill for four years.

Mrs. Morgan is married to Joel Morgan, the Arnold Public Schools superintendent. She has two sons, in 7th and 5th grades.

"While I have been involved with the Arnold School district from the outside, I look forward to being an active staff member in the district. I am excited to work with the students to foster



Kelly Morgan with sons, Jett and Jeremiah and husband, Joel.

their academic and personal growth," Mrs. Morgan said.



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- Links to newsletters prior to the 2015-2016 school year: <https://sites.google.com/a/esu10.org/mrs-badgley/schoolnewsletters>
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BOOK FAIRS

Books bring us together!

The Book Fair is coming!

September 9-12, 2024



APS 2024-2025 Calendar

August 2024

12- Fall HS Sports Begin
13-14 - Teacher In-Service
15 - First Day of School
19 - No School for K-6 Data Analysis

September 2024

2 - No School - Labor Day
12- 1:30PM Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:00 PM
18 - 2:40 Dismissal- Professional Development
20- No School

October 2024

11 - End 1st Quarter
16 - 2:40 Dismissal Professional Development
24- 2:40 Dismissal
25 - No School - Fall Break

November 2024

1 - No School- Teacher In-Service
11- No School
27 - 1:30 Dismissal
28-29 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 2024

20 - Noon Dismissal - Teacher Workday in the Afternoon- End 2nd Quarter/1st Semester-
23-31 - No School - Christmas Break

January 2025

3 - No School - Teacher In-Service
6 - School Resumes
22 - 2:40 Dismissal- Professional Development

February 2025

13 - 1:30 Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:00 PM
14 - No School
19 - 2:40 Dismissal- Professional Development

March 2025

12 - 2:40 Dismissal- End of 3rd Quarter
13-14 - No School - Spring Break
17- No School- Spring Break
26 - 2:40 Dismissal- Professional Development

April 2025

11 - No School - SLB Track Invite - Teacher Workday
17- 1:30PM Dismissal
18 - No School- Good Friday- Easter Break
21- No School- Easter Break
30 - 2:40 Dismissal- Professional Development

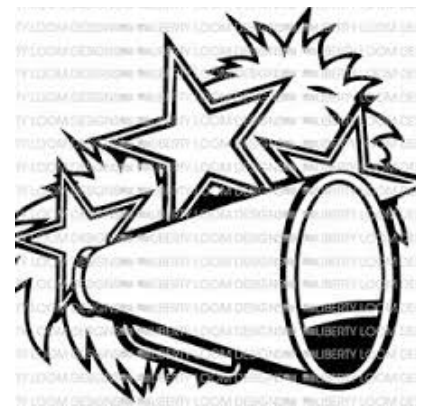
May 2025

2- Teacher Inservice- MNAC Track
10 - Graduation- 2:00PM
19 - Elementary Field Day- Last Day- K-6
20- Last Day- 7-12- End 4th Quarter/2nd Semester
21- Teacher Workday

Total Days: 174 Student Days 182 Staff Days

Congratulations 2024-2025 Cheer Team

Josie Christensen
Taylor Hanna-Miles
Addison Bailey
Kelynn Witthuhn
Neltje Reiff
Tiersa Johnson
Tyra Brestel
Coach: Lucy Kimball



Practices were held during the month of April, and tryouts were April 27th at 10 a.m.

The girls had to learn a short dance, a sideline cheer, and crowd cheer.

Judges included Lena Peterson, former coach, and Abbey Thies.

Opportunity for New Classes

By: Trey Connell, APS Senior 2024

Arnold: Arnold

High School is adding a few classes to kick off next year's fall semester with the intention of gaining the interest of students and adapting to classes that the students will want to learn. Apart from the High School, Middle School is also gaining a few new courses. These new classes will hopefully give the school a new look, and give students better opportunities to succeed.

Kicking off with science. In the 2024 Fall Semester, there will not be an Anatomy class, but instead a Chemistry class. This will allow kids who are more interested in chemistry to study it rather than have to learn it on their own. How-

ever, anatomy isn't going anywhere, because these classes will be alternating every other year to ensure that every kid has an opportunity to take both while in high school.

Also alternating will be Economics and Accounting. With the large amount of people going into business and finance, this should do students going into these studies well.

There will also be some newly added classes that are more on the fun side of learning. These two classes will be Creative Writing and Strength Training. Rather than always having to write about boring topics, Creative Writing will give students the opportunity to broaden their imagination and write about

what they feel is fun or interesting. Strength Training will give kids interested in sports the knowledge and ability to gain strength and athletic ability. For those who don't like sports, but enjoy lifting weights it will give their brain a break from the continuous class-to-class cycle.

On the Junior High end of things, 8th grade will be allowed to take a consumer math class. This will give kids who do not excel at math to still learn valuable math at a high level. The 7th grade will also be given an intervention enrichment class. This class will allow students to sharpen their individual skills to make other classes a better learning environment

The Great Teacher Shuffle

By: Gracie Neth, APS Senior 2024

ARNOLD: Major changes are being made in Arnold Public Schools this year! From swapping classrooms to new teachers, Arnold Public Schools will be different in the fall. Six teachers are changing what grades they will be teaching and three new teachers will be joining the APS staff.

Mr. Phelps, the current 6th grade teacher, will be moving to the shop classroom. He will now be teaching grades 6-12, and classes like welding, construction, and junior high shop.

"Shop is a place for many students, who might not be as successful in regular education classes to be successful. Because of this I really do not want to see us lose our shop classes. Even though this will be a huge change for me, I believe it will be a positive change," Phelps said.

Mrs. Blowers, the current 4th grade teacher, will be teaching 6th grade this fall. "I am specifically eager to work with the middle school teachers to ensure that the students are receiving the support that they need to be successful in the transition to junior high," Mrs. Blowers said.

Mrs. Rotherham, the current 2nd grade teacher, will be teaching 4th grade. Mrs. Rotherham has experience teaching 4th grade, from her prior teaching job in Dundee County Stratton. "I'm really looking forward to continuing inspiring students here at APS. I can't wait to see students grow in their independence and shine through their creativity. It's going to be a wonderful year filled with new discoveries and achievements!" Mrs. Rotherham said about looking forward to her job.

