



FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT CHARLES CURNYN

It is that time of year to start think about weather and in case of sever weather; it may be necessary to cancel school, call for a late start, or have an early out. In the event this happens, this information will be broadcast over radio stations KRVN (880) in Lexington and KICK (96.1) in McCook. We will also announce it over the television stations NTV (channel 13) and put it on Channel 10 (local cable channel). We will also send a message over the "School Beacon" and put it on the school hot line 962-7799.

Over the last few weeks, there has been much discussion on how we get information out to the patrons of our district. We have two published calendars one is done by the Music Boosters, the other is a Sports calendar and we do a monthly newsletter along with newspaper articles. You can also find current weekly information on the local cable channel 10 and we update our school hotline (962-7799). If needed, we will also send out a message on the "School Beacon." Lastly, you can access our web page (arapahoewarriors.org) and sync with the Google calendar for events and activities.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their continued support and you ever have a question on what we or your students are doing at school, please feel free to call.

PRINCIPAL NEWS BY BOB BRAITHWAIT

We moved through the first quarter pretty quickly and the Holiday Season is upon us. November is usually the transition month between fall concerts and Christmas concerts, fall athletics and winter athletic, and fall activities and winter activities. That doesn't mean that November is any less busy, but we do get to take a little breath before the winter season is upon us. Below is some dates and activities that you should know about.

2nd: VB Subdistricts at Southern Valley (This was originally scheduled for Holdrege, but has been switched) Time will be determined after the teams are seeded the last week of October.

3rd: VB Subdistricts at Southern Valley TBD. FFA fruit sales begin

4th: Late Start at 10:00 for an Inservice. FB Playoffs 2nd round TBD

6th: Musical Matinee "Beauty and The Beast" at 9:00 am. VB District Final TBD

7th: Musical "Beauty and the Beast: Dinner at 6:00, Musical at 7:00.

8th: Musical Encore Matinee "Beauty and The Beast" 3:00

9th: Financial Aid Meeting in the Library (Distance Learning Room) at 6:30 for seniors and their parents. Questions call Mrs Breinig.

11th: VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM AT 10:00

13th: FFA Bull Fry and Auction from 5:30-8:00 in the small gym.

16th: Winter Athletics Practices begin

18th: RPAC Play Production at Southern Valley TBD.

25th: Early Out 2:40 For Thanksgiving Break

26th: HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL!!!!!!!

27th: No School

30th: GBB and BBB scrimmages at Eustis-Farnam. GBB at 6:00 boys at 7:30

Thank you for your continued support of the Arapahoe Public Schools.

COUNSELOR'S COMMENTS BY PAM BREINIG

With admissions standards at many colleges and universities becoming more stringent, the college entrance exam is carrying a greater weight as well. To help our students better prepare for such exams like the ACT, Arapahoe High School students now have one more tool: the John Baylor ACT Prep Program.

This program was purchased in conjunction with Educational Service Unit #11. Basically, the service unit purchased the program and then was able of offer it to interested member schools at a special rate. Superintendent Curnyn took advantage of this offer to benefit our students.

John Baylor presents weekly shows which I have made accessible on our school's website in the "Counselor's Corner" section. Students who were registered for the October test were given a test review of basic information/tips to help them on the actual test. Even though the October test date is now past, students (especially juniors and seniors) have the option to sign up for more test study and practice before future tests. To do so, an interested student needs to provide me with an active personal email by Wednesday, November 11, 2015. This email will be part of their login for the JB Prep.

Of course any preparation is only of value if it is actually utilized. Encourage your high school student to see me soon to take advantage of this opportunity.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS BY KAREN CUSTER

We have been talking a lot about the importance of cooperation at home, school and in our community. We know laws help people get along in a community the same way rules help children get along at school. We have discussed ways to solve problems while considering different opinions. We have talked a lot about what we can do for others and ways to be a good friend. There is one thing we all agree on, everyone needs friends!!!

NEWS FROM THE FIRST GRADE BY ELIZABETH KLEIN

We have been very busy in first grade lately. We recently began using computers to help us become fluent readers. Students LOVE the computers and are excited to be learning new concepts. We also visited the Good Samaritan Center and played pin the mouth on the pumpkin! What fun we had! One student even pinned a mouth on Mrs. Klein! Students had a great time learning about fire safety when the firemen came for a visit, too. The best part was riding in the fire trucks! October was full of fun learning experiences!

SECOND GRADE NEWS BY SHARI MUES

The second graders have been busy writing paragraphs about their pumpkin boy or girl. They will be writing about, "What they are thankful for." Feel free to check out the second graders' paragraphs, which will be located in their lockers.

