

# The Arnold Gazette

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## Reading Investors Launches

Reading investors is a reading program that encourages kids to read more books. As a reward, they collect a certain amount of points from every book they read. Taking AR tests after completing a book checks your knowledge of the book you read, thus rewarding you with points.

Each quarter, kids can use their collected points on different types of prizes and toys, or choose to save their points for a larger reward next quarter.

Kids can recommend books to their friends, which gives others opportunities to read more books and earn more points.

Some short term Reading Investors dividends is stress reduction, entertainment, improved focus, mental escape, improved concentration, memory building, and an increased



**L-R: Jovi Sumpter and Zak Schweitzer from the 3rd grade dreaming of the prizes they could win.**

attention span.

Some long-term Reading Investors dividends are improved MAPs and ACT scores, cognitive enhancement, reducing stress, vocabulary and knowledge expansion, and potential longevity.

“We want kids to read for fun,” said Mrs. Moniger.

Jovi Sumpter and Zak Schweitzer are looking at the prizes they can choose from later on in the quarter when they build up their Reading Investors points.



# Class officers!

By: Danielle Duponcheel,  
Sophomore

## SOPHOMORES



L to R: Treas. Danielle Duponcheel, Sec. Rae Hagler, Vice. Pres Callan Witthuhn, Pres. Delanie Weinman

## JUNIORS



L to R: Pres. Piper Strasburg, Vice Pres. Elijah Cool, Sec. Josie Christensen, Treas. Asa Starr

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



L to R: Pres. Makenna Weinman, Vice pres. Sophia Cool, Sec Ava Bierman, Treas. Ruby Hagler

## FRESHMAN



L to R: Pres. Braxton Cozad, Vice Pres. Lindsay Christensen, Sec. Claire Kulp, Treas. Kyson Stretesky

## SENIORS



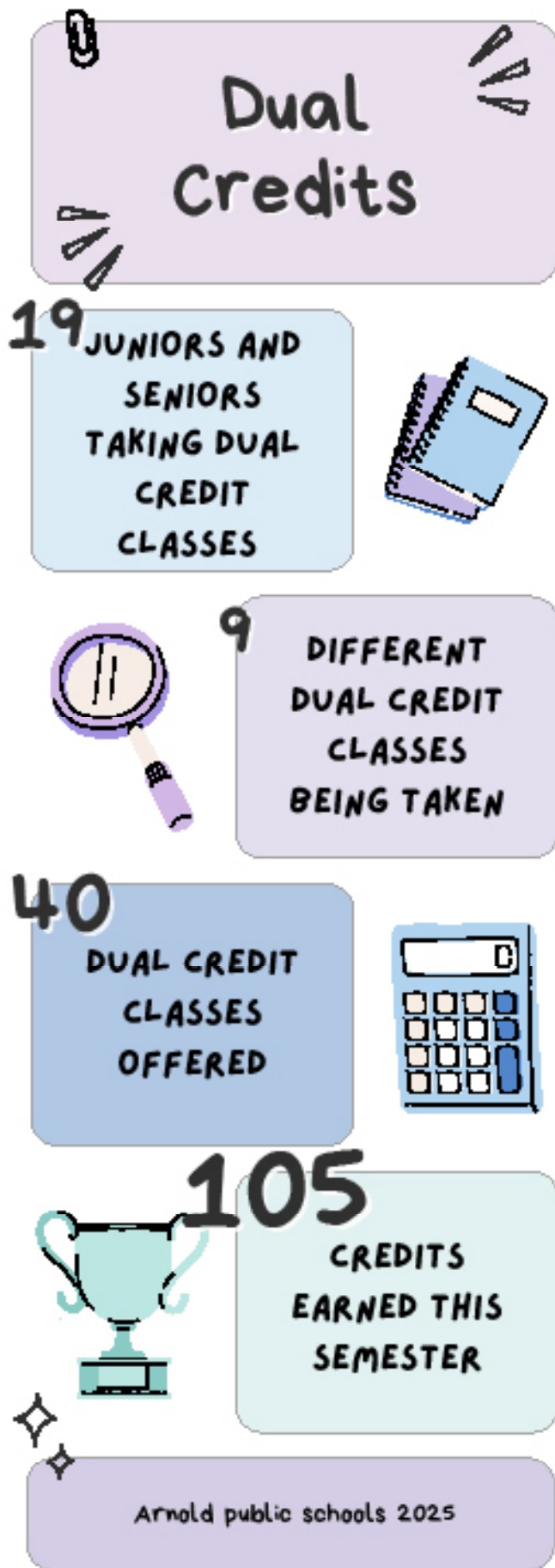
L to R: Sec. Summer Morash, Vice. Pres Haydn Stretesky, Pres. Crew Witthuhn

