

Arlee Schools Newsletter

October 2023



Superintendent's Letter

Dear Arlee Community,

Fall is in the air and we see the change in the colors of the trees and we welcome another season. The school year is well underway and it is so wonderful to have every teaching position filled and to once again hear music in our buildings. It will be a very busy month with high school activities as football, volleyball and cross country enter into the postseason. Our junior high volleyball and football teams are finishing up and junior girls basketball will begin soon. Testing for the fall is close to finished and our staff will be working to adjust learning plans for our students to help them achieve their academic goals. Our building project continues to move forward and we hope to have some plans by the middle of December to share with the community. The project is still slated to begin at the end of February or beginning of March depending on the ground conditions. The new building will be open by August 2025.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Dr. Mike Perry Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Elementary News

The school day starts at 7:50 AM and ends at 4:00 PM. Breakfast is served from 7:30 - 7:50 AM for grades 3-12. Breakfast is being served in the school cafeteria. Grades K-2 students will have breakfast from 7:50 - 8:20 AM.

Please make sure your child is ready and at the bus stop in the morning when buses arrive. Also, please make sure you are at the bus stop to pick up your student on time (grades K-3). The school bus runs on a tight schedule. If the bus has to stop and wait on your student it throws the route off for other students. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Many teachers start their day with reading or math instruction. If students do not attend school consistently and are late on a regular basis, they will quickly fall behind their peers. Students need to be at school to learn. Please make sure your child is at school on time.

The weather is changing! Please help your child gather the necessary clothing needed for the changing weather. It is time to track down the gloves, hats and warmer coats!

Have a wonderful and safe October!

Ms. Anne Tanner, Elementary Principal

Important Dates to Remember

October 16 & 17: Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 7:30

Early Out: October 18, 2023

MEA Days: We will not have school on October 19

Elementary Trimester Ends: November 21

Arlee Elementary Book Fair!

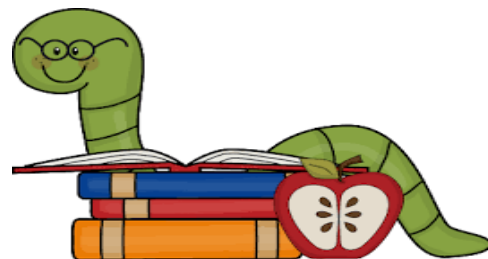
When: Monday 10/30-Thursday 11/02.

Time: 7:30-8:00 am, 4:00-5:00 pm, During students scheduled Library classes

Where: Commons Room in the 3-6 building

All proceeds go to
the Elementary Library!

The logo for Scholastic Book Clubs features a red rectangular box with a white book icon on the left and the word "SCHOLASTIC" in white capital letters. Below this box, the words "Book Clubs" are written in a large, bold, red sans-serif font.



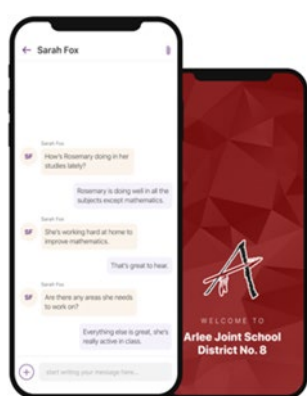
JH/HS News

Hello Arlee Parents and Guardians,

Seniors have been asked to submit their senior pictures, baby pictures, and a senior quote to the yearbook class. Please make sure they have submitted all the necessary items by December 31st.

Next, October 2nd was the start of College Application Week. A huge shout out to our school counseling department for getting 100% of the Senior class that is interested in further education already submitting applications.

We will be hosting a Financial Student Aid Night in the Library on November 1st from 4pm until 5pm. Mike Lincoln from Reach Higher Montana will be here to answer questions regarding scholarships, applications, and the college process. This will be an excellent opportunity to get a jumpstart on the FAFSA application when it opens. Please join us for a chance to enter for a \$500 scholarship!



Arlee Schools

Parents/Guardians and students will use the **Arlee Schools** app for district and school news, events, meals, and more. Within the app, they can switch to Rooms to access messages and announcements.