Mrs. Kennedy, the current Kindergarten teacher, will be mov-

ing to help Mrs. Recoy in the Title classrooms. "I am excited to work with various age groups instead of a self-contained classroom. I am most excited to work closely with classroom teachers to close gaps in student achievement," she said.

Miss Stelling, the current Preschool teacher, will be teaching Kindergarten. "I am excited to be in the same building and get to see past students go on to different grades and grow up. In both preschool and kindergarten, you have students early in their education journey and have the opportunity to watch them grow to the end and that's exciting," Miss Stelling said.

Mrs. Brown, who currently serves as the 7-12 Special Education teacher will now be teaching 4-12 Special Education. There will be three new hires to teach K-3 Special Education and Spanish, 2nd grade, and Preschool.

Community Cleanup Day

**By: Cache Gracey,
APS senior 2024**

Students and Staff collected at the Arnold Community Center the morning of the 22nd of April. Community clean up day was here



Senior Girls, Bryn Schwarz, Charli Vickers, Tahnna Nokes, Samantha Wonch, Gracie Neth, Delaney Rogers, and Harmony Borah prepping the picnic tables by scraping the old paint off before painting.



One of the fun projects done by the girls in the senior class

and we got all fueled up with donuts from the Village before we headed off to our assigned locations.

Students during community clean up day partake in things like picking up sticks in elderly peoples' lawns, raking leaves, or repainting picnic tables.

"Participating in community clean up day allows for our students to see the importance of volunteering their time and coming together as a community to help each other out," said Allison Goodenow, principal.

It was a beautiful day and the Arnold students were able to get a lot of work done.

Community Cleanup Day is just one of the opportunities for the students to give back to the community. Many of these people have dedicated so much time during their lives watching us play basketball, football, and all the other sports.

American Legion paid for lunch of pulled pork and salads and a variety of desserts, and the Chamber members and Rotary members served lunch for everyone.

Greenhouse Update



Above: Plants grown by the Applied Science Students: Gracie Neth, Delaney Rogers, Charli Vickers, Ella Cool, Anna Tullis, Taylor Hannah, Brendan Streit, Pedro Flores, Harmony Borah, Danah Baldwin, Réalta Leach.

By: Delaney Rogers

The School House Gardens Greenhouse is up and running. There are plants that the Applied Science class started in the classroom that are now living full time in the Greenhouse. The 8th period class was held in the green house for the last two months of school. All in all, the Greenhouse has already become a great addition to our school.

The annual School House Gardens Plant Sale was held on May 4th in the green house from 10-2. The Applied Science kids sold soap, house plants, candles, and cards at the Plant sale as well. Together, the class raised \$***

The funds rasied at the Plant Sale each year goes toward supplies for next year. This included more ingredients for soap and candles, more seeds, greenhouse upkeep,

and labs all science classes.

The Green House would not have happened without Mr. Mohr and his shop class, the amazing Mr. Morgan, and our amazing staff and student body that worked so hard to see the project through. A huge shoutout goes to the boys in the Freshman class: Wacey Schultz, Malachi Neth, and Elijah Cool, for spending hours working on the raised garden beds.

Next year, you can expect great things from our greenhouse. There are ideas in the works for a Open Greenhouse for parents and the community to come see the stucture, but for now, Mrs. Sandager and her class are getting settled and ready for another great science year.

“We’re so excited to have it and to run with our ideas. We are also so grateful for our administa-

tion that has allowed this idea to come to life. I’m just excited to see how it grows the next few years.” says Mrs. Sandager.



Ella Cool and Anna Tullis in the Greenhouse



Production continued this summer, following the work of Elijah Cool, Wacey Schultz, and Malachi Neth who welded their way into the greenhouse.

Three Busy Boys

The raised garden beds may have taken time, but the three who boys who have dedicated so much time to the project have a lot to be proud of. Elijah Cool, Wacey Schulz and Malachi Neth have designed, created a prototype, tested and built 3 of the 8 ft. x 2 ft. x 36" inch high garden beds and have 5 more to finish.

They still need to add a couple more supports, and will add the pvc boarding that will line the inside. They will also be installing the drip lines along the bottoms of the beds before they are installed.

Each of these 8 foot beds will be able to hold a ton of dirt each in the 20-inch-deep beds. There will be seven of those tables running along the perimeter of the building.

There will be a total of about 13 tables. Of those 13, one is cut and half assembled, as of the end of May. Three were waiting to be lined - as seen in the picture above,

and two are completely built in the greenhouse

There will also be 6, 4x8 tables for the center of the building. Each of them will hold 2 tons of dirt.

Two are completely built in the greenhouse and three are ready for liners. The last is still being welded.

Malachi is looking forward to working for the school this summer to get them done. Eli Hunt and Wacy will help when they can in between other school projects.

As they have been working They have gone through two steel diamond coated metal saw blades so far cutting the supports for the tables and they have used 4400 lbs of steel, 50 4x8 sheets of PVC liner cut to fit.

"They're my A-team in this project Isaac did an incredible job keeping things stocked and keeping the assembly process moving forward," said Clay Mohr. "The

freshmen have really honed their welding skills. I appreciate their willingness to come in extra time to get this done.

The sophomore construction tech crew worked hard in the erection of the greenhouse and working in the inside," continued Mohr.

The summer crew will work on running the water lines to the beds from the quick disconnect to avoid moving hoses and set up the aquaponics.

"This is a very big undertaking for high school kids and most are underclassmen except for the leadership of Issac Tickle. These boys are leaving a legacy. They designed and built. They made the prototype and planned the production process. Forty years down the road they can return and the tables will still be in use. They are that good," said Mohr.

2024 National Honor Society Senior's Put New Treadmill in the Weight Room

By: Delaney Rogers

The National Honor Society class of 2024 has been fundraising all year and met their goal to pay for a new treadmill in our weight room.

"The weightroom has undergone a lot of changes and we assumed that a new treadmill was needed and would be really useful," says Rio Remund, NHS President.

The treadmill is called an Assault treadmill, so it has a curved bottom. The curved bottom adds a ton of benefits to running on the Assault treadmill compared to running on a normal treadmill.