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



L to R: Pres. Paisley Witthuhn, Vice Pres. Avery Corbin, Sec. Montana Baldwin, Treas. Park Strasburg





## NEW JH GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

Sadie Rotherham is the 4th grade teacher at Arnold Public Schools. She was the assistant volleyball coach at Dundy County Stratton for three years.

Rotherham is excited about being a part of a sport that has meant so much to her. Sadie said “This is just another great opportunity to be part of our Arnold community, by helping students grow on and off the court.”

Her favorite thing about coaching is having the opportunity to coach a sport that she truly loves. Sadie says “I think one thing I’m going to like is familiar faces (past students) and the new faces. I also have a wonderful role model (Mrs. Goode-now) to help me to build a strong foundation for our girls’ basketball program.”



# Family Fun Day

By Sophia Gronseth,  
Sophomore

Family fun day was a roaring success for students and their families as a kick-off to the new school year..

“Family fun day was planned as an event to make kids excited to return to school,” said Mrs. Goodenow.

Elementary students had an eventful afternoon, with many fun-filled activities such as an obstacle course, a one legged race, hoola hoops, and long jumps.

“The last track and field day was canceled due to bad weather, so this was a good opportunity to make up for what was missed out on,” said Mrs. Goodenow.

Through organized rotations, students got the op-



portunity to buy a snow cone of their favorite flavor.

Once finished with their delightful icy treat, kids continue to play games and make memories of their first day back at school.



## Name That Note!

To study their musical notes in a fun way, the third grade had to name the note on the flashcards.

So they broke into two teams earning the opportunity to throw a beanbag into different scoring buckets.



# Say Hello To Our New Students!

By Danielle Duponcheel, APS Sophomore



Pre-K Morning Class, L to R: Liam Rotherham, Millie Meyer, June Pehrson , Andrew Smith, Bellemey Behrendt, Gus Fruge, Lane Blowers. Not Pictured: Mila Robbettez



Pre-K Afternoon class, Left to right front- John Deines, Emerie Stienike, Owen Holmberg, Jack Be-shaler. Second row: Stetson Pehrson and Ophelia Dailey. Third row: Jayden Magill, Rayden Wyck-off, Blaize Kulp, Riot Evans. Fourth row: Gus Goodner, Kaysen Welch, Edie Kennedy, Flint Snyder. Back row: Mason Sandager, Kenny Goodenow, Dekker Delosh.





Kindergarten, L-R Front Row: Collins Blowers, Kreed Tiede, Riley McDowell, Oliana Goodenow, Kade Kramer  
Back Row: Elias Schweitzer, Loxley Berglund, Levi Jarvis



Junior High/High School: Backrow, L to R: KwynLee Kramer, 7th grade; Kamryn Kramer, Junior; Noah Anderson, Junior; Kaileena Running Bear, Junior. Middle Row: Connor Pelster, 5th; Kalem Kramer, 5th; Danielle Burd, 10th grade; Sophia Gronseth, 10th grade; Front Row: Lainey Pelster, 3rd; Macey Pelster, 1st; and Wyland Urbanovsky, 3rd.



