



Principal's Message

March 2020

Dear Arnold Elementary Families,

This month is an exciting month for our school! There are so many fun and engaging activities planned for our students. The first week of the month is Read Across America Week and each day we will have a fun spirit day. In addition, we will have our Mobile Science Lab for each class to visit. Students become scientists and do experiments in a lab. Thank you to our PTA for funding this great student experience. We hope you can join us for our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00pm. There will be a Principal's Coffee right before the meeting at 5:30pm.

Interim Reports will be sent home Monday, March 9th and Parent Teacher Conferences will be Tuesday, March 10th. This is a good time to review your child's grades and progress with your child and set goals for the remainder of the marking period. If you have any questions about student progress, we encourage you to reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Sincerely,
Shauna Kauffman
Principal



Mark Your Calendar

March Dates to Remember:

- 3/5 3rd Grade Field Trip—BMI
- 3/9 Interims go home
- 3/10 **Schools closed-Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- 3/11 2nd Grade Field Trip-Natural History Museum
- 3/24 **2 hr early dismissal-**
- 3/25 PTA Meeting—
- 3/30 Spring Picture Day



COUNSELOR'S CORNER– MARCH

Every grade will be learning about internet safety in the month of March. Grades 4 and 5 will also be learning about appropriate social media usage. We will also be discussing our character trait of the month: forgiveness.

All grades will also be reminded of our "debug" system of how to handle a peer issue.

DEBUG

Step 1. Ignore

Step 2. Move away

Step 3. Talk friendly

Step 4. Talk firmly

Step 5. Get adult help

Dana L. Smith, M.S.

School Counselor

Arnold Elementary School



What's Happening in the Art Room?

Art Hanging Help- I'm looking for parent volunteers to help hang artwork in the halls. Please email me at zhilpl@aacps.org if you would like to help.

Kindergarten- Next project- to be determined.

2nd- Students are finishing their winter clothesline paintings where they focused on color mixing and then added patterns in oil pastel.

3rd- Students are working on creating their sea turtles using oil pastels.

4th- Students are learning about weaving around the world and are now creating their own circle weavings.

5th- Students are creating a snowman inspired by a famous artist that they were assigned. They did the research in media and are creating the snowmen in the art room. The next project they will be starting is to create a dream bedroom using one point perspective.



P.E. Updates

Last month's units were very successful! Students demonstrated a sound understanding of skills and concepts, all the while showing fantastic teamwork and effort.

For the month of March, students will be working on dribbling/ball control, passing and receiving, and shooting to a target in various drills, exercises, and games.

Students - please remember to dress appropriately on your P.E. day.

Thank you,
Mr. Vandegrift



Here's what students can expect in music class during March:



Grade Level	Music Vocabulary & Concepts	Featured Songs & Music
Kindergarten	Melodic direction; beats with no sound [rest]; AB form	Bounce High, Bounce Low; Alison's Camel; I Can't Spell Hippopotamus
1st	Sol-Mi (singing and reading notation); dynamics, tempo; instruments of the orchestra; ABA form	Apples and Bananas; Wake Up You Sleepyhead; "Peter and the Wolf"
2nd	Mi Re Do on the staff; melodic form; repeat sign; DC al fine	Hi, My Name is Owney; I've Been to London; Great Big House
3rd	Pentatonic scale; whole notes and dotted-half notes; the brass family; ostinato; rondo form	Kokoleoko; Lil' 'Liza Jane; When the Saints Go Marching In
4th <i>Be on the lookout for information regarding PTA's "International Night" on Friday, April 17</i>	Canon; chords; ostinato; melody v. accompaniment; introduction & coda	Little Birch Tree; Ame Fure; Sansa Kroma
5th <i>Don't forget to bring in a found sound or recycled instrument from home! Due the week of March 16</i>	"No Instruments, No Problem;" composing in a melodic form, ways to perform a piece, found sounds v. recycled instruments	Pat Works on the Railway; The Lion Sleeps Tonight
Percussion Ensemble: <i>Before-school rehearsals begin Tuesday, March 3.</i> Chorus: <i>We are continuing to learn our music for the Spring Concert (Tuesday, May 12).</i> <i>-Mrs. Sala</i>		

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me at dsala@aacps.org.

-Mrs. Sala



Enhancing Elementary Excellence

March Update

In March we will continue with the projects below. Please note that our projects are written to last six to nine weeks, and often tend to run a bit longer due to schedule and calendar changes. If you'd like a detailed description of any project, please e-mail Mrs. Pfaff or Mrs. Kochanski.

Kindergarten- Not a Stick

First Grade-Circles

Second Grade-Mindfulness Matters

Third Grade-Artist Typeface

Fourth Grade-Radio Drama

Fifth Grade-Personal Logos

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities or have any donations to support any of the listed projects, please contact Mrs. Pfaff at hpaff@aacps.org or Mrs. Kochanski at jkochanski@aacps.org. We will also continue to collect donations of Legos, tree sticks, scrapbooking paper, water bottles, miscellaneous craft supplies, etc. All donations can be sent to Mrs. Pfaff in Room A202.



