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Salute to Veterans



The Veterans Day Program was planned as a way to remember and honor those who served our country. Many people who served in different branches of the military were there.

The elementary students each gave a great performance, they said the pledge and sang songs. Some told short stories of war heroes that they honored; others reading letters to the crowd.

First grade sang an amazing song about America.

Mrs. Welch, the music teacher, had her students sing the national anthem and had her band students use their talents and instruments to play patriotic songs.

Mrs. Badgley, the English teacher, introduced the 8th grade contest winners, Rylee Trumbull and Jose Melendez, who read their winning essays. Eli Rogers was invited out to read his Voice of Democracy essay aloud.

The veterans invited all of us down to the floor for a try at their coordinated marching, and many enjoyed

doing so.

Seventh grade students decorated the front of the stage and the entrance with banners and a poppy memorial.

Ms. Berglund's art classes had a display of patriot artwork in all different mediums.

The Arnold Community Foundation also brought in a play production titled "The Not So Distant Future" about the Holocaust. Becky Boesen who wrote the play also gave a short speech during the program explaining how she did the research to write this play based on letters from Clarence Williams to his wife.

Displayed all around the gym were military memorabilia from many of our veterans in the Arnold community. We thank all of our veterans for their service and enjoyed learning about them.

The Veterans Day Program was a great day, and is certainly one to remember.



“How Are You Showing Your Patriotism And Support For Your Country?”

1st Place Winner

By: Rylee Trumbull, 8th Grader

When people think of patriotism, they think of the basic things: reciting the Pledge of



Allegiance, fireworks, or the Taps song being played at a military honors funeral. What really stands out to me is honoring our country, respecting past veterans, and being a part of a group that supports veterans like the American Legion Auxiliary.

I'm a part of the Junior American Legion Auxiliary in Post 59. I have been a part of the Auxiliary for over 5 years. We do a variety of different activities for veterans, such as making Valentine cards, poppy donations, serving food at community events, laying wreaths at local cemeteries for passed veterans, and other volunteer activities. Helping out your

community, and veterans can show support for them.

Something important to me is listening to and honoring the Taps song and the National Anthem. Something else that can be very patriotic is not just honoring veterans and your country on National Holidays, but honoring and supporting your country when there isn't a federal holiday. You may not be very patriotic, but you can still show that you honor this country

I show my patriotism in different ways around the community. As a choir we sing the National Anthem at sporting events. We also sing different patriotic songs for MNAC or the veterans program at school. At a legion gathering, I presented the colors. I have been painting poppy posters and entering them in a contest. I participate in Junior Honor Society project by putting up the flags and helping take them down for Memorial Day at the cemetery.

I have family members who have served our country, some in the National Guard, the Army, and the Air Force. My family has taught me respect for others. So even if you don't have a family member who has served in a military branch, you can still show patriotism to the community.

Honoring veterans and doing activities that support the country and community can be ways to show that you are patriotic about

this country and want to support it through rough times. Just by hanging a flag on your front porch, and saying thank-you to veterans you see in public. Therefore, go show your patriotism and support for this country, even though it may be a small act.

2nd Place Winner

By: Jose Melendez, 8th Grader

“How Do I Show My Patriotism”

There are many ways people show their patriotism, such as reciting the Pledge of Allegiance every day, celebrating the Fourth of July, or observing Veterans Day. Throughout all the celebrating, showing respect, and telling those who fought for us, thank you. I feel more patriotic because of one person, and that is my dad.

To start with, I didn't grow up with any family member who was a veteran or was patriotic. I show my patriotism to veterans by standing



“Patriotism & Support” (cont.)

tall and showing respect when we say the Pledge of allegiance. Many people have fought for this country, and they inspire us. My dad came to the USA at the age of 16, not knowing English, but my mother helped him learn English, and now he can read and write. This is why I feel the need to be patriotic every single day, because he is a hard worker and has learned so much to give my family a better chance to do great things for this country. The best part about his learning was that he learned to respect and appreciate the flag and his new country. He puts God first because God allowed him to better himself in this country.

My dad isn't only pushing himself so that he can give my family a better future, but he's also pushing himself so that he can become a US citizen. It hasn't been an easy process for him. He has spent money, time, and tears to get to where he is. He loves this country and respects it. I admire him for this. He always stands tall and shows his respect to those who he has met and have fought for this country. That's what makes me more appreciative of him. He shows respect to everyone, and especially his friends who are veterans. My dad hasn't fought in a war, but he was in a war and has been through a lot as a child in his home country. My dad has always said he wants the best for me and my brother. He is thankful to have a great life in the United States, and he provides the best life to us as well. My dad is an example of someone, who wants to be successful in the USA. He didn't know English when he came to the USA. He hopes someday he can go

to college and get a degree. This is why I feel like being patriotic every single day when I see him put on work boots and head out to check cows and fences. Thank you, Dad, for inspiring me to be more patriotic and to love this country.



