



## Principal's Message

November 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to announce that Arnold Elementary won the Crayola “Champion Creatively Alive Children” school grant! We are one of 20 schools nationwide who have been selected by Crayola and the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) to receive this award. We will share more specific information as we implement the grant and encourage students to think strategically and creatively!

In honor of American Education Week, we invite you to join us the week of November 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. Homeroom classes and our EEE/Arts Integration classes will host open houses for the opportunity to see instruction in action. Teachers will notify you of the day and time of their open house. Please remember to check in at the main office when you arrive. We kindly ask that younger siblings do not attend, as this is a regular school day for students. Our school improvement plan for the 2018 school year is aligned with the AACPS Strategic Plan. While you are visiting classrooms, keep an eye out for our school improvement focus this year. We are focusing specifically on knowing how students are performing on standards and skills and challenging them to grow in a positive environment.

Our school wide character trait for this month is **Honor: Letting someone know that you see how valuable they are.** Consider taking a moment this month to ask your child how they can show others that they are valued.

We are looking forward to you visiting our school and learning more about how your child is growing and learning. I am truly thankful for all of the Arnold Elementary staff and families. May you and your family have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

*Shauna Kauffman*

Principal



## **Veteran's Day Commemoration**

On Monday, November 11th, during our morning announcements, Arnold Elementary will celebrate the brave men and women who are serving or have served our nation. It is a time for all of us to thank all of our nation's heroes and to show our appreciation for their service to the United States of America. We invite you to send in photos of a Veteran you know. We will post the photos on our special Honor Wall.



## Mark Your Calendar

# NOVEMBER

- 5 2nd Gr - Carleton/Johnson - to Maritime Museum
- 6 2nd Gr - Kennedy/Gassen - to Maritime Museum
- 7 - 8 End of 1st Marking Period - 2hr early dismissal
- 11 Beginning of 2nd Marking Period
- 11-15 American Education Week
- 20 Report Cards go home
- 20 PTA Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 20-21 4th Gr to Arlington Echo
- 27– 29 Thanksgiving Holiday– All Schools Closed



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### November guidance newsletter

Thank you to every one for the generous amount of donations for our annual food drive! Students have commented that it looks like more than we ever have collected in the past, and I would agree! The donations benefit the Anne Arundel County food bank.

This month in guidance lessons, students will learn to positively express themselves during conflict with “I”-messages, as well as the difference between telling and tattling in the younger grades. We will also practice mindfulness. The character trait of focus is honor.

If any families have a need for food at the upcoming Thanksgiving and winter breaks, please let me know at [dlsmith@aacps.org](mailto:dlsmith@aacps.org). I am working with area food banks, churches and other groups to hopefully fulfill any food and gift needs.



## ART ROOM HAPPENINGS

**Kindergarten-** Students are just finishing a family portrait of pumpkins. Next we will be creating texture monsters.

**1<sup>st</sup>-** Students are working with symmetry and paints to create symmetrical aliens and their space-scapes.

**2<sup>nd</sup>-** Students are finishing their flowers inspired by Vincent van Gogh's sunflowers. Next we will be creating our dancing animals.

**3<sup>rd</sup>-** (Sowells, Hartman, McMahon)- Students just finished their collaborative murals inspired by Kandinsky. Students will now be creating a winter scene using tints and shades.

**3<sup>rd</sup>-** (Smith)- Students are making detailed maps of our routes to school.

**4<sup>th</sup>-** Students are finishing their posters where they created a new planet. Next we will be moving on to our winter project.

**5<sup>th</sup>-** Students have been learning about surrealism and surrealist artists such as Salvador Dali and Rene Magritte. They then participated in different surrealist games and activities. Students are now creating new sea creatures.



## MUSIC NEWS

Hello Arnold families! I was remiss in not mentioning our new part-time music teacher, Mr. Andrew Gneiting, in previous newsletters. Mr. Gneiting is at Arnold on Wednesdays and teaches all first-grade classes as well as Ms. Phillips's fourth-grade class. Please join me in making him feel welcome.