We are moving to a new means of communication that will hopefully streamline conversations between teachers and guardians. Please be sure to have the Arlee schools app to easily stay up to date on all important things happening in your child's education. Scan the QRcode available in the image shown.

Important dates this month:

- October 16 & 17: Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 pm
- October 18 - Early Out at 2:00 pm
- October 19 - No School MEA Days
- October 26 - End of Quarter 1
- November 1 - School Picture Retake Day
- November 1 - Financial Aid Night, 4pm-5pm in the Library

As always, Jamie, Shelby and I are here for any questions or concerns. Please call us at 726-3216 (ext. 2404 for Shelby, ext. 2301 Jamie or ext. 2300 Mr. Beckham). We are here to help!

Go Warriors and Scarlets!
Mr. Beckham

[Link to 2023-2024 School Year Calendar](#)

(Calendar can also be found on the Arlee Schools' website)

Activities & Athletics

[Link to purchase Arlee gear](#)

Schedule Snapshot

(Remember to check the website for the most up-to-date info – link below)

Team	Date	Home/Away	Opponent	Start Time
JVFB	October 9	Home	JV Jamboree	4:00 PM
JHFB	October 10	Away	Bonner	4:00 PM
HSVB	October 10	Away	Superior	5:30/7:00 PM
HSVB	October 12	Away	Darby	4:30/6:00 PM
JHVB	October 12	Away	Griz Volleyball Game	7:00 PM
CC	October 12	Away	Western B/C Invite Thompson Falls	1:00 PM
HSFB	October 13	Away	Valley Christian @ Washington Grizzly	7:00 PM
HSVB	October 14	Away	Loyola	10:00/11:30 AM
HSVB	October 17	Home	Anaconda (Senior Night)	4:30/6:00 PM
HSVB	October 19	Away	Deer Lodge	5:00/6:30 PM
CC	October 21	Away	State @ Kalispell (Rebecca Farms)	TBA



Thank you, Steve, Ella, and Ella's horse Nuisance, for making senior night special. Seniors and their families were honored for participating in football and cross country. Senior night for Volleyball is October 17.

Sources of Strength

“You might be in your darkest hour but remember night doesn’t last forever. There’s a morning coming in your life. Hang in there and know you are not alone.”

Teyton Stafford, Sources of Strength Student Mentor

Arlee School is pleased to announce that this is our second year implementing the Sources of Strength Program. It is a youth mental health promotion and suicide prevention program designed to harness the power of peer social networks to create healthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, violence, bullying, and substance misuse. The mission of Sources of Strength is to prevent adverse outcomes by increasing wellbeing, help-seeking, resiliency, healthy coping, and belonging. Sources of Strength moves beyond a singular focus on risk factors by utilizing an upstream approach for youth suicide prevention. This upstream model strengthens multiple sources of support, or protective factors, for young people so that when times get hard, they have strengths to rely on. Our High School Peer Leaders meet with their Adult Mentors weekly to design and develop messages, campaigns and activities designed to spread hope, help, and strength in every corner of our school and community. This program is peer lead. Please look forward to our school wide campaigns and community activities during extracurricular events.

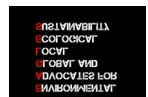
[Link to 2023-2024 Sports Schedules](#)

(Schedules can also be found on the Arlee Schools’ website – check often because the schedules change)

NHS & EAGLES Club

Arlee High School's National Honor Society and EAGLES Club has partnered with the Arlee CDC Food Pantry & Community Gardens to bring locally grown produce this month to the NHS Backpack program that serves over 50 students and their families. NHS and Eagles students harvested 22 pounds of cucumbers, peppers, green beans, Japanese eggplant, and 24 bins of cherry tomatoes from the community gardens on October 4th with the help of Marie Corcoran-Kloberdanz, the amazing Arlee CDC food pantry coordinator! These crops were planted and tended by amazing community volunteers and the Arlee CDC all summer long to provide fresh produce for the community and our food pantry. Next spring the Arlee HS Eagles club will join the community gardens in producing fresh produce in the valley as the school greenhouse continues to be completed by the students.

