



ARCOHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lori Salfen, Principal

March 2010

MISSION STATEMENT

Arcohe Union School District is committed to providing every student with an educational program built upon high academic standards in a safe environment. Teamwork and collaboration among board members, administrators, teachers and other staff members is focused on a strategy of continuous improvement of the school's instructional program and facilities. Technology is used extensively and viewed as an important tool for improving teaching and learning. The important role of parents as stakeholders in the school's mission is validated through effective school-home communication and the use of parent volunteers. The overall goal of the school is to prepare young people to be productive, contributing members of society.

ARCOHE PARENT TEACHER CLUB NEWS:

March 2nd is Dr. Seuss' birthday. To celebrate this day, APTC will be providing all of the students with a green cupcake for a snack. We hope the children will enjoy them.

Our Poker Night and Crafts for Kids Night is on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at the Hendrickson Hall & Herald Barn. Please come join us for poker, tri tip, and pizza for the kids. We will be having movies, games and crafts for the children whose parents are playing poker. For poker and dinner the cost is \$35.00, for just the tri tip dinner the cost is \$8.00, and for pizza for the kids the cost is \$5.00. Sign in and dinner is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. with the poker game starting at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Tickets are on sale with any of the APTC officers. Tickets must be purchased in advance for the poker game in order to play. Please contact Melissa Snow @ 209-327-7417 for any questions you might have or if you wish to purchase tickets.

We are having a spring See's Candy sale this year. Your child should have already received the packet from their teachers. Orders and money must be turned into the office no later than Friday, March 12th. A one day pick up will be on Thursday, March 25th from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the teachers lounge on the main campus. If you wish for your order to be sent home with your child, you must call me before Thursday to arrange it.

In February APTC gave Kleenex boxes to every class and two erasers to every student. Your support helps us give back to our children.

APTC thanks you for all of your support. Our money goes to giving the kids the "extras" that they may need or want. Giving them the fun snacks, activities and spirit awards are what make it all worthwhile. All of our Arcohe children are well worth the hard work we all put into it. Without your support we could not accomplish this -- Thank you again.

Melissa Snow, APTC President 209-327-7417

A Message from the Principal:

Arcohe participated in the Jamba Jump Day. Over 500 schools participated and 88,000 students. Unofficially, Arcohe helped to break the world record and the students enjoyed participating. While jumping, students were able to enjoy the 100th Day of School with snacks and balloons provided by Arcohe Parent Club. Arcohe would like to thank APTC for their continued support to the students and staff.

The Book Fair will be at Arcohe School on the East Campus from March 1-5. Please stop by and take a look at the fair. All proceeds from the fair will benefit the libraries at Arcohe School.

I wish everyone a wonderful Spring Break, March 26- April 2, 2010. It may take a few days for your student to get back into the routine of school schedule and homework but they will. We need to encourage the students to get back to the good work habits as soon as possible. Students tend to feel tired the first week back and may even need more sleep. As a reminder to all, Arcohe School begins at 8:00 a.m. for Kindergartners and 8:10 for Grades 1-8.

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Spring Pictures

Spring pictures are scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2010. These picture packets will be sent home with your child. You purchase only the pictures you want and return the rest of the packet along with a check.

Attention 5th Grade Parents and Friends of Arcohe

Just a reminder! Your student needs to pay \$20.00 to reserve his/her place for 6th grade Science Camp in May of 2011. Make the check payable to Arcohe School. Your help will be needed this summer to defray the \$235.00 cost per student to attend the camp. All proceeds from the 4th of July fireworks booth will go towards lowering the payments for each student. The fireworks booth is in need of chairpersons and workers. If there are not enough people to staff the booth, we will have to allow another group to reap the benefits. Please contact Ms. Bartholomew as soon as possible and let them know you will support the 6th grade trip with your time and effort.

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HEALTH SCREENING UPDATES: All the health screenings for grades K-5 are completed for the year—if you have received any referral letters for your children regarding hearing, vision, or dental that needed follow up visits to physicians and/or specialists, please make those necessary appointments and return the referral form to the school nurse! It is important to follow up on health issues that are detected so we may prevent any further complications.

IMMUNIZATIONS: If your child receives any immunizations or booster shots, it is very important that you send an updated copy of his/her yellow immunization record to school so we can keep a current file.