Voice of Democracy 1st Place Winner

By: Eli Rogers

For many, patriotism immediately sparks thoughts of the flag, fireworks, and singing the national anthem. There is a love for all of the big symbols that shout to the world, “I’m patriotic.” For me, the part of singing the anthem, even if it is a little off-key, while eating half your body weight in hot dogs on the Fourth of July, is a tradition to cherish. However, genuine patriotism is a commitment, not a yearly celebration.

Lady Liberty has been around a long time. She has weathered droughts, storms, wars, politics, and yet she is still kicking. She is tough, seasoned, stubborn, but full of grit and pride. She doesn't

demand servitude; she relies on the people who show up to lend a hand and care enough to ensure she remains strong. That, at its heart, is how one shows patriotism. By doing their part to keep this grand lady steady.

The foundation of the commitment that one has to make to our country is involvement. The most important thing anyone can do is care enough to get in the game, not just sit on the sidelines. That's why I believe that Rotary's motto of “service above self” is the motto that keeps the country's spirit alive through community action. They know that with many hands comes light work, and that when you get the youth involved with the community, they embrace the importance of service. Rotary is instilling the attitude of service through a group that I am a president of, Interact. The best feeling in the world is when my group of Interact students and I team up with the Rotary Club to make an idea a reality.

Not only have I learned that showing patriotism involves being involved in the community through organizations like Rotary, but I have also learned this lesson through groups such as 4-H, Citizens Washington Focus, National Honor Society, and the High School Youth Forum (the International Youth Group of the Society for Range Management). A collection of leadership roles reinforces a single lesson: the country depends on people who participate. Through involvement with groups that practice parliamentary procedures, it's clear that voting is a pillar of American life. My senator's office number is

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How to Cook Turkey, Elementary Edition

Preschool:

Mason Sandager:

First, you buy the turkey from a store. Before you cook the turkey, you need to eat it. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 89 degrees for 59 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you bite it. You should eat the turkey with a spoon and a fork.

Kenny Goodenow:

First, you buy the turkey from Wal-Mart. Before you cook the turkey, you need to roast it. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 7 degrees (that's what my mom does) and for 8 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you burn it. You should eat the turkey with a fork.

Kaysen Welch:

First, you buy the turkey from the grocery store. Before you cook the turkey, you need to fire it. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 50 degrees for 6 or 7 minutes. After the turkey is cooked, you eat it. You should eat the turkey with fire.



John Dienes:

First, you buy the turkey from a grocery store. Before you cook the turkey, you need to take off the feathers, the head, and the beak. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 39 degrees for 39 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you eat it. You should eat the turkey with a fork.

Owen Holmberg:

First, you buy the turkey from the

oven. Before you cook the turkey, you need to take the skin off. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 50 degrees for 60 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you should eat it. You should eat the turkey with a fork and a knife.

Emerie Stienike:

First, you buy the turkey from a store. Before you cook the turkey, you need to take the peel off. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 6 degrees for 4 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you eat it. You should eat the turkey with a fork.

Augustis Goodner:

First, you buy the turkey from a grocery store. Before you cook the turkey, you need to put it in a pan. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 7 degrees for 5 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you eat it. You should eat the turkey with a fork.

Flint Snyder:

First, you hunt a turkey. Before you cook the turkey, you need to put seasoning on it. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 16 degrees for 20 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you eat it. You should eat the turkey with tacos.

Riot Evans:

First, you would get your turkey from the woods. Before you cook the turkey, you need to chop it. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 30 degrees for 5 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you eat it. You should eat the turkey with a fork, spoon, and knife.

Jayden Magill:

First, you buy the turkey from a farm. Before you cook the turkey, you need to kill it. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 50 degrees for 50 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you eat it. You should eat the turkey with a fork.



Blaize Kulp:

First, you buy the turkey from a store. Before you cook the turkey, you need to put it on a plate. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 95 degrees for 30 hours. After the turkey is cooked you should cut it up. You should eat the turkey with bbq sauce.

Rayden Wyckoff:

First, you buy the turkey from a store. Before you cook the turkey, you need to put it in a pan. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 55 degrees for 5 hours. After the turkey is cooked you put salt on it and eat it. You should eat the turkey with mashed potatoes

Dekker DeLosh:

First, you get the turkey from the oven. Before you cook the turkey, you give it an apple. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 65 degrees and for one hour. After the turkey is cooked you eat it. You should eat the turkey with a fork.