This group of seniors is known for their doing and their participation throughout their high school careers. This group is full of students that work hard on their own time to better themselves in the classroom, on the field or court, and in their community. It is very fitting that they leave behind a way for others to better themselves as well.

The treadmill arrived around May 3rd and was installed into the weight room in time for this year's summer weight program.

"Our National Honor Society Class of 2024 have a lot of thanks to give, and I would like to be the one to give them. I would like to thank our underclassmen for helping with the fundraising and doing a lot to help us reach our goal. We owe a ton of thanks to Mrs. Moninger for setting our group up for success this year. Finally, thank you to our administration for going with our flow throughout the years," says Logan Recoy, Vice President and Senior Project Chair.

2025 NHS Senior's Beautify Arnold with First Mural

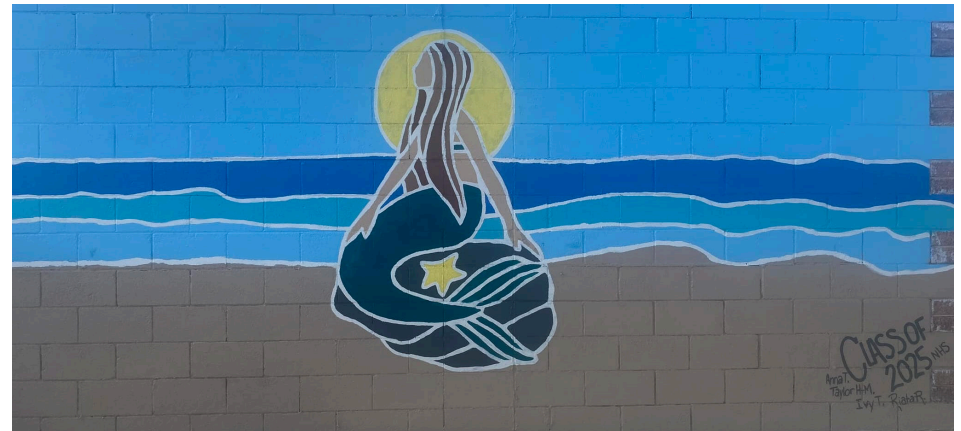
By Anna Tullis, APS senior

We wanted to do a fun project that would help make Arnold a little more interesting. Cheryl Carson brought up the mural idea and we thought that would be good.

The pool was one of the locations she said would be good. We all loved the Nemo mural but it definitely needed some work. We started the pool mural first because of the deadline of the pool opening.

Shavonne said she wanted a mermaid theme, so we used that to look for ideas. Mrs. Moninger found a painting at Hobby Lobby that we ended up using for the final design.

We started by getting permis-



sion from the city to do it, then talked to Ms. Berglund and Andrew Tickle about the best paint.

Monday we powerwashed and scraped the old paint. Tuesday we primed. Wednesday Anna Tullis, Ivy Tullis, Riata Remund, and Taylor Hanna-Miles painted the whole thing.

We are hoping to do two other murals but don't have approval yet

for either of those, but we should soon.

It was really fun as well as helped us learn the process we have to go through for these types of projects. It also helped us get prepared for the future murals.

The hardest part was dealing with the texture of the bricks.

Mullen Art Show

By: Samantha Wonch, APS Senior

On April 16, a group of Arnold high school students headed to Mullen to take part in the Mullen Art Show.

They have been able to participate for several years now. Each year their show highlights a fun activity and challenge for students take on. This year the students from several schools were challenged to make a marble run by using the objects provided.

They were judged based on design and functionality. The group that included Arnold students Réalta Leach, Anna Tullis, Danah Baldwin, and Grace Bierman won first place with their marble run!

“The marble run activity was a fun way to spend some of the waiting time we had that day. We didn’t have high expectations for ours in the beginning, but it ended up being pretty cool.

Winning was pretty cool too!”

Over all Arnold HS placed third in the art show, accumulating 47 points for several pieces of art. Arnold’s JH received sixth place with seven points.

Awards included:

- Bryn Schwarz- 1st place in the paintings, 1st place in hand built, and 3rd place in wheel throw ceramics.
- Gracie Neth- 1st place in textiles,



Another Group of Arnold students with their marble run, L&R: Samantha Wonch, Dolores Duponcheel, Harmony Borah and Gracie Neth.



Winners for the Marble Run! L&R: Grace Bierman, Anna Tullis, Danah Baldwin, and Réalta Leach.

- Brook Bierman- honorable mention in digital art,
- Summer Morash- honorable mention in black and white drawing,
- Rachel Leetch- 1st place in special projects,
- Josie Christensen 1st and 5th place in collage,
- Miranda Tucker- 5th in mixed media,
- EvaLynn Wonch- 1st place in collage, 3rd in color drawing, 2nd in watercolor.
- Samantha Wonch- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in watercolor, 4th in digital art and 4th in painting.

Over all it was a very fun and successful day for APS students.

NSAA Multiple Sport Award Winners

The following students have participated in multiple activities.

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|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| • Jade Bierman | • Trey Connell | • Hayden Myers | • Asa Starr |
| • Paxton Bierman | • Elijah Cool | • Malachi Neth | • Piper Strasburg |
| • Walter Bierman | • Ella Cool | • Tahanna Nokes | • Haydn Stretesky |
| • Harmony Borah | • Dolores Duponcheel | • Logan Recoy | • Miranda Tucker |
| • Josie Christensen | • Pedro Flores | • Riata Remund | • Anna Tullis |
| • Josiah Coleman | • Cache Gracey | • Delaney Rogers | • Ivy Tullis |
| | • Rachel Leetch | • Eli Rogers | • Luke Tullis |
| | • Josie Lehmkuhler | • Wacey Schultz | • Crew Witthuhn |
| | • Summer Morash | • Bryn Schwarz | • EvaLynn Wonch |

TEAMMATES MENTORING

The Arnold Chapter of TeamMates was a great success during the 2023-2024 school year! The chapter served eight students that communicated with me their enjoyment and value of their mentor's dedication throughout the year.

Though we have had great success, seven of the eight mentees graduating creates a bittersweet time. With the upcoming year, our chapter is expecting 8-10 new mentees that are in need of new mentors.

Our mission is to inspire stu-

dents to reach their full potential through one-to-one mentoring which occurs weekly at Arnold Public Schools.

