

Posted Jan. 7

- ❑ **Happy New Year! Welcome back students and staff! We are hoping we have a great 2021 here at Arlington!**

- ❑ **The end of the semester is January 15th. Grade Cards will be sent home on January 22nd.**

- ❑ **Our work with The Leader In Me has been a challenge this year. With limited instructional time in our daily schedule, lessons involving the 7 Habits have also been limited. Finding opportunities for students to function in groups, join in town halls, and take active roles in school wide leadership have been impossible to maintain. I'd like to remind parents, students and staff... Dr. Covey, the creator of the 7 Habits, once said, "The 7 Habits work best when they have a problem to solve. Especially NOW." Dr. Covey made this statement well before the time of Covid 19. Let's remember that through the application of 7H, we are empowered to play a role beyond that of a victim. Please see the following guide and consider to utilize it with your child as reinforcement for developing an understanding of the 7 Habits.**
<https://www.leaderinme.com/embed/the-7-habits-tree?school=7c1c7b80920f2455531dfa19a744f9a0f2a86fd894832ea07e76965431069d97%24%24e6tspSTTFxxOWehdNw%3D%3D--Le02pB5O9%2FEyjQdP--LlvVtRvXDRW7qifH%2FV2%2F6A%3D%3D>

- ❑ **Another quick video from The Leader In Me website.
(Great for older students and adults)**
<https://www.leaderinme.com/embed/choose-to-change?school=0b04b44d90a7404fd9e73294878fdb6d2bc7bbaa7ef34e2b62f11ad066b8090d%24%24fe807PbKX7Qf05mqpw%3D%3D--EdCpRsLROpMwIzoy--fzX1W7CVX0YUc4yPZw1Ctw%3D%3D>

- ❑ **As always, feel free to contact the office with any questions or concerns @ 419-365-5123.**

Posted Nov. 13

1st – 3rd Grade Christmas Program

Plans are in place to hold a Christmas Program featuring our 1st – 3rd grade students. Like everything else seems to be these days, the program must be modified to adhere to safety measures.

Mrs. Griffin recently sent home a letter with every student with specific information regarding the program. Students will perform by grade level at their designated times. (See Save the Dates)

Mrs. Griffin will be sending home 4 tickets for the grade level performance with each student. We realize that many families will desire more tickets, however the limits on permissible capacity in our gymnasium will not allow for more than 4 members per family to attend. This limit on capacity will be a challenge for some family units. Our other option is to move forward without a program, but at this time, our desire is for our children to experience a performance. Masks must be worn, and the tickets should be utilized for entry to the program. We appreciate your understanding.

Student participation in the program is NOT required, and we understand that conflicts or health concerns may prevent some children from participating.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Griffin or the Elementary Office.

Finally, if the program needs to be cancelled for any reason, there will be no make-up date.

Save the Dates:

11/15	Jac & Do's Pizza Sunday for PTO (always the third Sunday of the month)
11/26 - 11/27	Thanksgiving Break
12/3	1st Grade - 3rd Grade Christmas Program (Gymnasium)
	Grade 1- 6:00 pm
	Grade 2- 7:00 pm
	Grade 3- 8:00 pm
12/20	Jac & Do's Pizza Sunday for PTO (always the third Sunday of the month)
12/23 - 1/3	Christmas Break
1/4	School Resumes

Posted Nov. 4

Attendance Model

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AT THIS TIME, the Kindergarten-6th grade students will remain attending 3 hours daily. Our teachers are thankful to have the ability to interact and instruct in person 5 days a week.

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11/26-11/27 Thanksgiving Break

Leader In Me:

I recently shared this video with our teaching staff. I think it is important that we understand and recognize the importance of teaching hope to our children. I believe parents can also find the short video to be meaningful.

<https://www.leaderinme.com/embed/teaching-hope?school=274c30c9f2e254a13540a5caf2d3a43e0e185f1d930b716981e1c0b0c8a45157%24%2411%2F0cZ3SLnSJe6%2FSaw%3D%3D--y2XGJ5sKBIZb5qmA--TV%2B0B5r84bMyq2PMOMq1ag%3D%3D>

A Day In the Life at Arlington Elementary... Thank you Media Team Members!

<https://youtu.be/v07mXKwqhR8>

1st Quarter Grades:

Just a reminder, Arlington K-12 students will not be receiving a 1st quarter report card. Grade cards will be issued at the semester break in mid-January.

Posted Oct. 22

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5th/6th Grade Band Opportunity

Please be aware that Mr. Sorensen is developing a plan to start meeting with 5th and 6th grade students desiring to participate in band. Joining band is an option for any student in 5th or 6th grade. Unfortunately, due to our current 3 hour school day schedule, we are unable to provide this during the 8:00-11:00 and 12:00-3:00 time. The 5th and 6th grade students will meet between 11:00 and 12:00 two days per week. We understand that due to parent schedules and transportation logistics, some students may not be able to attend consistently or even at all. We believe providing the opportunity will at least be beneficial for some, although unfortunately, it may not include all that desire that experience.