Jack Beshaler:

First, you get the turkey somewhere in the trees. Before you cook the turkey, you cut it with a knife. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 59 degrees and for 5900 hours. After the turkey is cooked you cut it up. You should eat the turkey with a fork.

Ophelia Dailey:

First, you get the turkey from a farm. Before you cook the turkey, you cut it

up. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 20 degrees and for 50 hours. After the turkey is cooked you put ketchup and mustard on it. You should eat the turkey with a fork.

Edie Kennedy:

First, you get the turkey at the store. Before you cook the turkey, you need to cut it. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 10 degrees and for 2 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you would eat it. You should eat the turkey with some salt.

Stetson Pehrson:

First, you get the turkey from a store. Before you cook the turkey, you need to put sugar on it. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 7 degrees and for 10 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you eat it. You should eat the turkey with mac and cheese.

3 Year Old Students:

Lane Blowers:

First you get the turkey from a tree. Before you cook the turkey, you need to cut it in half. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 20 degrees and for 3 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you eat it, You should eat the turkey with a fork.

Andrew Smith:

First you get the turkey from the sky. Before you cook the turkey, you need to cut it. Then you cook the turkey in the oven until its cold and for 2 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you put it on a plate. You should eat the turkey with chopsticks from a noodle place.

Augustin Fruge:

First you get the turkey from a Thanksgiving place. Before you cook the turkey, you should eat it. Then you cook the turkey in the oven until it is hot, hot and for 2 hours. After the turkey is cooked you eat it. You should eat the turkey with tomato sauce.

Millie Meyer:

First you get the turkey from Bomgaars. Before you cook the turkey, you put on American sauce. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 3 degrees and for 1 hour. After the turkey is cooked you pull it out and eat it. You should eat the turkey with ranch.

Mila Robbette:

First you get the turkey while shopping. Before you cook the turkey, you need to make lollipops. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 256 degrees and for 2 minutes. After the turkey is cooked you sit Criss cross applesauce. You should eat the turkey with honey.

June Pehrson:

First you get the turkey while shopping. Before you cook the turkey, you cut it. Then you cook the turkey in the oven at 1 degrees and for 5 hours. After the turkey is cooked you cut it. You



should eat the turkey with a fork.

Bellamy Behrendt:

First you get the turkey from my-mama. Before you cook the turkey, you hold it. Then you cook the turkey in the oven so it is way hot and for 50 days. After the turkey is cooked put it on a plate. You should eat the turkey with a fork.

Kindergarten:

Loxley- Put it in the oven for 10 or 5 minutes. That's how you cook a turkey.

Collins- You get it from the grocery store in town and then we make sandwiches out of it.

Riley- You put it in the real hot oven for 20 minutes and then you eat it up.

Oliana- You buy a turkey and then you bring it home. Put it in the oven for 14 minutes. Then when the turkey is done you take it out and if it is hot you wait. Then you take plates and serve it to the humans you are making it for.

Levi-Are you talking about a female turkey like a real one? You roast it for 20 hours and put seasonings on it. Cook it in a pot really hot.

Kade- Cook it in a pan. You get it out and put the whole turkey on the pan then you put seasonings on it. You cook it for 10 hours. Then when it's done cooking then you put it on a plate and you eat it with a fork.

Kreed- You get it from the store and you cook it in the oven for 5 minutes. Then you swallow and eat it.

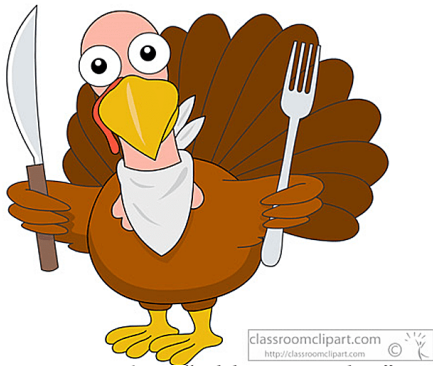
Elias- I've never cooked a turkey before. I would get the turkey from the jungle. I would make it my pet. For thanksgiving we would eat chicken nuggets.

1st Grade:

Monroe Brown: "Put it in the oven and then you cook it."

Quort Dailey: "You cook it"

Tucker Urbanovski: "Put stuffing in it and cook it"



Paxton Corbin: "Uhh you cook it"

Macy Pelster: "Uhh i dont know."

Barratt Magill: "First you need to shoot a turkey, take off all the feathers, you need to put the turkey in the oven, then you take him out of the oven and you eat him."