Spring Is Here!!! And that means allergy season! Just a reminder that the office staff cannot give prescription or over-the-counter allergy medication (even for just minor symptoms) to your child without a completed form from your child's physician. Medication forms can be picked up in the office. If your child is experiencing more severe allergy symptoms that may affect his/her school day, please keep them home to allow rest, recovery and return to school ready to learn. ☺

As the weather warms, please dress your child accordingly for school. Consider a hat and application of sunscreen before your child leaves for school.

Sarah Dudek, RN
Arcohe School Nurse
748-2313 x 327

Box Tops for Education

There will be a Boxtop Contest during the Month of March! Please send in your cut Box tops with your child's first and last names. Please remember that we need your support throughout the year. Join those of us who have a zip lock bag in the kitchen where box tops can be easily stored, sent to school with your student and given to the teacher. Thank you so much to the students, parents and staff who take the time to save them for us. There will be a drawing, and a prize will be awarded in March and May. Be sure your name is written on the back of everything turned in. Among products having Box Tops are: General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Old El Paso, Gold Medal flour and Progresso Soups. We will be collecting for the rest of the year and hope to match the amount of money (i.e. Box Tops) we have already received.

Labels for Education

Labels for Education help us make funds stretch further. This program allows Arcohe to buy a variety of supplies for academics, arts and athletics. Among the products with labels we are collecting include: Campbell's, V8, Prego, Swanson, Pepperidge Farms and Franco-American. This program will continue throughout the year until June, so please take the time to clip these labels and send them with your student to give to his/her teacher. Every label counts!

Are you a technology donor? Arcohe is always in need of Pentium 4 and higher computers, flat monitors, printers, and any other internal or external parts to repair the current sick systems. Getting a new home theatre system? Donate your old TV with the A/V connection (yellow & white) & DVD players to Arcohe. Don't forget to turn in your used ink cartridges and old cell phones to the front office. This is a continuing recycle program for our school.

Lastly, a BIG THANK YOU to all community members who donated their computers & TV's. You help keep technology up and running at Arcohe during this difficult financial school year ☺

Mrs. Barnes' 4th grade class has been busy reading the novel Patty Reed's Doll. This is a true story about a survivor of the famous Donner Party. Earlier this year we also read By the Great Horn Spoon, a tale of the California Gold Rush. Our class just did an experiment for Science class where we planted various types of seeds to see which ones could grow in the winter under artificial light. We are looking forward to some spring weather so we can go on a gold panning field trip

For information on Healthy Families/Medi-Cal for Children
Call: 888-747-1222 or 209-748-2313, ext. 206

Transportation Reminder the second payment installment for transportation is due.

Oasis Art Room Update

Our Art Room is up and running. Students and teachers have given positive & encouraging responses. Of course, it is a supplement to our regular curriculum, so there are always more ideas than there seems to be time to do them.

If you are crafty and are interested in leading a class (or two!) in a project, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Frizzell to brainstorm and get your idea into action. This is also a great idea for community service hours some clubs and schools may require.

The Herald Community Club has given a generous donation to the Oasis in the form of new project supplies. Look for an announcement soon regarding an Oasis Art Room Open House. Come and check it out for yourself. Of course, plan on stopping in on May 13th during Arcohe's Open House.

Personal Best Program

The Personal Best Committee chose to focus on the trait *Initiative* in March. We seek to inspire our community to take initiative to make positive changes where we see room for improvement. Teaching our student population to clean up, do chores, help other people out, and take on new challenges on their own will help them navigate adult life later. When we see a need, we need to do more than point out the need—we need to meet that need! As adults in a household or as part of a community, we may have to be the first to take the initiative to solve the problem.

In April, we turn our focus to *Problem Solving & Resourcefulness*. No coincidence that these traits are featured around our STAR testing dates! We work hard to encourage our student population to evaluate and solve problems that arise before the problems cause crisis. We teach logical reasoning and process of elimination as problem solving skills. Encourage your kids to think of a resourceful solution to a household chore or dilemma you're having at your house. You'll be surprised at the approach they use to solve it!

Reporting Student Absences:

Please report your student's absence by either writing a note or by phoning the school office at 748-2313 or 800-252-4932 then press ext. 3. When reporting an absence, please include student's name, reason for absence, teacher's name, and the date(s) your child missed school.



Volunteers:

Arcohe would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU out to all the volunteers. Arcohe appreciates all the time you spend in and out of the classroom to help our school.

Just a few reminders:

- Check in and out of the office
- Check to see that you have turned in your volunteer form and that you have a current TB test on file in the office.
- Progress of your child should be discussed at a meeting scheduled before or after school.