Mr. Sorensen will be sending information home with all 5th and 6th grade students in the next week.

Spirit Days for Red Ribbon Week Oct. 26-Oct. 30

Monday Pink Out - Breast Cancer Awareness

Tuesday Red Out - Red Ribbon Awareness

Wednesday Comfy Clothes Day

Thursday Dress Like a Farmer Day - Celebrate our Community Farmers!

Friday Red and Black - SCHOOL SPIRIT

Enrichment and Gifted Programs

Mr. Cheney is in collaboration with 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teachers to develop a broader approach to Gifted Intervention and extension to the curriculum. Please understand some of the existing barriers that make this a challenge.

- 1) Students qualify in various areas. (Creative Thinking, Math, Reading, Superior Cognitive, Science)
- 2) Students attend in one of four sections per day. Teacher A in the a.m., Teacher B in the a.m., Teacher A in the p.m., Teacher B in the p.m.
- 3) Students school time is currently reduced to a 3 hour day.
- 4) Students pulled should remain in a group that is reduced in capacity, and restricted to their grade level.
- 5) Please understand, Public School Districts are required to assess and identify gifted area students. Public School Districts are not required to provide formal gifted services. Arlington Elementary does not provide a broad formal service to all gifted students. It is our desire to seek opportunities to extend, nurture and engage the exceptional student population.

Parent/Teacher Conferences Reminder

Normally in the fall, we hold evening sessions for parent teacher conferences. This year, we will instead consider our conferences to be ongoing and as needed. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher to set up a time to meet if you have any questions or concerns.

Save the Dates:

11/6 End of 9 weeks

11/13 Grade cards go home

11/15 Jac & Do's Pizza Sunday for PTO (always the third Sunday of the month)

POSTED OCTOBER 12, 2020

Bless the Backpack Program

The Arlington Local School and community members are working together to maintain family participation with our Bless the Backpack program.

This program provides meals to be sent home each Friday that school is in session. With our current economy, many families are struggling to make ends meet. This program is designed for families who have genuine needs and is completely optional. If you would benefit from this program, please call Mrs. Ginter in the elementary office and your name can be added to the distribution list. You may discontinue the program at any time. We do our best to fill all needs, but cannot guarantee that we can.

The money for the items is donated by area churches, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, and community members.

If you have further questions or are interested in signing up, please contact Mrs. Ginter at 419-365-5123 ex 244.

Mrs. Inniger's K-6 Art Classes

Parents, Hello from the Art Room!

Throughout this school year, your child will be coming home with artwork that they have made during their time with me. Due to Covid-19, all artwork will be sent home and not stored at school. Please keep your child's work in a safe place. If we are able to have an Arts Festival in May, I will ask that you return SOME of your child's work to school so that it can be displayed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thanks

Mrs. Jane Inniger

POSTED OCTOBER 8, 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your efforts in supporting your child's education. While our structure and schedule is much different than past years, the staff has found many positives encountering these changes. We are thankful for establishing a school schedule that includes students attending 5 days per week in our elementary. Students are situated in very small groups, where teachers are able to provide more individualized feedback and guidance to students. Students remain engaged at a higher level for the time they are here, with overall less disruptions to the learning environment. Great job students! Thank you parents, and thank you Arlington Staff!

We know this has not been easy for our parents, while coordinating schedules and logistics, but we do appreciate your active involvement and thank you for your patience. Normally in the fall, we hold some evening sessions for parent teacher conferences. This year, we will instead consider our conferences to be ongoing and as needed. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher to set up a time to meet if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Scott Marcum, Elementary Principal

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Fall Pictures Make-Up Day	10/19
5th Grade Iowa/ Cog At Testing	10/19 through 10/23
3rd Grade ELA State Testing	10/20 through 10/21
3rd Grade Iowa/ Cog At Testing	10/26 through 10/30
Red Ribbon Week	10/26 through 10/30
End of the 1st nine weeks	11/6

FINAL FORMS PARENT EMAIL SENT 9/29/2020

Dear K-6 parents,

In the event that our County Level changes to Red, our students would shift into a Remote Learning Environment. We are hopeful that this does not happen, but we want to make preparations so that learning and instruction can continue.

As a reminder from the district's attendance model shared in August, if our County would advance to a 'Red' level, we would prepare to start remote learning on Monday of the following week.

If your family would be in need of an electronic device under this situation of 'Level Red' remote learning, please fill out the survey below. In a Hancock County 'Level Red', students would need to have daily access to a laptop, desktop or tablet so that they can receive instruction from their teacher.

In completing the survey, we can compile names and have an accurate account of the devices that would need to be distributed to our elementary students. Please understand, families with multiple children in the elementary may only be granted one device, based upon the level of need that we receive from the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VD5TL8H>

Thanks,
Scott Marcum- Elementary Principal