# Students Reactions to New Phone Policy!

By: Danielle Duponcheel, APS Sophomore



"I think it's fantastic, phones can be distracting." -- Mrs. Heather



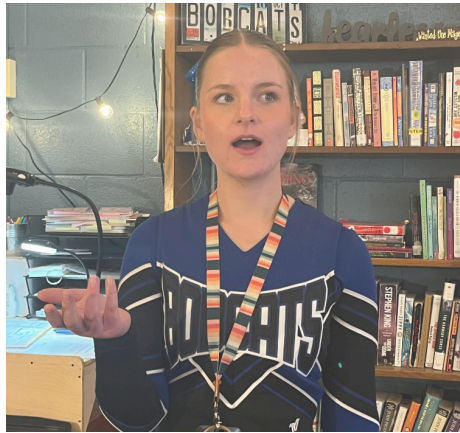
"I dislike it. I think seniors should get their phones back."  
-- Jami Lamphear, Senior



"It has its limits. It's good for some reasons, but for others it's not so great." -- Madelyn Logsdon, Senior



"Uh. I think it sucks."  
-- Eli Hunt, Senior



"I was never on my phone before."  
-- Josie Christensen, Junior



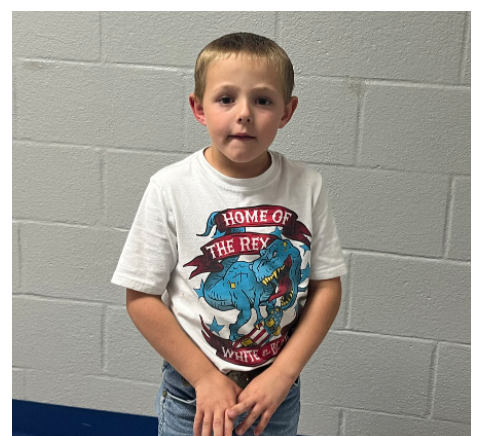
"I get stressed out a lot and music helps me," --Kai Running Bear, Junior



"I have an itch. I can't watch reels."  
-- Callan Witthuhn, Sophomore



"I don't know...I don't like it."  
--4th grader Julieauna Hunt



"Uhm..uhhhh..."  
-- 1st grader Riggin Kenner



# Three Musketeers

## CHARACTERS

## CAST

D'Artagnan	Paxton Bierman
Athos	Noah Anderson
Porthos	Eli Rogers
Aramis	Eli Hunt
Cardinal Richelieu	Luke Tullis
Rocheport	Hayden Myers
King Louis XIII	Walter Bierman
Alexandre (Head of the guards)	Braxton Cozad
Milady de Winter	Piper Strasburg
Queen Anne of Austria	Adalei Tullis
Constance Conacieux	Josie Christensen
D'Artagnan's Mom/ Francoise de Montesquiou	
Marie de' Medici	Madelyn Logsdon
Blanche (Blanchette)	Angel Mills

## **QUEEN'S COURT**

Margurite (lady of nobility)	Serenity Borah
Colette (housemaid)	Claire Kulp
Marie (housemaid)	Kora Daily

## **GUARDS**

Mathurine	Jade Bierman
Jean	Danielle Burd

## **VILLAGE**

Isabella (village violinist/musician)	Lyla Bierman
Claudette (town cryer)	Brook Bierman
Suzon (french painter)	Danielle Duponcheel
Violette (flower girl/mime)	Sophia Gronseth

## **CREW**

Jaden Baker  
Micah Baldwin  
Emma Bierman  
Lindsay Christensen  
Riley Leetch  
Summer Morash  
Sasha Rivera  
Kai Running Bear  
TyLee Smith

# Play Production In Full Swing

By Sophia Gronseth, Sophomore

The next season of One Acts is well underway, with cast and crew working hard to get the next play memorized and ready to go.

Students went through tryouts in late August and were thrilled to get their parts announced.

The coaches and actors have gathered regularly for practice and team building, along with running lines and beginning stage placement and movement.

In regard to the play development, "It is going well, but we're at a tricky spot where it's coming along, but there's also room for improvement and to make things even better. There's a month to go before we start performing, and the set pieces are getting built currently," said Mrs. Moninger.

One thing that people don't realize about One Acts is that "actors can suggest things to make the play even better, it's not just something you have to follow what is already laid out," said Mrs. Moninger.