The result of this work is improved attendance and academic performance from our students.

While mentors do not serve as tutors, TeamMates mentors actively encourage school engagement by focusing on the intentional cultivation of a student's strengths and modeling positive social behaviors.

Observing within the school Superintendent Morgan notes that "(Arnold Chapter of Teammates) is a success within our building. The

interaction of students with their mentors has proven to be a great benefit for each student as well as mentors within our community. I look forward to seeing the matches in the building each and every week."

At the end of August, an Ice Cream Social will be held for those interested in being a mentee and/or mentor as well as celebrating the kick-off for the new year. Date and time of the ice cream social to be determined at a later date.

To become a mentor or to donate to TeamMates Mentoring, please contact Jason Wehnes at (402) 469-7871.



Shooting for Washington D.C.

By: Jason Wehnes, sponsor

Last Spring, a variety of students of the Arnold Washington D.C. Group fundraised for a four-day trip to Washington D.C. in the Summer of 2025. Students earned an opportunity to raise funds by way of a gun raffle. The guns raffled were a Henry Golden Boy .22 rifle and a .22 Rough Rider Pistol to provide two opportunities for ticket purchasers. Students earn funds individually providing motivation and sweat equity to earn their way to Washington D.C. Students collectively earned over \$3000 to put toward next summer's trip.

Top ticket seller, Piper Strasburg stated her excitement for the trip saying, "I think this is a great experience to have and even better to enjoy the trip with my friends".

The Arnold Washington D.C. Group will be fundraising continuing their fundraising efforts throughout the 2024-2025 school year to shoot their way to Washington D.C..

Mentors Needed

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.

The Aquarium... The Capital...



4th graders spending the night under the aqarium.

On Wednesday, April 24th, the fourth graders began an adventure to the State Capitol and an over-night stay at Henry Doorly Zoo. A tour guide walked them through the Capitol, teaching them some interesting facts about the building.

They also heard many stories about Nebraska history. After that, they traveled to Omaha for a supper at Spaghetti Works and then it was time to check-in at the zoo. Once everything was unpacked, they were guided through the zoo on a night hike. It was a beautiful evening to have the whole zoo to themselves! The tour guides are able to educate the students on the animals and tell very interesting

stories that they would otherwise never know about.

After the hike, the students were allowed to choose a place in the aquarium to spend the night. Some opted for the shark tunnel, and others chose to sleep by the Tufted Penguins. The students were woke up bright and early to take a morning hike before the zoo opened. The tour guides are packed with information and the students listen intently. Once the guided tour was over, Mrs. Blowers and the fourth graders spent the rest of the day viewing the animals that they hadn't seen. It was a very educational, adventurous, and exciting two days for everyone.



A group of 4th graders visiting the Lincoln Capitol Building.

2024/2025 ACT TEST DATES

SEPT

14 - Test

Early Aug 9
Late Aug 25

OCT

26- Test

Early Sept 20
Late Oct 7

DEC

14-Test

Early Nov 8
Late Nov 22

FEB

8-Test

Early Jan 3 Late
Jan 31

APR

5 - Test

Early Feb 28
Late Mar 28

JUNE

14-Test

Early May 9
Late June 6



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Imagination Learning



By: Tahnna Nokes
APS Senior 2024

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On May 10, 2024 the Kindergarten and 1st Grade Class took a trip to the Kearney Area Children's Museum.

They made the executive decision to go there because it is a fun place for children to learn but also have fun through interactive play-based activities. Also, they thought it would be a great place because

it is indoors so that regardless of weather they would still be able to go and enjoy themselves.

The students could dress up like firemen, be a clerk in the grocery store, pretend to be an astronaut, climb a rock wall, sell donuts from a bakery, play a life-size game of Operation, be a veterinarian, re-

pair a tractor or go fishing on the river.

They decided to go together as 2 classes because they work well with each



other and it is good to go with other classes rather than just by themselves. It is also a good bonding opportunity to get closer with each other.



Fort Kearney Trip



Ava Bierman, 5th grade, sets event record for hitting 18 Bow fishing targets in a row (old record was set last year at 17).



Berklee Preston aims at some of the indoor archery targets.



Isaac Jarman, 5th grade, pets native snakes of Nebraska at Nebraska Game and Parks Expo.



Above: In an invasive species session, Jackson Schacher, 6th grade, holds a crayfish.



Left: Avery Corbin, 6th grade, meets a snake up close!



Far Left: Bree Blowers, 5th grade, was excited to eat at Valentinos!

From the Superintendent's Desk

With a new school year, comes new things. I am excited to welcome new teachers Brittany Payne- Preschool, Kelly Morgan- K-3 Special Education/HS Spanish, and Jaycee Stupka- 2nd Grade to Arnold. I am also looking forward to the positive impact that our additional Title/Interventionist position will bring. Mrs. Kennedy has transitioned to this position and will be able to provide a number of additional supports to students throughout the building.

This fall we will be installing new exterior doors and a controlled access system. Staff and 6-12 students will have ID Badges what will serve as their key card access. Access times will be restricted for students to the scope of the school day. There will also be an additional door installed just beyond the main office window. You will be able to speak to someone in the office directly or ring the video intercom to communicate if the office is empty. I understand this will take some time to adjust, but it will create a safer environment for our school. Once we go live with the new system, an update will be sent out.



As we look to start the new school year, I encourage parents to look for updates/information from us as the year goes on through Schoology and our social media pages. We will also utilize BlackBoard Connect for a mass call for any closures or immediate changes that may take place. Staying connected on your child's progress is also vital to their success. This can be done with access to their grades in PowerSchool along with staying in communication with teachers. Being proactive will lead to greater success. Daily attendance is also a key part to success.

I hope you are enjoyed the summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!!

New School Improvement Goals!

By: Samantha Wonch, APS Senior

ARNOLD: Arnold Public School is going into year two of the school improvement cycle.

Arnold Public School started the implementation of the MTSS process for grades K-12. For the school year of 2024-2025, they will be implementing the MTSS process for preschool as well.

They began the first year of the new elementary reading curriculum, WONDERS 2023, this year and it was implemented for grades K-5.