Everleigh Boon: "I don't know."

Riggin Ken: "A circle and feathers and eyes and legs and that's it."

Kelly Edwards: "You make some cookies and you make hot coco and then you make creamy ice cream and then that's it."

Brooks Micheal: "Seasoning and that's really all I know."

Brynley Hough: "You cook it and then you cut the hard part off of it like the legs."

2nd Grade:

Myah: butcher it and then roast it, cut it how its supposed to and then it would be good

Kaedyn: cut its head off and then take all the feathers off, cook it and then put seasoning on it

Rickey: grill

Bexley: preheat the oven and then I would put the turkey in for an hour and if it blows on fire I would use a fire extinguisher

Honor Roll Quarter 1 2025-2026

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		11th	Walter Bierman Kamryn Kramer Josie Lehmkuhler Piper Strasburg
All As	12th		
	Paxton Bierman Madie Logsdon Summer Morash Eli Rogers Luke Tullis Crew Witthuhn	10th	Austin Davenport Tysen Schacher
11th	Noah Anderson Josie Christensen Elijah Cool Malachi Neth EvaLynn Wonch	9th	Dwayne Barraza Kora Dailey Donavon Larsen Riley Leetch Jett Morgan
10th	Callan Witthuhn	8th	Paityn Dailey Addison Dalrymple Dagen Fletcher Braxton Green Berklee Preston Jaxsen Schacher Parker Strasburg Rylee Trumbull
9th NONE		7th	Ava Bierman Bree Blowers Kenzie Connelly Jeremiah Morgan Zeva Tickle
8th	Paisley Witthuhn		
7th	Sophia Cool Aden Smith Makenna Weinman		
As & Bs	12th Serenity Borah Hayden Myers Haydn Stretesky		

Zoyer: a little bit of burnt

Zicah: get a turkey and cook it

Booker: put it in the oven for a little bit then put seasoning on it

Jett: in an oven

Kassi: in an oven

Reese: cook it in a fire

Anthony: turn the oven on and put it in at 200 degrees

Trevor: in the smoker

Andy: put it on a grill and put seasoning on it

Josie: in the oven and cook it

Adriel: fresh on the stove and eat it



The elementary split into three groups for the Fire Prevention Day. The theme for the trip was Charge into Fire Safety.

One group took tours of the fire hall



Clara Baldwin asks a question



The winning shirt designs

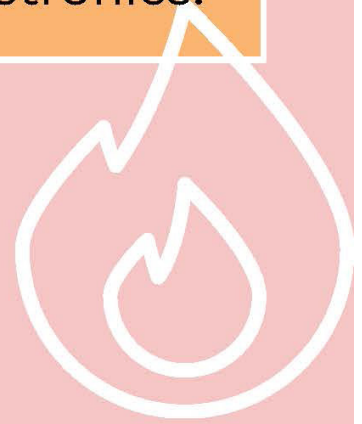


another group watched a video on fire safety of electronics.



Andrew Tickle, Cassy DeLosh and Brian Busse explain the parts of a fireman's suit

The last group talked with the firefighters about safety and the supplies firemen use





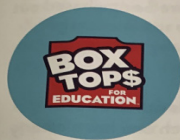
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- Link to the school newsletter: <http://www.arnoldpublicschools.org/journalism>
- Links to newsletters prior to the 2015-2016 school year: <https://sites.google.com/a/esu10.org/mrs-badgley/schoolnewsletters>
- Links to historical and alumni newsletters: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

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saved in my phone, ready for questions, comments, or concerns.

However, voicing concerns isn't just for November. Every purchase made is a vote. Every dollar spent says something about what is valued. An effort is made to "vote with the wallet," supporting local, small businesses and donating to causes in which there is genuine belief. When one invests in their community, they are directly investing in their country. My active commitment to the future led to the founding of a nonprofit called NERD. Through NERDs, work is underway to raise literacy rates by expanding the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. It's been a massive learning curve, but helping children get books in their hands is one of the simplest, most powerful commitments, give to the next in line.

Admittedly, America isn't perfect. She has scars, a few wrinkles,

and a limp. But that's the wisdom of old age – every line, every story, and every hard-fought lesson – is earned. When you truly care, you don't walk away when she's tired. You roll up your sleeves and help her stand a little taller. Patriotism isn't about shouting the loudest or waving the biggest flag; it's about loving your country enough to help her get better. It's found in the quiet moments when a decision is made to do something that makes the community a little better

The approach to supporting the country is simple... By being Involved. By Caring. By working side-by-side with that tough, wonderful lady called America. Because she is not done yet. She has still got stories to tell, and she still has ground to cover. So, who is ready to pledge their health to a larger service? For Their Club, their Community, their country, and their world?

