

Arcadia November 2022 Newsletter



November 2022

Dear Arcadia Family,

I love this time of year as the weather gets colder and I'm able to wear sweaters again. It's also a time of year when I get to really reflect on what I'm thankful for. I have many things for which I'm grateful. Among these things are my family and friends, the opportunity to influence students' and teachers' lives, you, the parents of our students and all you do to help your children learn and grow. I'm thankful for our wonderful staff – including the office staff and our custodian. I'm also thankful to live in a free country and the blessings that come with that.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you take time to reflect on what you are grateful for. Thank you for the privilege of being able to work with and teach your children. May we all continue to be blessed in the coming year and years to come.

The following are things you need to know for the month of November:

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Open Enrollment Application Now Electronic

We used to call these "special permits." In Utah, parents have a choice as to which school their children attend. As I mentioned in an email last month, we are down students this year, so we welcome open enrollment applications from parents out of the boundaries except for 5th grade students as our numbers are very high in both classes. We used to hand out the applications in the office in paper format. From now on, the district has chosen to have parents fill out the applications online. The new online application can be accessed [here](#). If you move out of the boundaries and still want your child to go to Arcadia, you will need to fill out an application for each student and submit it to Debbie Richardson in the main office. If you know of parents who would like their children to come to Arcadia, please pass on this information.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact me and I'll be happy to go over it with you.

Arcadia Fundraiser: Readathon

We will again have a school readathon fundraiser starting on November 1st and running until the 11th which is the day of the readathon. We will continue to accept donations until the 18th though. The fundraiser will be run by the company Get Movin' Fundraising. The link to the fundraising site is located here. Many students and parents will be familiar with this site as the PTA used it last year for their fundraiser. On the Get Movin' site, students and parents will need to create a student page they can send potential donors. One of our goals is to get donations from every state in America and even all over the world!

Just so you know, our fundraiser helps raise money for our student body to go on field trips, buy student incentives for meeting academic and behavioral expectations, the Principal's Quarterly Party, student supplies, rewards, supplemental classroom materials, etc. The suggested donation is \$35.00 per student or \$50.00 per family. More information will come home with your students. If you have an immediate question about the fundraiser, please call the office and speak with a secretary.

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4th & 5th Grade Field Trip to See Taylorsville High's Anastasia

On the 3rd of November, our 4th and 5th grade students will go on a field trip to Taylorsville High School to see their production of the musical Anastasia. Students will leave at 9:00 a.m. and be back by lunchtime. We're excited for this opportunity and look forward to hearing what they thought of the production.

Picture Make-up Day

Picture make-up day will be on the 15th. To buy packages, please go to www.bellphoto.com and select the package that is right for you.

Principal's Kiss a Pig Assembly

I have promised students that, if we meet our fundraising goal of \$10,000.00, I will hold an assembly on the 21st and kiss a pig! I'm confident that I will be doing this as students will be excited to see me do this yucky thing.

Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Break is the 23rd through the 26th. Please keep in mind that the 22nd is an early out day. School will get out at 1:15 p.m. Please mark this on your calendars. I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving holiday and that you're able to celebrate with family and friends.

Choose Kindness Assembly

We will have a Choose Kindness assembly on the 28th in the morning to talk about anti-bullying and what students can do to be proactive and curtail bullying in our school. September's recess skill of the month was being kind to one another while playing and speaking. We hope this assembly will be a good refresher for students to be kind to one another and use kind words.

Continuing Problems We're Having

There are three problems we are continually having that need to be addressed. They are:

1. Parents are still dropping off and picking up in the bus loading zone. We have three buses that arrive at different times and, if you're in the loading zone, you may get hit by a bus or ticketed

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for being in the wrong zone. Please adhere to all traffic laws when picking in/dropping off students.

2. Parents are parking across the street from the front of the school and are walking their children not crossing at the crosswalk. For the safety of all students, please do not do this. If you park across the street, please use the crosswalk and be a good example to your children of what everyone should do when crossing the street.
3. We continue to have problems with junior high and high school students hanging out on the school grounds (mostly by the big playground) waiting to pick up students to walk them home. It is especially bad on early out days (mostly Fridays). These students are using foul language in front of parents and our students, are present during lunch recess and are really disrespectful to our lunch recess duties and have been disturbing classroom instruction by horsing around outside of classroom windows.

Administration has spoken to them several times about waiting by the bike rack until the dismissal bell rings and the police have spoken to them on three separate occasions about their behavior. I have also spoken to the assistant principal at Bennion Jr. about the problem and he has counseled with them as well.

I am asking for your help with this situation. If you have a junior high/high school aged student who picks up siblings at our school, please instruct them to stay by the bike rack and to behave appropriately. When the dismissal bell rings, they can move to the door their siblings come out of and should immediately leave school grounds to go home.

I want to let parents know that, if these behaviors continue, we will be identifying the offending students with the help of Bennion's assistant principal and will refer them to law enforcement to be ticketed for trespassing.

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Coming in December!

- The mobile food pantry will be on the 8th at 3:20 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- The Holiday Santa Shop will be on the 14th & 15th.
- Community Council is on the 15th at 3:45 p.m. in the Library.
- The Holiday Sing-along for parents will be on the 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room.
- Winter Break is from the 22nd of December to the 4th of January 2023! The 22nd is an early out day.

Thanks again for your support and help. Please consider volunteering in your child's classroom this month if you can. As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Matthew Graham
Principal
Arcadia Elementary