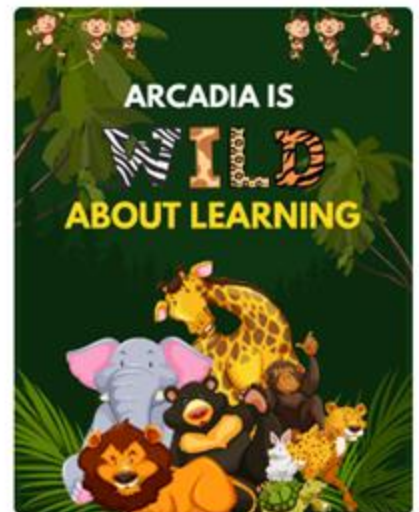


Principal Graham's Newsletter

December 2023

Dear Arcadia Parents and Patrons,

The holiday season is upon us and we're busy learning and growing each day. Some of you may recall that I had a bad fall in the parking lot last January. Not only did I have a gash on my forehead and a concussion, I also broke a few ribs and tore my bicep and ligaments and tendons in my left shoulder. Last Wednesday, I had surgery on my shoulder to repair the damage. I will be recuperating until the 18th. Dianne Phillips was my substitute until today (Nov. 30th) and Judith Kissell will be my substitute until the 18th. Tod Cracroft, our assistant principal, will be working alongside my substitute to resolve problems and support teachers, staff, students and parents while I'm gone. Needless to say, this will be a short newsletter.



Principal's Parenting Tip of the Month - Hear Them Out

It's important for children to be heard and to feel understood. Debriefing with your child after you have disciplined him/her is very important. Parents can use this time to reinforce a positive and loving relationship with their child while at the same time establishing their authority. When children know who's in charge, they feel safe and secure which helps them behave.

Employee Spotlight - RaAnn Foote

Mrs. Foote has been an education support professional for many years at Arcadia. I love working with RaAnn who helps me out tremendously by being our school webmaster, an excellent classroom aide, a rock star with our digital marquee, and a supportive and professional colleague to many in the building. RaAnn has done such a nice job with our website that the State uses it as a model of how a school's website should be. As you can tell, RaAnn is an important part of our wonderful Arcadia family and we are fortunate to have her work at our school.

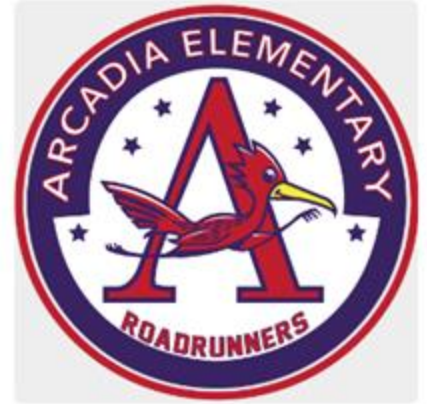


Arcadia Activities & Important Dates

- 12/7 - Mobile Food Pantry at 3:20 p.m. in the cafeteria
- 12/7 - PTA monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library
- 12/11 - 5th Grade field trip to JA City (parent permission forms required)
- 12/18 - Half Day Kindergarten BUG Lunch Party
- 12/18 - Quarterly Principal's Party
- 12/19 - Community Council at 3:45 p.m. in the library
- 12/20 - Lockout Drill at 9:30 a.m.
- 12/20 - Holiday Sing-along for Parents at 2:00 p.m. in the gym - If you come, please plan to attend the ENTIRE performance
- 12/21 - Holiday Sing-along for students ONLY - unfortunately, we cannot have parents attend this performance as there is no room for them to be able to sit in the gym and watch
- 12/21 - Early Out Day - school will be out at 1:15 p.m.
- 12/21 - End of 2nd Quarter
- 12/22 - No School
- 12/25 to 1/2/24 - (Winter Break) No School

Coming Up Next Month

1/3 - Students return to school from winter break
1/4 - Mobile food pantry
1/10 - Bennion Jr. High preview for 5th graders
1/15 - MLK Day - No school
1/26 - Holocaust Remembrance Day (Observed)
1/30 - Spring chocolate bar fundraiser begins
1/30 - MATH NIGHT!



I hope you have a wonderful Christmas/Holiday and a very happy New Year!

Matthew Graham
Principal
Arcadia Elementary School