"The new implementation of WONDERS is going well. With every new curriculum, there come some bumps and roadblocks, but each teacher has taken those challenges head-on with a very positive attitude and worked closely as a team and with ESU 10 to overcome those challenges," said Principal Alison Goodenow.

Next year in the 2024-2025 school year, WONDERS will be implemented for grades K-6th grade.



Mrs. Goodnow, the school's principal, shares that the new school improvement goal for the new 5-year cycle is; "All students Pre-K-12th grade will show academic growth in reading, referenced by standardized testing within the district".

ESU 10 chose Arnold Public Schools as their district to imple-

ment an evidence-based strategy that helps with the implementation of WONDERS and utilizes all that it offers with fidelity. Our elementary teachers have had two different training days with ESU where they used those days as work days to work ahead on the slide decks that they will be used for each unit pre-



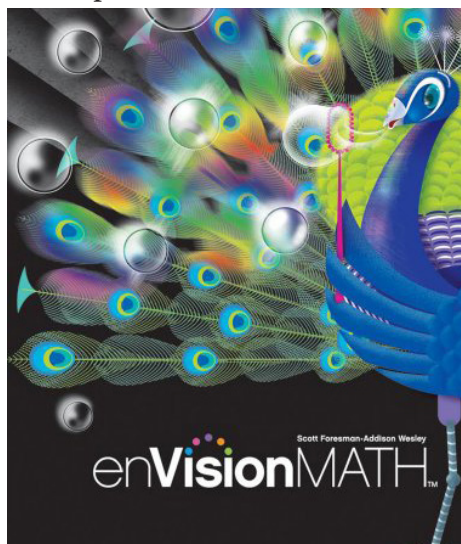
sented in WONDERS. There will be other districts moving forward who work with our district in completing the remainder of the units that need slide decks finished".

Arnold Public Schools will also have a new ELA curriculum for grades 7-8. The new curriculum for grades 7-8 is Study Sync through McGraw Hill. This is the next step up from WONDERS and has the same language, routines, and expectations as our K-6 reading curriculum.

Mrs. Goodenow was asked what improvements has she seen in year three of the new math curriculum, EnVision, and she responded, "Looking at the data on our summative, formative, and state testing, we can see that when the curriculum is being taught to fidelity there are HUGE results. EnVision has been beneficial for our district and we are pleased with the results that we have seen over the last three years."

Arnold Public School's mission statement for the new 5-year cycle of the school improvement plan is, "The mission of Arnold Public Schools is to positively educate all students to the highest levels of academic success, to enable them to achieve personal growth, and to become productive and compassionate members of society who demonstrate empathy for all."

Mrs. Goodenow announces what she hopes to accomplish during this next school improvement cycle. "I hope to continue to build a solid foundation at Arnold Public Schools in not only reading and math, but also in every subject area that is offered within our district. I am hopeful that with some of the



new implementations that are being put in place, we can continue to grow as a district and offer the support that is needed for every single student enrolled within Arnold Public Schools. I am confident that the team here at APS will continue to focus on what is best for ALL of our students and will strive to be the best they can be and do the best they can do to educate our students academically, socially, and emotionally."



AJHS Display Old Glory

The Junior Honor Society also assisted the veterans for the 4th of July by helping put up and take down the flags again.

While having root beer floats in the gazebo after their work, they noted the American Legion sculpture that is in the cemetery with the flag behind it.

The photo to the left is of the “pick up crew” which took less people. Front: Hunter Hough, Second row: Addison Dalrymple,

Kora Dailey, Paityn Dailey, and Jaxsen Schacher. Veterans: Dave Crow, John Phillips, Mike Harvey, and Steve Bowers.

Others not pictured from the first crew to put up the flags included: Charles Foran, Ed Pierson, Delanie Weinman.

The Junior Honor Society helped the veterans place and pick up flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day. This group of veterans and students hung the flags on Friday afternoon. The veterans did a great job of training the kids in proper handling of the flags, when they need to be repaired, how they should be folded, and how they should hang.

AJHS Officers 2024-2025



L to R: Historians: Riley Leech and Avery Corbin, President: Lindsay Christensen, Secretary: Kora Dailey and Vice President: Claire Kulp. Not Pictured: Treasurer: Paisley Witthuhn.

MNAC All Conference Basketball Honors

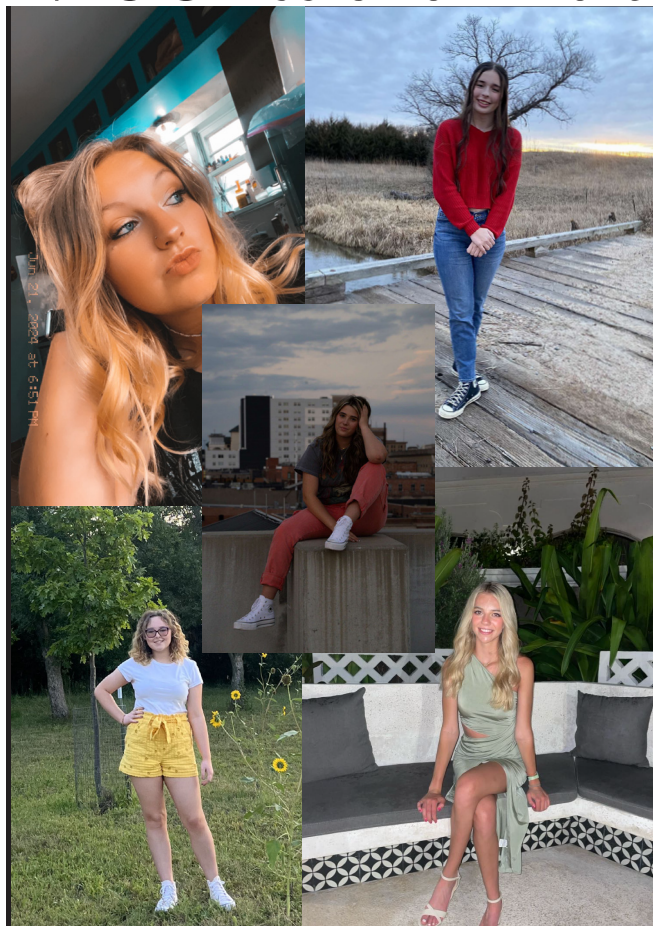
1st Team:

Bryn Schwarz
Trey Connell
Cache Gracey

Honorable Mention:

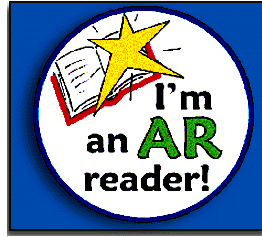
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NHS Officers 2024-2025



Middle: Riata Remund, president; Upper-right: Anna Tullis, vice president; Upper-left: Taylor Han-na-Miles, treasurer; Lower-right: Ella Cool, secretary, Lower-left: Réalta Leach, historian.