DESSERT "DOING A PROJECT"	MAIN COURSE PROJECT BASED LEARNING
An add-on to the traditional instruction; at the end (or alongside) of the unit	Instruction integrated into the project (The project is the unit!)
Follows direction of the teacher	Driven by student inquiry
Focused on product	Focused on product and process
Often unrelated to standards and skills	Aligned to academic standards and success skills
Can be completed alone and/or at home	Involves collaboration with students and in-class guidance from teacher
Remains within the school world	Has a real-world context and application
End result of project displayed in the classroom	Results of project shared beyond the classroom with a public audience

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Finally, here is a project we are interested in funding to help students tell their stories through a unique form of art: https://www.donorschoose.org/project/water-marbling-to-tell-our-stories/4743564/?utm_source=dc&utm_medium=page&utm_campaign=project&utm_term=teacher_4638887&rf=page-dc-2020-01-project-teacher_4638887&challengeid=20978451



“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”

News from the Media Center

Thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers we had a very successful first Book Fair in our new school. Our new vendor, Follett, provided us with a wide variety of books and overall everyone (especially our students) were pleased with the selection.

Here's what's happening in media this month:

5th grade has been working on their artist research and then creating their snowman in art.

4th grade is continuing to research U.S. States and finalizing their digital products for presentation.

3rd grade has begun an animal research project and will also be presenting their research in a PowerPoint

2nd grade- has been working on collaborative online research skills

K and 1st are continuing to learn about folktales and legends. Ask your kindergartener or first grader if they know how to do Rabbit's Snow Dance!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be held in all county elementary schools starting **April 1, 2019**. To register your child, parents must bring the child's birth certificate; a copy of the child's immunization records, and two proofs of residence. One proof of residency **MUST** be a mortgage statement or lease agreement, the other proof of residency needs to be a current utility bill. Cellular Phone Bills, Driver's License and Car Insurance Bills are not accepted as proof of residence. All of the above mentioned documents **must** be presented at the time of registration.

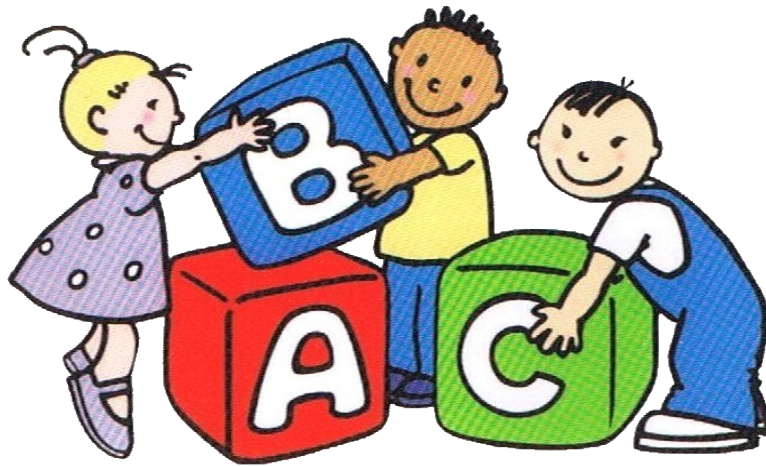
**ARNOLD'S KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
WILL BE HELD STARTING April 1st
9:00 a.m-1:00pm**

We ask that parents register early rather than waiting until the summer, because staffing is determined by the Spring enrollment.

**Kindergarten students registering for the
2020-2021 school year must be five on or before
September 1, 2020.**

**Please contact Andie Youngk at 410-757-4400 if
you have any questions.**

Before and After Care



Attn: Arnold Elementary Parents

Super Kids' Place will be accepting registration for the 2020-2021 school year for before and after care starting March 15, 2020. If interested in enrolling in our program or need more information, please contact Jade Bullough at arnoldsuperkids@gmail.com.

Read Across America Spirit Week

Dear Families,

Next week is Dr. Seuss week! In honor of one of our favorite authors, we are going to have a Dr. Seuss Spirit Week to celebrate reading! Each day will coordinate with one of our favorite Dr. Seuss books.

Monday, March 2: The Lorax

Mustache Monday: Wear your favorite mustache!

Tuesday, March 3: Fox in Socks

Wear silly, mismatched or crazy socks!

**Wednesday, March 4: One Fish, Two Fish,
Red Fish, Blue Fish**

Wear a red or blue shirt.

Thursday, March 5: Oh, The Places You'll Go

Wear your favorite college attire.

Friday, March 6: Curl Up and Read Day

Wear your favorite pajamas or comfortable clothes.