Here's what students can expect during November:

Grade Level	Music Vocabulary & Concepts	Featured Songs & Music
Kindergarten	Steady beat; walking v. galloping rhythms; rhythm v. beat; one or two sounds on the beat; sequencing; high and low sounds	Basket of Apples; Oh, A-Hunting We Will Go; Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, London Bridge
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rhythm: quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rest; same & different sections: ABA form; Sol, Mi, La	24 Robbers, The Bear Went Over the Mountain
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Call & response; composition with quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rests; composition with Sol and Mi	Pizza-Pizza Daddy-O; Che Che Koolay; Engine, Engine, Number 9; Turkey, Turkey Gobbler
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tempo; verse/refrain, melodic form; introduction; DC al fine, fine	My Friend Tom; Draw Me a Bucket of Water; Kum Bachur; Ballet of the Unhatched Chicks
4 <sup>th</sup>	Accompaniment/melody; timbre; sixteenth-note patterns; poetry inspired by the wind	December Winds; Over the River
5 <sup>th</sup>	How do I communicate in an ensemble? What makes a piece of music important to one person but not another?	Coffee Is Good; A Turkey Walked Past My Backdoor; Ukulele Ensembles

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me at [dsala@aacps.org](mailto:dsala@aacps.org).

-Mrs. Sala





## November Update

What a great first month of EEE! We have been busy working on teambuilding through a variety of activities that reinforce the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills of **Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, and Critical Thinking**. November finds us launching into our kickoff projects that expose students to the processes and protocols of Project Based Learning (PBL).



The kickoff project for grades **K-2 will be Team Totems**, and for grades **3-5 will be Backpacks** designed for a specific client in mind. The EEE program encourages and welcomes experts and special guests to help our students explore our modules. We are seeking the following experts and special guests for our kickoff projects:

K-2 Team Totems	3-5 Backpacks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experts in Native American/Indigenous Culture</li><li>• Anthropologists</li><li>• Storytellers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visual Artists</li><li>• Musical Artists</li><li>• Dancers</li><li>• Actors/Actresses/Theater Professionals</li><li>• Martial Arts Professionals</li><li>• Yoga Instructors</li><li>• Art Collectors</li><li>• Museum Curators</li><li>• Photographers</li></ul>

If you are interested in these unique volunteer opportunities, please use the Sign-Up Genius Links below for each kickoff project or contact Mrs. Pfaff at [hpfafe@aacps.org](mailto:hpfafe@aacps.org).

K-2 Team Totems: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4aaef23a13-eeetotem>

3-5 Backpacks: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4aaef23a13-eeebackpack>

## NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER



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

Things are beginning to hum in the Media Center. A few highlights of the past month:

3<sup>rd</sup> grade has begun learning about inventors and inventions and are poised to start their first project- inventing their own candy (no worries they are using words to create their confection).

4<sup>th</sup> grade has been learning about the Dewey Decimal system and is now working on an advertisement to tout the wonders of their books.

5<sup>th</sup> grade is learning about early American history by researching the lives of Native Americans and the explores and settlers who first came to our lands.

K-2 have been learning about how to find a good fit book, how to find their choice in the Media Center and how to remember to return their books to get new ones!

As you are preparing for the holidays and cleaning up the Media Center is always n the look-out for book donations for our end-of-year “Book Swap” as well as to supplement home libraries for students in need. In addition, I am collecting various things for media stations which I hope to be setting up at the beginning of the new year. I am currently looking for Legos and 50-piece puzzles.

### Reading Corner:

From time to time I am asked about the value of our students reading graphic novels. If you have questions, feel free to email me or come in to talk. Meanwhile here is an article which outlines the benefits of reading graphic novels.

<https://www.today.com/parents/5-reasons-your-child-should-read-graphic-novels-t165336>



## P.E. Updates

Our fitness unit was a huge success! Students learned about important fitness components and practiced exercises needed to lead a healthy lifestyle.

For the month of November, students will be working on dribbling, passing, and striking foot skills in various drills, exercises, and games.

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

Thank you,  
Mr. Vandegrift





### Volunteer Spotlight:

Thank you to Polly Offut and Chris Rohrer for their Fall Fest Efforts! It was a great inaugural event in our new school and the kids had a blast! If you would like to be on this committee for next year, please contact Polly Offut: [polly.offut@gmail.com](mailto:polly.offut@gmail.com).

### Needed:

Alice Bowman is in need of a committee of helpers for Yearbook. ISO graphic artists, photographers and helpers to design page layouts. Contact Alice if you can help: [aabowman9@gmail.com](mailto:aabowman9@gmail.com)

### Events to look forward to:

PTA Meeting 11/20/19 at 6pm. There will be no Principal's coffee today, but watch out for a rescheduled date for that.

Holiday Breakfast and Holiday Shop: 12/7/19

### PTA Committees ISO helpers:

Snowflake Dance  
Spring Fling  
International Night  
Box Tops  
Teacher Appreciation

For more information, contact Alyssa Iddings: [alyssaiddings@gmail.com](mailto:alyssaiddings@gmail.com)