Renaissance Home Connect



Watch Student's

Progress in AR/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 for 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.

New Coaches Take the Helm This Fall

By: Trey Connell

With the upcoming season around the corner, the South Loup Bobcat's are adding some new faces to the coaching staffs. Of these new faces, many are going to add a young, youthful spark.

As of now all the new coaches are on the girls side of things. One being a new head basketball coach, and a clean sweep in volleyball coaching.

Our new heads women's basketball coach is Allison Goodenow with Kalen Dockweiler as her assistant coach.

"I am looking forward to this year, starting fresh, and building the girls up for success not only on the court but off the court as well. This team will know what hard work, dedication, and commitment to themselves and their teammates is and the importance of it. I'm blessed to have Kalen Dockweiler next to me and feel confident in our ability to reach the goals we have for the girls, working together," said Coach Goodenow.

In volleyball the new head coach is Michelle Preston, with Jadyn Kleinschmidt, and Jaycee Stupka assisting her.

"I'm very excited for this opportunity to Coach for South Loup and this group of girls. I have a passion for volleyball, and I am ready to share that with them. We will have a brand new staff this year. It will be a change, but I'm ready for the challenge!"

It was decided that Jason Wehnes would be the coach for the girls wrestling team this year, and he is excited to see this Bobcat sport flourish.

Andy Schwarz will take over the helm of head track coach next spring.

Even with these five new faces, there is still a few to gain. The hopes of the Co-Op Board is to continue to dominate sports with these new coaches.

Activity Calendar

Arnold Public Schools is using a new activities application to manage all of our sporting events and school activities. If you would like access to the most updated information, you can download the rSchool App. In the Google Store and in the Apple store search for "rSchool" and you should see an app called "Activity Scheduler" with a blue hat as its icon. (See image to the right.)

It is simple and easy to use.

1. When you first open it you have to do a simple set up.
2. Simply search for Arnold Public Schools and you will find us. T
3. hen this week's activities will show.
4. You can also choose the dates you want to see for future events.

This is a replacement for the links that feed into your iCal calendars on iPhones and in to your Google



calendars. This will be more efficient and up-to-the-minute with changes.

You can also use the following link on computers or on internet browsers on your phone to see the school calendars: <https://www.midnebraskaactivitiesconference.org/public/genie/1009/school/1359/>



Arnold Public Schools Supply List 2024-2025

Preschool Supplies:

Bookbag
Labeled Water Bottle
Extra Outfit in a Labeled Ziploc Bag (No Shorts)
2 Glue Sticks
1 Box of Crayola Crayons
2 Clorox/Lysol Wipes
1 Box of Tissues
1 Baby Wipe
Wishlist- Stickers

Kindergarten Supplies:

1 Bookbag
1 rectangular Pencil Box
1 Pair of Scissors
1 Large Eraser
2 24 count Crayola Crayons
6 Glue Sticks
1 Bottle of Elmer's Glue
1 Kleenex
1 Clorox Wipe
1 Labeled Water Bottle
1 Pair of Headphones in a Labeled Ziploc Bag (No earbuds)
1 Pair of Extra Clothes (No shorts) in a Labeled Ziploc Bag
1 Pair of PE Shoes (stay at school)

First Grade Supplies:

* Rectangular Plastic pencil box
* 1 pack of plain yellow #2 pencils (for community supply)
* 1 box of Crayola classic broad line markers (10 count)
* 2 boxes of Crayola crayons (24 count)
* 1 pack of dry erase markers
* 1 large eraser
* 8 glue sticks
* Scissors
* 2 folders
* 3 large box of Kleenex
* Headphones
* PE Shoes-these will stay at school
* Dishwasher safe water bottle
* Extra pair of clothes (no shorts) in a labeled zip-lock bag

Second Grade Supplies:

1 - lg eraser
4 - glue sticks
2 - bx Kleenex
2 - disinfectant wipes
1 - dz #2 pencils
1 - book bag

1 - pr sharp point scissors
2 - wide ruled spiral bound notebook
1 - pocket folder (bottom pockets)
1 - plastic school box
1 - pr headphones (no earbuds)
2 - 8 count washable markers
1 - 12 count colored pencils
1 - water bottle with lid (16oz or less)
2 Dry Erase Markers
Dry Eraser

3rd Grade Supplies:

*1 big pink eraser
*1 pair of scissors (Fiskars are great!)
*6 glue sticks
*1 box of 24 crayons
*1 box of 12 colored pencils
*1 binder (1 inch wide)
*1 package of 12 yellow #2 pencils
*2 spiral wide-ruled (single subject) notebooks
*1 package wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
*1 plastic folder (no fasteners in the middle)
*1 small package of white board markers
*1 large Zipper pencil pouch (with holes for a binder)
*2 large containers of Clorox wipes
*3 boxes of Kleenex
*headphones (plug-in to computer & no earbuds please)
*1 pair of tennis shoes for PE (clean soles)

Fourth Grade Supplies:

2 - lg glue sticks
2 - bx Kleenex
2 - disinfectant wipes
1 - dz #2 pencils
1 - book bag
1 - pr sharp point scissors
2 - wide ruled spiral bound notebook
1 - pencil box / bag
1 - pr headphones
2 - 8 count washable markers
1 - 12 count colored pencils
1 - water bottle with lid (16oz or less)
1 - pr of PE shoes
Classroom Wish List: gum and assorted bulk candy

5th Grade Supplies:

- 12 pack color pencils
- 2 packages binder paper
- 24 pack BiC mechanical pencils
- ear buds (or headphones)