NHS student, Dylan Lovejoy is currently working on increasing the donations to the Arlee CDC Food Bank for his NHS community project. Please help Dylan and our local food bank by donating now to double your dollars to help the area residents we serve. The Town Pump Charitable Foundation will match each dollar collected by our organization up to \$2,500 now through November 30. All funds will go directly to our food pantry. If you wish to donate please send a check to Arlee CDC, PO Box 425, Arlee, MT 59821, or drop your check off at the Arlee High School office for Dylan and advisor Bonnie White to take it to the food pantry. If you wish to volunteer at the food pantry or community gardens please, call Marie at 406-215-5113 or email foodpantry@arleecdc.org.



Title I Parent Meeting

Arlee School District 8-J
Title I Schoolwide Planning Meeting:
Invitation to Participate

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our school is eligible for the Title I Schoolwide Program. You are invited to a meeting to discuss the development or review and revision of our Title I Schoolwide plan. Title I eligibility is based on the number of students in our school from low-income families. In a Title I Schoolwide School, school staff members work with input from parents and the community to develop a Schoolwide plan. The purpose of this plan is to improve our entire educational program.

Title I Schoolwide plans are based on a comprehensive needs assessment and must include a description of the strategies that the school will be using to address school needs. This includes a description of how these strategies will:

- Provide opportunities for all children to meet the challenging State academic standards;
- Use methods and instructional strategies that 1) strengthen the academic program in the school, 2) increase the amount and quality of learning time, and 3) help provide an expanded and more advanced curriculum; and 4) address the needs of all children in the school with a focus on the needs of children at risk of failing.


Please join us to provide your comments and ideas to help our district develop a strong and effective plan for improvement. Contact Deanne Smith, Director of Federal Programs, if you have any questions at dsmith@arleeschools.org or 406-726-3216x2305.

DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2023

LOCATION: DISTRICT OFFICE

TIME: 6:00PM

Info for HS Seniors



Enter to win a **\$500 scholarship** in our monthly drawing (One entry per student)

High School Parent Night


Do you have questions about:

- Options after High School
University, Community College, Trade School, Apprenticeships and more.
- Finding the right College or School
- Paying for College and Scholarships
Financial aid, FAFSA and this year's updates, student loans, and more.
- Important Dates
- Preparing for your Senior Year


When Wednesday, Nov. 1st - 4:00 pm
Stop by and visit Mike!

Where Arlee High School

FREE event
No cost to Montana families



For more information, contact Mike Lincoln
(406) 253-4685 or milincoln@ReachHigherMontana.org



(877) 265-4463
ReachHigherMontana.org
or info@ReachHigherMontana.org

COLLEGE ACCESS



WORKING TO ENSURE ALL MONTANA STUDENTS HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND AND SUCCEED IN COLLEGE

MONTANA ARC OF EVENTS

2023-2024



- OCT. 2-13** COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK(S)
Apply to MT colleges/universities for FREE
- CHECK WEBSITE FOR NEW DATES** FAFSA COMPLETION MONTH
Complete at FAFSA.GOV for FREE
- APRIL 1-5** C.A.P. WEEK
Complete the application process
- MAY 6-10** DECISION DAY
Let's celebrate everyone's post high school plans!



NHS Fundraiser



Halloween Spooky Grams!



\$4 per Spooky Gram with cookie, treats, and personalized message

Personalize your message and pay at any school building office.

Send a personalized Spooky Gram to Your Spooky Ghoul!
Orders must be placed by Oct. 26th!

