



Principal Graham's Newsletter

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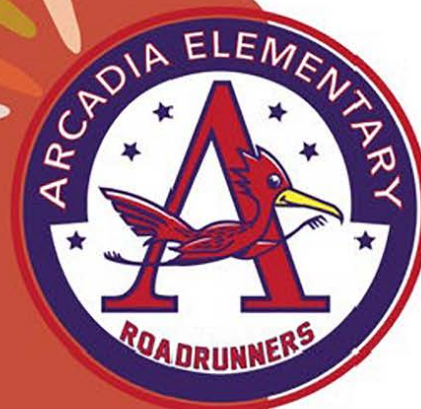


Math Night!

Math Night was a great success! Thank you to everyone who came and participated. I'm appreciative of our teachers volunteering and teaching students and parents math games they can play together at home. Our wonderful Arcadia Anthems Choir performed "What a Wonderful World" and showed art they created for the performance!

SEPs (Parent Teacher Conferences)

SEPs are February 7th & 8th from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please sign up for a time through the Pick-a-Time link on our website. Remember, conferences are only 10 minutes. Please be on time and observe the time limit. If you need a longer conference, you will need to set that up at another time with your child's teacher.



Attendance!

Why is it important?

Why Attending School Regularly is Important

Regular school attendance is crucial for a child's academic success and overall well-being. Attending school regularly provides students with the opportunity to learn and grow, gain new skills, build friendships, and develop discipline and responsibility. Below, I write of five key reasons why attending school regularly is important for children, along with some resources and strategies to assist parents who may be struggling with this issue.

1. Academic Success

Regular attendance allows students to engage with lesson materials, interact with teachers, ask questions, and participate in discussions. Consistent attendance leads to better understanding of concepts, improved grades, and overall academic success. The Attendance Works Organization provides comprehensive resources for parents to understand the impact of attendance on their child's academic performance.

2. Social and Emotional Development

Attending school regularly helps children develop social and emotional skills that are essential for their future success. Regular exposure to peers and structured learning environments fosters important social interactions, teamwork, and conflict resolution skills. The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) offers resources for parents to support their child's social and emotional development through positive school attendance.

3. Establishing Routines and Responsibility

Regular school attendance helps children establish routines and develop a sense of responsibility. By attending school every day, students learn the importance of punctuality and the value of commitments. The Parent Toolkit provides helpful tips on establishing morning routines and fostering responsibility in children, which can improve attendance rates.

4. Building Healthy Habits

Consistent school attendance promotes the development of healthy habits in children. By attending school regularly, students learn the importance of healthy sleep patterns, balanced nutrition, and regular exercise. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offer resources for parents to promote healthy habits in their children, leading to improved attendance and overall well-being.

5. Maximizing Opportunities

Regular school attendance maximizes the opportunities available to children. Classroom learning is the foundation for future success and provides students with a broad range of possibilities. By attending school regularly and engaging in learning activities, children can explore their interests, discover their passions, and unlock their full potential. The National Association of Elementary School Principals provides resources for parents to understand the long-term benefits of regular school attendance.

If you are struggling with issues related to attendance, you can access various resources to support you in your effort to improve your child's attendance. These resources can include counseling services, regular communication with school staff, and engaging with community organizations such as the Family Engagement Resource Provider. By addressing attendance challenges early on and seeking necessary support, parents can ensure their child's educational journey is successful and rewarding.

PRINCIPAL'S PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH!

Catch Your Child Being Good!

Behavior researchers have discovered that children thrive if they receive at least four positives to one negative. Be sure you praise your child for his/her expected/good behaviors and explain to them why their unexpected behaviors are not acceptable when they are calm and can reason with you.

Employee Spotlight!

Alma Turner!



Mrs. Turner has been our Behavioral Health Aide (BHA) for a very long time. She also interprets for our Hispanic community. Mrs. Turner specializes in helping students in crisis and assisting Mr. Kaluhikaua, our social worker, to obtain resources for students and their families. Mrs. Turner has a caseload of students she works with every day. She supports them by supervising them when they need breaks, responding to students in crisis, de-escalating upset students, incentivizing students to do their best and a bunch of other things too long to list here.

I truly appreciate everything Mrs. Turner does for our school and our students and families. She is a great help to me and Mr. Kaluhikaua. She is always willing to translate for the secretaries in the main office when someone calls or comes in. She has great customer service skills and is friendly and kind to all.

FOLLOWING THE LEGISLATURE

You can follow the education bills the legislature is presenting and considering by clicking on the link below:
[Legislature Link](#)

Don't feel bad that your kid doesn't like you today because you said no. Your job isn't to be liked. Your job is to raise a decent, kind, responsible human.

Change in Mobile Food Pantry Date

The mobile food pantry is not on February 1st. It has been moved to Monday, February 5th. Please come and pick up food at 3:20 p.m. in the cafeteria. Parents of K-2nd graders are highly encouraged to come and help their child take food home as it is often too heavy for them to carry all the way.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & IMPORTANT DATES

- 2/5 - Mobile Food Pantry @ 3:20 in the cafeteria
- 2/7 & 8 - SEPs (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- 2/8 - Early out day
- 2/9 - No school
- 2/12 - Museum on the move classroom fieldtrip for 4th grade
- 2/14 - Valentine's Day (Check with your child's teacher about the class party)
- 2/15 - Early out day
- 2/16 - No school
- 2/19 - No school (President's Day)
- 2/22 - School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 2/26 - DJ Rob assembly on being nice
- 2/28 - Chicka Chicka Boom Kindergarten celebration for knowing all letters & sounds!
- 2/28 - Fire drill (1:30 - 1:45 p.m.)
- 2/29 - Community Council @ 3:45 p.m. in the library

COMING UP NEXT MONTH!

- 3/1 - Kindergarten Registration from 2:15 - 4:00 p.m.
- 3/4 - School Social Worker Appreciation Week
- 3/6 - Art & Culture Night!
- 3/7 - PTA Monthly Meeting
- 3/7 - Mobile Food Pantry
- 3/11 - Spring Pictures
- 3/14 - End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/15 - No School
- 3/18 - St. Patrick's Day (Observed)
- 3/27 - Fire Drill @ 1:30 - 1:45 p.m.