- protractor
- 3 red checking pens
- 3 boxes tissues
- 1 zipper pencil pouch (functional, not novelty)
- 2 single subject notebooks
- PE gym lock and shoes
- ruler
- 4 pack black EXPO wide chisel tip dry erase markers

6th Grade Supplies:

- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- scissors
- pencils and erasers
- zipper pouch for supplies with 3 ring holes
- colored pencils
- wooden ruler (metric and standard)
- dry erase markers
- ear buds or headphones
- PE shoes, clothes, towel, and soap/shampoo
- combination padlock for locker room
- Wish list: Clorox wipes, gum, and bulk candy

Mrs. Badgley

7th-10 Grade Supplies:

*Replacement 3" Binder (if yours is in rough shape from last year)
* Zipper pouch Pink, Yellow, Green and Blue highlighters
* glue stick
* scissors
* pencils
* colored pencils
* red and blue pens
* Box of Kleenex
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Mrs. Sandager

7th-8th Science Supplies:

JH - Black composition Notebook
7th/8th - Markers, Colored Pencils
9th Grade - Scientific Calculator

Mr. Schwarz

7th-8th Math:

* Protractor

Mr. Wehnes

7th-12th Social Studies:

- Single Subject college-ruled note-book
- 1 Folder

From the Principal's Desk

Hello APS families, and WELCOME BACK!! I am very excited for this 2024-2025 school year! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready to kick the school year off again! Year one for me last year was definitely a learning curve. Going from working in a bigger district to a smaller one taught me a lot. I am ready for year two and excited for some new things that we will be trying with the students and the staff!

Just a few reminders as we get into the school year, please make sure you are checking Schoology for weekly communication on upcoming events as well as any updates or changes on events and scheduling. When entering the school during school hours, please be sure to stop into the front office and check in, please refrain from walking around the school prior to checking in.

If there are any issues that arise during the school year, please reach out and touch base with the teachers prior to reaching out to me. Chain of command when dealing with situations should always start with the classroom/special's teacher and then if the issue is not resolved, I will then step in.

Please encourage your students to speak to their teachers if they are having any problems in the classroom or with any subjects. All teachers are here to help students and will assist them as they can. With participation in the classroom comes attendance. I want to highly encourage all parents to understand the importance of your child/children's attendance. Any time missed during school is time missed out on instructional material as well as social and emotional learning.

As we enter year two of our new SEL curriculum and universal screener, we will be administering the DESSA again this year; this will take place three times throughout the school year. I will be sending more information on that as we get closer to those dates. We will be hosting another community night on mental health, and encourage all of you to attend! Mental health is very important and although we are living in a small community, our children have struggles just as much as anyone else living in different areas of the world. Please don't wait to talk to your children about mental health, we have resources here at the school to help with mental health, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We have quite a few new staff members this year! Please welcome them with open arms and show them

how great of a community they are coming to work in, really is. I appreciate all of the continued support and look forward to welcoming all of your children back! With new changes comes new opportunities.

We will be entering year two of our new school improvement cycle, which runs every five years. We have now created a new school improvement plan and mission statement. Our mission at Arnold Public Schools is to positively educate all students to the highest levels of academic success, to enable them to achieve personal growth and to become productive and compassionate members of society who demonstrate empathy for all. Our new school improvement goal will be focused around reading with all students Prek-12th grade showing academic growth in reading, referenced by standardized testing within the district.

I am going to be very strict on office hours not only with myself this year but with my staff as well. I will be encouraging the staff to shut their work life off as soon as they enter their homes and not respond to emails or phone calls (unless it is an emergency) until the following school day. I as well will not be answering phone calls or messages after 5:00pm and will return calls and emails when I get back to the school the following school day at 7:00am. Thank you for your understanding in this matter, and respecting the APS staff's personal lives. I hope everyone has a wonderful school year!



Preschool Round-Up Success



During the Round-Up the new students and parents enjoyed a time of meet and greet with new preschool teacher, Brittany Payne. They were able to play and get comfortable with each other, while parents met with Ms. Hagler for enrollment.



Afternoon Preschool Class: Front Row L-R; Dariel Diaz Lopez, Loxely Berglund, Kasyn Kussman, Oliana Goodenow, Harrison Bierman, Riley McDowell, Collins Blowers and standing behind them are Ms. Emma Stelling and Mrs. Lorraine Bigsbee

New Preschoolers attending:

Jack Beshaler
John Deines
Dekker DeLosh
Kenneth Goodenow
Gus Goodner
Owen Holmberg
Edie Kennedy
Blaize Kulp
Jayden Magill
Stetson Pehrson
Mason Sandager
Flint Snyder
Emerie Stienike
Rayden Wyckoff
Kaysen Welch



Pictured Above: Dekker DeLosh and Blaize Kulp enjoyed time for open play and becoming friends.



Pictured Above: Kenneth Goodenow and Jayden Magill also enjoyed time for open play and becoming friends.

Book Buddies

By: Tahnna Nokes, APS Senior
ARNOLD- On Tuesday, April 9, 2024, the Arnold Rotary came to the school for the 2nd grade and gifted each of the students with a book to enjoy. In addition, Karen Hough gave each of the students a copy of her very own book, "Mark the Spark,"



Pictured Above is the Morning Preschool Class getting read to by rotary member Lana Day; Ms. Stelling and students Loxely Berglund, Kasyn Kussman, Harrison Bierman, Dariel Diaz Lopez, Riley McDowell, Collins Blowers and Oliana Goodenow

and read it to them.

Then later in the month, on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, they came back and went to both the morning and afternoon preschool classes to let them get in on the action as well. They also gave each one of the students a book and chose one to read with them as a group.

For the 2nd grade, Mrs. Moninger chose the books that the

kids received based on what books they liked or checked out throughout the year, and then she lets the Rotary members know.

In addition, Ms. Stelling gives Mrs. Moninger the ideas for the preschool students based on what the kids are interested in.

This is done this way because Mrs. Moninger does not have any preschool students.