"I have my favorite pieces to the scenes, but I think the ending will be very good, and the climax of the play when Constance is killed will definitely bring out the actors' skills even more. I love how we're capturing the Renaissance period in this play," said Mrs. Moninger.

The play was chosen because "we wanted something that was very active, and to not have just one lead character. I feel like this one does that and each actor can take their characterization to the next level, but also be as energetic as they choose," said Mrs. Moninger.



# New Faces in the Building!



**Halie Racicky** is a paraeducator. She is currently a full-time college student and her first time working at a school. She is from Mason City, Nebraska. She loves working with the lower elementary and the preschoolers.

**Tesa Pandorf** is a paraeducator. She also started this school year. Tesa is from Callaway, Nebraska. She works with kingergarten, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grade students. Tesa mostly enjoys working with upper elementary students.



**Lawrence Duponcheel** is our new custodian. He is from Guam and lived on the island of Tinian, in the Northern Mariana Islands, where he worked as a teacher and Agriculture Research and Extension Coordinator for the Northern Marianas College. It is Lawrence's first time being a custodian, but got taught a lot of janitorial duties in the military service.

**Doug DeLaune** is the assistant cook. He was born and raised in Texas. Doug has not worked as a cook before. He likes to camp, fish and do wood work in his free time.



# New One Act Coaches

**Debby Moninger** is the librarian at Arnold Public Schools. She has coached play production before in 2004 . She also has coached speech and quiz bowl. Mrs. Moninger is excited about seeing the students beyond the classroom and seeing their creative side.



“We wanted to make an adaptation where every character was unique and complex to grow over the course of the play,” said Moninger

Moninger picked the “Three Musketeers” because there is a lot of sword fighting and action. She said, “The historical period makes the costuming and characterization a fun challenge. We wanted to make an adaptation where every character was unique and complex to grow over the course of the play.”



**Tonya Welch** is the K-12 music teacher. She has coached play production before, as well as written many scripts and coached the elementary Spring and Christmas plays. Welch is excited for watching the cast incorporate their own ideas into their characters. She loves the teams willingness to branch out and try new things. Tonya’s favorite thing about coaching is there coaching

team. She said, “Our script writing and coaches meetings are always invigorating and make me excited to watch the work in action at the rehearsals and production.”

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## Activity Calendar



You can find the school’s activity calendar:

- <https://www.midnebraskaactivitiesconference.org/public/genie/1009/school/1359/#>
- [arnoldpublicschool.org](http://arnoldpublicschool.org)
- Activity Scheduler under Arnold Public Schools.





## **Superintendent**

Joel Morgan

## **PK-12 Principal**

Allison Goodenow

## **Editor-in-Chief**

Nicole Badgley

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# From the Superintendent's Desk

The school year is off and running and it has been a great start! Kids have been actively involved each and every day.

As we get settled into the school year, you may have certain questions that come up. When that happens, please speak directly with the staff member involved. This will ensure that we avoid any miscommunications while also giving a prompt response to any questions or concerns you may have.

I'd like to thank everyone that has attended our community engagement meetings and have engaged in conversation as we look at a potential facility project. The board will continue to look at all options to determine the best possible solution to make Arnold Public Schools a strong and successful district for years to come.

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.