MNAC Honor All-Conference Honors:

1st Team:
Charli Pandorf

2nd Team:
Emma Stallbaumer

Honorable Mention:
Nyachay Haidle
Rae Hagler

D1-8 All-District Team Honors

1st Team:
Connor Paulsen
Paxton Bierman

2nd Team
Dylan Pandorf
Crew Witthuhn

Honorable Mention:
Malachi Neth
Noah Anderson
Elijah Cool



Art Students Carve Out Awards

Wednesday, November 12, Arnold High School students traveled to Mullen for the fall art workshop. While there they learned about Scrimshaw bone carving, lure carving, and glass fusing.

They also participated in a small art show, each entering two projects.

Results:

Crew Witthuhn - Judges Merit Award, 1st Place
 Eli Hunt - Judges Merit Award, 2nd Place
 Paxton Bierman - Judges Merit Award, 2nd Place
 Haydn Stretesky - 2nd Place, 2nd Place
 Jett Morgan - 2nd Place, 2nd Place



L-R: Crew Witthuhn, senior; Paxton Bierman, senior; Haydn Stretesky, junior; Eli Hunt, senior; and Jett Morgan, freshman.

Activity Calendar



You can find the school's activity calendar:

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

ELEMENTARY HALLOWEEN 2025



KAEDYN WEINMAN, JETT ROLAND-
CONNER, BEXLEY DELOSH



LEVI JARVIS, RILEY MCDOWELL,
ELIAS SCHWEITZER, KREED
TIEDE



CALI EDWARDS, MACEY
PELSTER



BRYNLEE SAMUELSON,
LAYNE LOGSDON



JEWEL WITTHUHN,
CHARLEA FLETCHER



ZOELE TICKLE, HALIE
RACICKY



BROCK SAMUELSON

FROSHMORE DOANE CHOIR FESTIVAL

By Danielle Duponcheel, APS Soph.



L-R: Danielle Duponcheel, TyLee Smith, and Angel Mills, Sophomores. Lindsay Christensen and Emma Bierman, Freshmen. Adalei Tullis and Delanie Weinman, Sophomores. Luke Tullis and Eli Rodgers, Juniors.

On Sept. 25th, the Freshman and Sophomore girls, and two Senior boys, traveled to Doane for a choir festival. When they arrived, they were assigned seats depending on their vocal types. They then did singing warmups and practiced their MNAC Choir songs with the help of Music Director Kurt Runestad. They sang around five songs, but the group's favorite seemed to be "Connected".

The group really seemed to learn a lot from this festival!

"My favorite song was "Make Them Hear You" because I remember singing that song when i was in choir!" Mrs. Tonya Welch said.





Superintendent

Joel Morgan

PK-12 Principal

Allison Goodenow

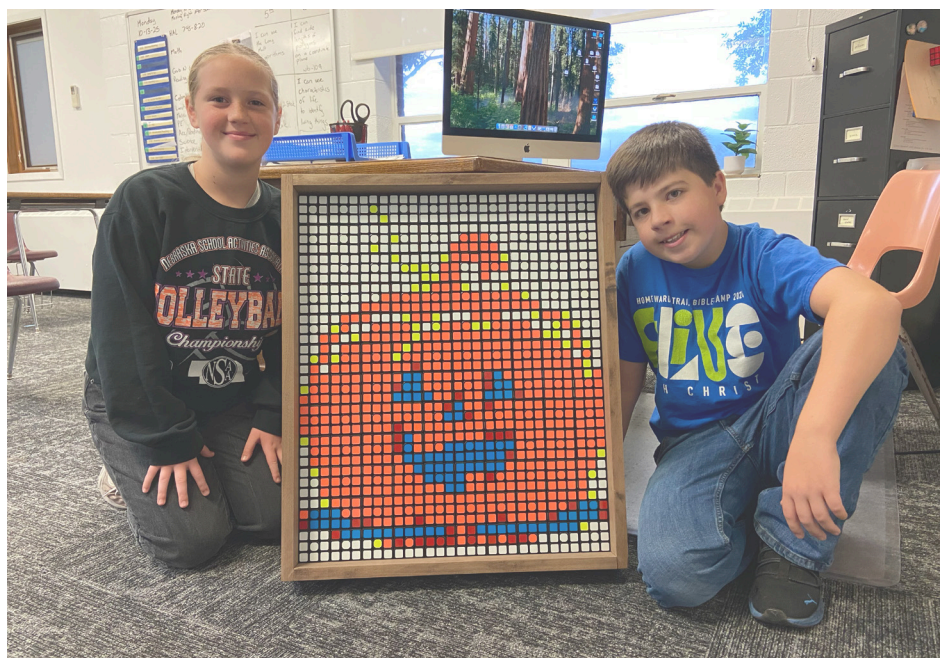
Editor-in-Chief

Nicole Badgley

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Holiday Mosaic

By Kevin Neth, HAL Instructor

Klara Baldwin and Parker Neth (6th Graders) solved speed cubes (commonly known for the name brand, Rubik's Cube) to create this jack-o'-lantern mosaic.