In the AM preschool class. Rotary members Valarie Dailey and Lana Day both picked a book and read it to the class. Then they handed out the books, which were picked out by Mrs. Moninger. On the kids' choice list, which she



Pictured Above is the Afternoon Preschool Class getting read to by rotary members Mary Becker and Buzz Lohmiller. Back Row L-R: Cali Edwards, Monroe Brown, Brynley Hough; Middle L-R; Everleigh Boon, Riggins Kenner, Barrett Magill; Front Row L-R; Quort Dailey, Axten Corbin and Brooks McMichael.

had from the preschool teacher.

Thanks to the Rotary for purchasing these books for our students.



Back Row L-R: Mrs. Goodenow, Rotary Members Becky Dailey and Karen Hough; Middle Row L-R: Kenna Baldwin, Dayana Diaz Lopez, Brooklyn Tucker, Kinsley Tucker, Daneo Urbanovsky, Colter Dailey, Carter Nansel and Kowen Dalrymple; Front Row L-R: Karson Welch, Bo Bennett, Julieauna Hunt, Brody Blowers and Beckett Preston

3rd and 4th Quarter and Semester 2

HS Honor Roll

Quarter 3 2023-2024

All As	12th
	Grace Bierman
	Gracie Neth
	Tahnna Nokes
	Rio Remund
	Delaney Rogers
	Bryn Schwarz
	Charli Vickers
	Samantha Wonch
11th	Danah Baldwin
	Ella Cool
	Ethan Furne
	Taylor Hanna-Miles
	Riata Remund
	Anna Tullis
10th	Crew Witthuhn
9th	Josie Christensen
	Elijah Cool
	Malachi Neth
	EvaLynn Wonch
8th	Austin Davenport
	Tysen Schacher
	Callan Witthuhn
7th	NONE
As & Bs	12th
	Trey Connell
	Logan Recoy
11th	Réalta Leach
	AJ Starr
	Jamie Tickle
10th	Hayden Myers
	Haydn Stretesky
	Luke Tullis
9th	Josie Lehmkuhler
	Piper Strasburg
8th	TyLee Smith
	Delanie Weinman
7th	Lindsay Christensen
	Kora Dailey
	Riley Leetch
	Jett Morgan
	Hudson Vickers

Quarter 4 and Second Semester 2023-2024

All As	12th	2nd Semester
	Gracie Neth	Gracie Neth
	Tahnna Nokes	Logan Recoy
	Logan Recoy	Delaney Rogers
	Bryn Schwarz	Bryn Schwarz
	Charli Vickers	Charli Vickers
	Samantha Wonch	Samantha Wonch
11th	Danah Baldwin	Danah Baldwin
	Ella Cool	Ella Cool
	Anna Tullis	Ethan Furne
		Taylor Hanna-Miles
		Anna Tullis
10th		Crew Witthuhn
9th	Josie Christensen	Josie Christensen
	Elijah Cool	Elijah Cool
		Malachi Neth
		EvaLynn Wonch
	8th	Austin Davenport
		Tysen Schacher
		Callan Witthuhn
	7th	Kora Dailey
	As & Bs	
	12th	Trey Connell
		Rio Remund
		Delaney Rogers
		Brendan Streit
	11th	Ethan Furne
		Taylor Hanna-Miles
		Réalta Leach
		Riata Remund
		AJ Starr
	10th	Eli Rogers
		Luke Tullis
		Crew Witthuhn
	9th	Malachi Neth
		Sashali Rivera Esquivel
		EvaLynn Wonch
	8th	Delanie Weinman
	7th	Lindsay Christensen
		Jett Morgan
		Eli Rogers
		Haydn Stretesky
		Luke Tullis
		Josie Lehmkuhler
		Sashali Rivera Esquivel
		Piper Strasburg
		Delanie Weinman
		Lindsay Christensen
		Kora Dailey
		Riley Leetch
		Jett Morgan
		Hudson Vickers



2024 MNAC Conference Champions

LtoR: Brady Brestel, Josie Lehmkuhler, Crew Witthuhn, Dylan Handly, Jamie Tickle, Cache Gracey, Hayden Myers, Joey Sallach, Harper Johnson, Dawson Doggett, Chance Dishman, Haydn Stretesky, Luke Tullis. Front: Charli Pandorf and Neltje Reiff.

The five varsity golfers for the South Loup Bobcats gathered their clubs together and headed to the Broken Bow golf course for conference.

The five varsity golfers consist of Joey Sallach, Cache Gracey, Dawson Doggett, Haydn Stretesky, and Harper Johnson.

With a full and successful

golf team the South Loup Bobcats were headed to Broken Bow with high expectations. A windy day and rough conditions played a toll on all of the conference golfers.

The Bobcats started out pretty rough with all five golfers not off to a good start. Throughout the day the Bobcats seemed to get the feel of the course and things started going their favor. A couple perfect

putts and drives and the Bobcats were right back in it.

All five varsity golfers finished up their rounds and then it was time to head back to the clubhouse and turn in our scorecards. It takes about thirty minutes for them to add up all of the scores and South Loup was waiting anxiously.

The main competition was Merna and Sandhills Valley. With a loss to Merna in the previous meet the Bobcats were ecstatic when announced as the winners.

The South Loup Bobcats also had a couple of meets in May. Thursday, May 2nd the varsity golfers traveled to North Platte and played at Rivers Edge. Then the on Friday, the 3rd the team traveled to Overton.

NCPA Academic All-State Award Winners

The following students must be a varsity player or organizational leader who has a 3.7 GPA or higher. Congratulations:

- Girls XC- Ella Cool and Gracie Neth.
- Boys XC- Logan Recoy
- Volleyball- Maggie Birkel and Bryn Schwarz
- Football- Conner Paulsen and Rio Remund
- Play Production (Arnold)-Logan Recoy and Rio Remund
- Play Production (Callaway)- Addison Bailey and Cheney Dishman
- Wrestling- Bo Brennan and Dawson Mason
- Girls Basketball- Maggie Birkel and Bryn Schwarz
- Boys Basketball- Dylan Pandorf and Rio Remund
- Speech (Arnold)- Rio Remund and Delaney Rogers
- Speech (Callaway)- Cheney Dishman and Tiersa Johnson
- Music (Arnold)- Josie Christensen and EvaLynn Wonch
- Music (Callaway)- Greeley Hrupek and Josie Reiff
- Girls Track- Josie Reiff and Charli Vickers
- Boys Track- Dawson Mason and Logan Recoy



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