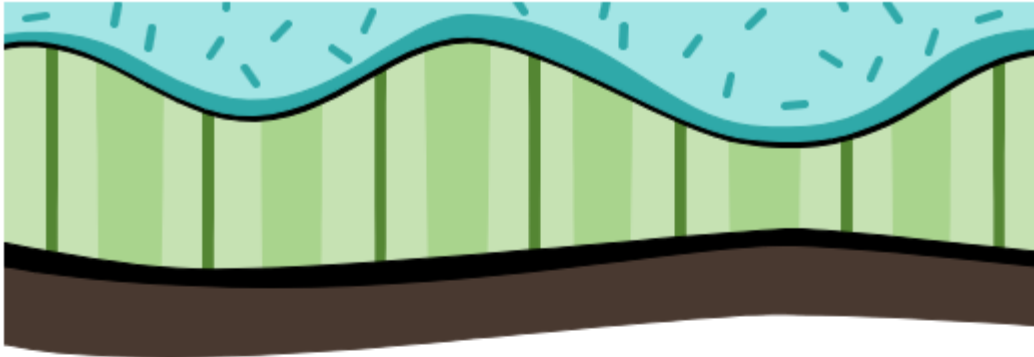


Help NHS raise money for families in need this Holiday Season!

Developmental Screening

Please bring your little ones for a developmental screening on Tuesday, October 24th from 12:30-2:30. We'll have Vibrant Hearing here to conduct hearing screenings, a specialist from the Child Development Center for birth-3 screenings, and school specialists for preschool screenings for children age 3-5.

No appointments necessary, but plan for it to take 15-30 minutes from start to finish. See you then!



Do you have an infant or preschool-aged child?
Let us check their speech, hearing,
behavior, & school readiness.

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

12:30 – 2:30 in the Arlee Elementary 3-6 Building

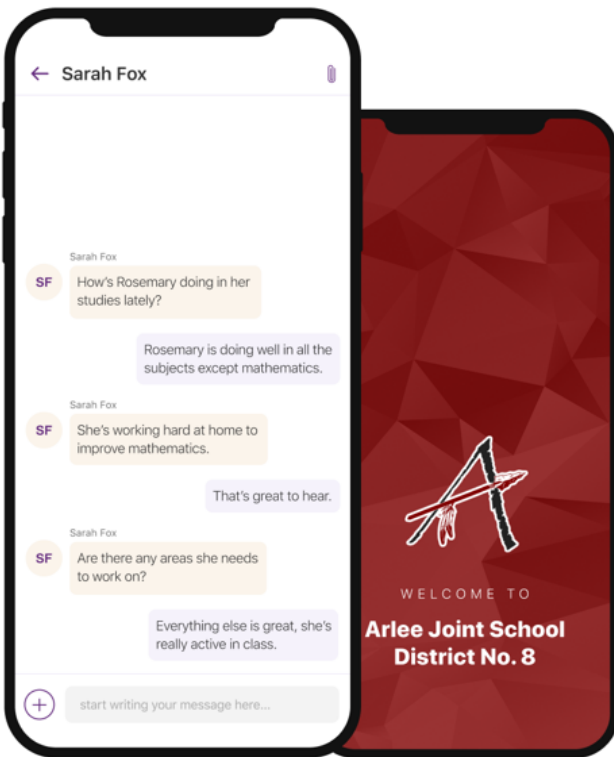
Contact Beth Munro bmunro@arleeschools.org 726-3216 x2215
or either of the Elementary School Secretaries
for more information or to reserve a specific time slot.



Arlee Schools App

Say “hello” to chat and much more in the Arlee Schools app.

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Download the **Arlee Schools** app from the App Store or Play Store to get started.

Expect an email invite from edurooms soon to gain access .

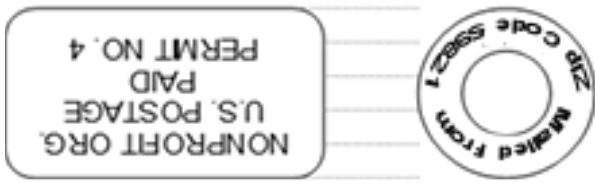
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Download the Arlee Schools app and enable notifications.



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Arlee Schools
72220 Fyant St.
Arlee, MT 59821

School Board Meetings

School board meetings are usually held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the high school library.

Confirm meeting dates and time on the school website. Agendas and minutes are also posted the website.

www.arleeschools.org

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