The "pattern" for the mosaic was computer generated so the students only needed to solve each of the 120 cubes to create the jack-o'-lantern.

In the future I hope to have the students create their own seasonal designs rather than using software to convert an image into a pattern.

Parker and Klara are two students who qualified for our school's HAL (High Ability Learners) program.

Weston McMichael also contributed to the effort.

Congratulations

Second Round Awardees

Paxton Bierman

Eli Rogers

Luke Tullis

Crew Witthuhn



From the Superintendent's Desk

As always, it is hard to believe that another calendar year is nearly over. We have had a great first semester and I love seeing our students growing day by day through a variety of experiences and opportunities. Our staff continues to do a tremendous job of expanding and improving the tremendous opportunities for our kids.

As we head into December, that means a new season of winter activities. Parents, be sure and follow our weekly Schoology posts outlining our events each and every week. We also maintain an up to date calendar on our website along with posting any events and changes our Facebook page.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Veteran's Day week. With the opportunity to host a great performance, military display, and our annual Veteran's Day program, it was another great opportunity to see the community in the building and working together to bring this opportunity to Arnold. Also, congratulations to our students and staff on meeting their goals during our annual food drive. The earned day off will be announced at a later time.

I hope you are able to find the opportunity to spend time with friends and family this holiday season.

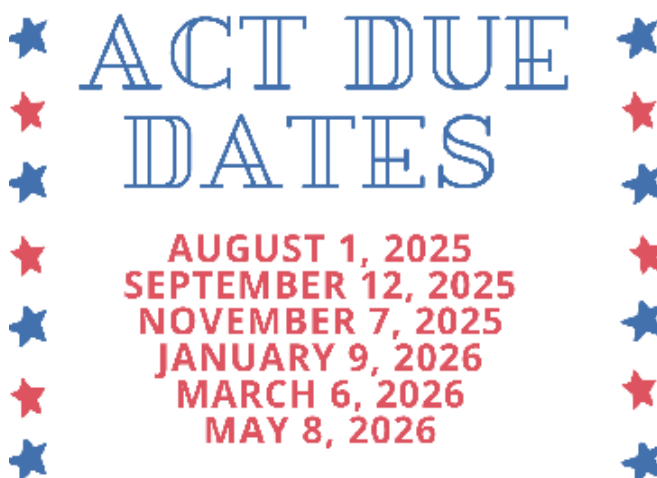


Community Survey

The Arnold Public Schools Board of Education is seeking input regarding a potential facility project. Please use the following link to complete the survey and convey your thoughts on the potential project.



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End Quarter Awards



The first quarter of school has already come and gone and here are all the people who won prizes!

For the Elementary VIP Tables for attendance, the winners were: Front Row: Axten Corbin, Zoyer Tickle, Reese Hagler, Anthony Razo, and Josie Wilson. Back Row: Carlos Melendez, Quinlee Weinman, and Carter Nansel



For the High School and Junior High VIP winners for attendance are: Bree Blowers, Claire Kulp, Montana Baldwin, Summer Morash, Luke Tullis, Wacey Schultz, and Aden Smith.



And lastly, for the science experiments, Quade Dailey, Quinten Dailey, Jeremiah Morgan, Carter Nansel, Maddie Nansel, Lainey Pelster, Anthony Razo, Donavon Larsen, Collins Blowers, Oliana Goodenow, Loxley Berglund, Kenley McDowell, Riley McDowell, Adalei Tullis and Daneo Urbanovsky.

Operation Christmas Child!

By Danielle Duponcheel, APS Soph.



***L-R, FR- Kindergartners Kade Kramer and Loxley Berglund,
JR- Juniors Kamryn Kramer and Josie Christensen***

Operation Christmas Child, the annual program that the community knows and loves, which Melody Jennings manages, has returned to Arnold Public Schools on Nov. 17. The program started just a few minutes after the bell rang, and Mrs. Ali Goodenow arranged the classes so that every high school student was paired with a grade that was lower than theirs. Kindergarten was paired with the juniors, AM preschoolers with National Honor Society students, 1st graders with sophomores, 2nd graders with the freshmen, 3rd graders with 8th graders, and so on. Since the classes worked together, they were able to pack roughly 300 boxes by 2:00 p.m. There were around 1,500 shoe boxes that were filled.