## **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.

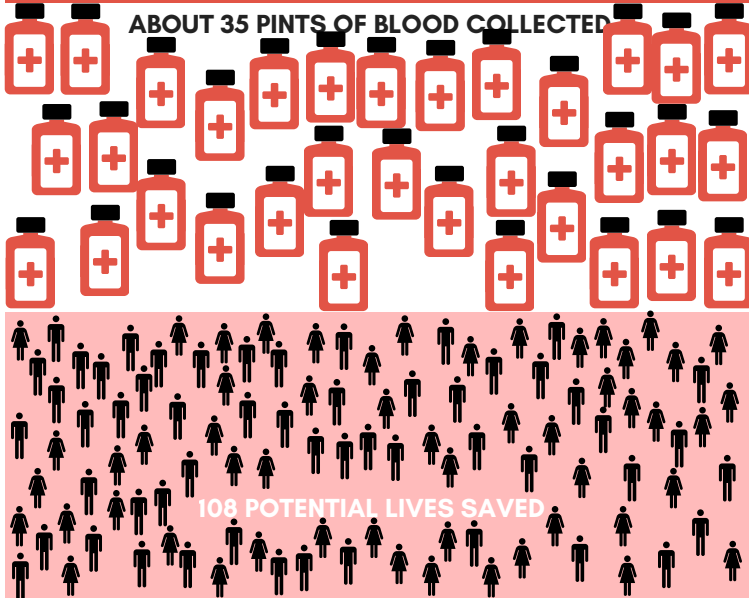
- Simply download the free app. It will ask you for your District Code (a 4 digit code) immediately. The code for Arnold Public School is:

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- 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.



## ARNOLD PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025 BLOOD DRIVE



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# Royalty 2025



The Class of 2026 and the students of Arnold Public Schools voted for the Homecoming Queen and King, with Brooke Bierman and Crew Witthuhn winning the honors.

★ ACT DUE ★  
★ DATES ★

AUGUST 1, 2025  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025  
NOVEMBER 7, 2025  
JANUARY 9, 2026  
MARCH 6, 2026  
MAY 8, 2026

The dates are listed in red text, flanked by blue and red stars.



# Hawaiian Day

## First place



Lyla Bierman



Olli Goodenow

## Honorable Mentions



Eli Rogers

# Rhyme without a reason

## 1st



Donald Trump : Forrest Gump  
Josie Christensen : Asa Starr

## Honorable Mentions



Hobo : Jojo

Sugar Daddy : Golf Caddy  
Angel Mills : Tylee Smith

Rylee Trumbull : Montana Baldwin





# CLASH ROYALE

**FIRST PLACE**



**JOSIE CHRISTENSEN**

## HONORABLE MENTIONS



**HAYDEN MEYERS AND  
SUMMER MORASH**



**TYSEN SHACHER**



# From the Principal's Desk

Hello APS families and friends! The 2025-2026 school year is off to a quick start! Hard to believe the first quarter is almost over already! Although I don't have a lot of updates to give at this time, I have quite a few reminders that are very important.

Please make sure you are checking Schoology and our APS Facebook page for weekly updates and weekly activities.

All Grades are posted in power-school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding class issues PLEASE make sure you are making contact with the teachers prior to reaching out to me.

Students who are failing TWO OR MORE classes for two consecutive weeks, will not be eligible for extra curricular activities until they have gotten at least one grade up to a D or higher.

Cell phones are not allowed in school during school hours so if you are needing to get a hold of your child, please call the office and the office will make sure to get the message to your child/children.

If your child/children are going to be absent from school please notify the office and remind your child (if said child is in 7-12th grade) that they need to get a make up slip PRIOR to their absence.

A child who is absent from school will receive TWO full days of school to make up the work from their absence. After that the assignment will not be accepted and they will not receive any credit for it.

If your child is struggling in a class please encourage them to talk to their teachers during homeroom on

Monday or Wednesday and reach out to the teacher for assistance.

I know that life gets busy and at times we become forgetful, but a lot of our policies are the same policies we have had for years. We host parent teacher conferences so that parents can have allotted time to come in and speak to the teachers. Each year we continue to have only about 80% of our parents for grades 7-12th show for conferences. We need to ensure that we are having a solid relationship with home and school to ensure that all students can be successful.

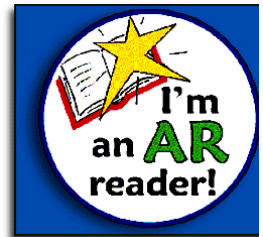
As always please reach out with questions or concerns. I continue to have an open door policy, however if the situation arises where you



have not followed the proper chain of command I will direct you to do so, while still hearing your concerns. Thanks for the continued support! Have a great fall!  
-Mrs. Goodenow

## Renaissance Home Connect

### Watch Student's



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.





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