The Juniors helping the Kindergarten pack shoe boxes

“Thank you to all the school staff, students, and especially Mrs. Goodenow for putting this on!” Melody Jennings said



Arnold One-acts

The One-Act play this year is called All for One. The play follows a charming and energetic boy hoping to become a musketeer. This year's play is different from past years in the sense that it's an ensemble play, meaning all characters are necessary to progress the storyline.



Gothenburg Festival

On November 1st Arnold's One-Act team went to Gothenburg for a theater festival and won Best Comedy along with Best Technical Production. It was a good start to the season. "The judges gave us rave reviews for the set design and painting (Mr. Phelps and

Ms. Berglund) as well as era period costuming (Amanda Wehnes). The cast was energized. Our strike crew did an amazing job. We had fantastic spectator support including Anna Tullis and Danah Baldwin watching the play as Arnold alum." said Mrs. Moninger. "Thankfully, the judges didn't dock the crew for my mess up. I was freaking out when I accidentally pushed a button, and the spotlight started flashing," said sophomore TyLee Smith, Head Spotlight.

Workshop

On November 7th, judges Tyler Thompson and Jenn Dillinger came to Arnold and judged our play. After the One-Acts team finished, The judges spent time with them to change and adapt the play more.

Workshop

On Monday, November 10th a group of professional actors who are performing a play for veterans day watched the Arnold One-Act's play and helped develop the emotion and feel of the play. The cast went through an exercise to try to understand how they would feel in different circumstances so the feelings in the play seem more realistic "Acting isn't pretending, it's living truthfully in pretend circumstances" said Becky Boescn, one of the members of the veterans day play.

Ogallala's One Act Festival

Saturday, November 15, Arnold's One-Act team visited Ogallala to compete. Luke Tullis, Hayden Myers, Paxton Bierman, Piper Strasburg, Eli Rogers, Noah Anderson, Angel Mills, and Josie Christensen all got acting awards.

Some of the positive judges' comments include – What a great opening friends! Your set is fabulous! I love the look, setup, and details. Love all the sword play. Great synchronization on the kneeling part, I loved the violinist, that touch was so neat, the stained glass effect was so neat.

MNAC

November 18th, in Merna, our One act team won both the greatest technical production, and overall greatest play. It was a close call between us and Callaway, but in the end we came out on top. Luke Tullis won an outstanding supporting performer award. "The students rocked their performance today; however, the judges also gave us some fantastic feedback to take the play to an even higher level." said Mrs Moninger, one of the co-coaches.



Community Blood Drive!

By Danielle Duponcheel, APS Sophomore



On Nov. 14, The seniors set the blood drive up and served them food and checked them in and clean up. The seniors grilled hamburgers for the donors, and luke tullis brought delicious toffee cookies!

“Thank the community for continuing to step up for not only to save lives but to help the seniors earn scholarship money!” Mrs. Ashley Nansel said.

Man on the Street

Ever wondered what an elementary students dream superpower would be? Well, I have the answer to that question! From each grade, k-6, here are their answers!

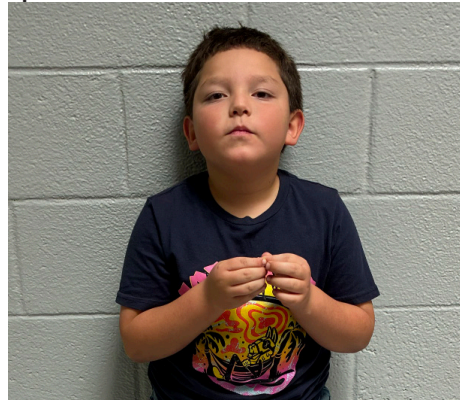
“Miss Loxley Berglund, what is your dream superpower?”

“Invisible, so I can hide



from my mom because sometimes she takes my candy.” Said Loxley from kindergarten.

Meanwhile, first grade was in the middle of a very important show and tell and was unable to answer the question.



Next we have second grade! “Andy Razo, if you could have any superpower, what would it be?”

“Hmm.. I’m gonna say shoot water out of my hands.”

Heading down to third grade, Jovi has an answer to our question!

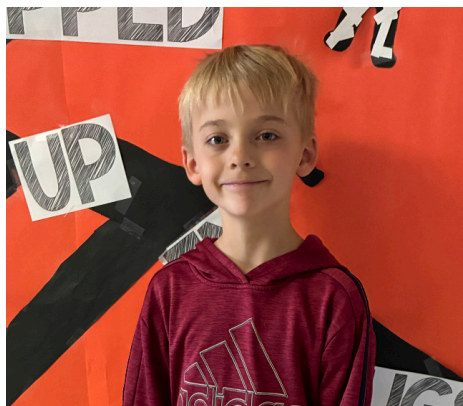
“Jovi Sumpter, if you had a superpower, what would it be?”

“Hmm... Teleporting, because I want to scare my sister!”



Next up, we have fourth grade!

“Karson Welch, what is your dream superpower?”
“Hmm, probably ice powers out of my hands.”



Fifth grade was busy as well unfortunately, so, we'll move on to sixth grade instead!

“Weston McMicheal, what is your dream superpower?”

“Super strength! Then I could be super strong and be good at football.”



VETERANS DAY PLAY

THIS PLAY IS BASED UPON LETTERS WRITTEN BY CLARENCE O. WILLIAMS, A WWII ARMY MEDIC FROM CRESCENT, NEBRASKA. THERE ARE OVER 400 LETTERS HE SENT TO HIS WIFE, GRETCHEN. THE PLAY FEATURES 8 LETTERS DIRECTLY AND MENTIONS OTHERS. TBECKY BOESEN WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. HE IS WELL KNOWN FOR PHOTOGRAPHING THE LIBERATION OF THE DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP IN APRIL 1945

THE VETERAN MEMOROBILIA WAS VISIBLE IN THE GYM DURING THE PLAY

The poster for the Veterans Day Play features a large American flag on the left side. At the top right, there is a rainbow flag. In the center, there is a photograph of a soldier in a military uniform standing on a stage, holding a letter. Below this, there is a photograph of a display of military uniforms and memorabilia in a gym. The text on the poster provides information about the play, its basis in historical letters, and the location of the memorabilia display.

From the Principal's Desk

Hello APS friends and families! I am not sure where the first semester has gone, but somehow here we are about to slide right into the second semester and the year of 2026! As always, I want to continue to thank everyone for their support and kind words. I appreciate all of the support that this community shows to not only all of our students but to our staff as well! Thank you to all of the donors who have helped provide awards, prizes and incentives for our students.

A few house keeping items to remember:

When your child/children are going to be absent, please contact the office and notify Heather of their absence. There will no longer be make-up slips, but students are still expected to let their teachers know that they are going to be gone, get any make-up work that they may need, and CHECK OUT of the office when they leave.

CELLPHONES are not allowed to be on the body of a student during school hours. ALL students must

check their cellphones into their home room for first period classes. If the parent needs to make contact with their student, please contact the office and the office will make sure to give the student/students the message.

Once students have received THREE tardies, they are to owe detention that can be served before school or during lunch. After school is not an option and it will need to be served BEFORE they are allowed to have off campus privileges again.

As always, I very much have an open door policy and encourage all parents and community members to come in and talk with me if you have any concerns, or issues, or any fun ideas that you would like to see within our district. Although I cannot always say yes, I am always willing to sit, listen and consider.



I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday season and 2026 brings you all many blessings, peace and lots of enjoyment! Thanks for everything in the year of 2025, and I look forward to seeing what the year of 2026 can bring us!



Front L-R: Danielle Duponcheel, TyLee Smith, Ava Bierman, Kwynlee Kramer, Lindsay Christensen, Avery Corbin, Claire Kulp and Emma Bierman. Second Row: Lila Bierman, Adalei Tullis, Carlee Smith, Delanie Weinman, Asa Starr, Madilyn Logs-

don. Third Row: Zeva Tickle, EvaLynn Wonch, Jimi Fletcher, Montana Baldwin, and Rylee Trumbull. Back Row: Isaac Tickle, Jensen, Braxton Cozad, Jaden Baker, Luke Tullis, and Eli Rogers.

MNAC Choir

7th-12th Choir students represented Arnold at the MNAC Vocal Clinic on Monday, November 3rd in Tryon. Students spent the day rehearsing under the direction of Mrs. Kristin Simpson from Mid-Plains Community College and performed a concert for family and friends in the evening.



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BROKEN BOW:

The Arnold senior class travelled to Broken Bow to participate with other seniors from across the county in the annual County Government Day.

The guest speaker was the State Senator Storer and students visited most of the county offices.

At County Government Day, Brook Bierman, Madalyn Logsdon and Jami Lamphear demonstrate flag folding.