In math the students have been telling time, counting money, learning addition facts, and reading bar graphs. The students have been learning that bar graphs help students quickly compare information. They have been comparing the time students get up during the school week.

We want to thank Juliana and her mom for supplying our fish tank with ramshorn snails. These algae eaters grow to be about a half of inch. They enjoy cleaning algae off the glass and leftover food in the bottom of the aquarium. One egg can produce 20 to 30 snails so with that said our tank is starting to get lots of snails. The second graders are enjoying watching the snails grow from a pink dot to a grown ramshorn snail.

THIRD GRADE NEWS WITH MRS. SCHUTZ

The third graders just completed recording their podcast for the Veteran's Day Program. This year the third graders worked with high school senior, Olivia tenBensel, to create a Veteran's Day podcast. Students had the opportunity to thank a veteran that they know. After writing a short thank you to them, they recorded their messages for the podcast. We look forward to attending the Veteran's Day Program

on Wednesday, November 11th. We hope that you will join us in thanking our Veterans.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS JULIE STAGEMEYER

Arapahoe fourth graders are a little more geographically literate. We have been studying the seven continents and major oceans and continue to develop skills in understanding the places, regions, environments and cultures of our world. The twenty-five fourth grade students have also mastered the location, capital and postal abbreviation of our 50 United States. We are now getting to know Nebraska and will dig into understanding the history of our great state. Do you know the symbols of Nebraska? Did you know milk is our state beverage? You can go to Secretary of State John Gale's website: http://www.sos.ne.gov/ne_symbols.html to find out all of Nebraska's state symbols.

6TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES BY CHRIS SNYDER

In 6th grade Social Studies, we are learning about the inventions of the late 1800s and how they impacted our nation. Along with the history of the United States, we also keep track of the current events going on in our country and world by watching CNN Student News and reading Scholastic News.

CNN Student News is a ten-minute daily broadcast of news stories and features. It is designed for middle and high school students. The daily curriculum includes key concepts, fast fact questions, and discussion questions. These are designed to promote listening and critical thinking.

Scholastic News is a weekly news magazine that deals with current event stories in a variety of reading levels. Along with news articles, the issues are filled with maps, graphs, and charts all to help build reading comprehension and critical thinking skills.

CNN Student News and Scholastic News are excellent ways for 6th graders to explore, discuss, and understand the current news, improve their geography and reading skills, and learn about the world around them.

TITLE 1 NEWS BY SUE HELMS

October is National Dyslexia Awareness Month passed by two U.S. Senators. Even our Nebraska Governor, Pete Ricketts, proclaimed October 2015 as Dyslexia Awareness Month in Nebraska. Over the last ten years I've been interested in learning about Dyslexia. I am a member of the Nebraska Dyslexia Association and have attended countless workshops, conferences, meetings, trainings, and classes, including a National Dyslexia Conference in Denver several years ago. You can learn more about Dyslexia by watching an excellent, very informative video at www.embracingdyslexia.com.

HIGH SCHOOL FCS CLASSROOM BY MRS. SPAULDING

The Family Consumer Science classroom has had a great start to the 2015-2016 school year! Various classes have been learning about the 7 elements of Wellness, emotional health, parenting concepts, development theorists, MyPlate, goals, and physical activity.

One of the current happenings in the classroom is the creation of Instant Recess videos. The sophomore Comprehensive Health class has been studying physical activity and the benefits it provides over a lifetime. Along with this topic, students have been researching childhood obesity rates over the last several years and discussing ways these rates could be improved upon. This unit has been an awesome way to get the students out of their seats and moving! Research has shown that students are more able to engage and focus with movement inside the classroom.

The Family Health class, comprised of all seniors, is currently researching and planning a wedding. The students have been paired as husband and wife and have been planning the wedding 'of their dreams.' Students are required to plan and budget various parts of a wedding, such as, planning the proposal, researching diamonds, researching attire, and creating invitations. The students have really enjoyed this project and have put a lot of effort into creating some very beautiful weddings.

The students and myself are looking forward to a year full of exciting and educational learning!

HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS NEWS BY LYNN CROSLEY

The Introduction to Business class has just completed a checking account packet, which the First Central Bank provides free of charge to the school each year. This packet is a very useful educational tool. It teaches the students how to write checks, use debit cards, helps explain the services charges that a bank issues customers and also how to reconcile checkbooks. The Accounting Classes just finished an introductory packet, in which they were able to incorporate all the information that has been learned during the first quarter of the school year. Accounting II and Record keeping are two classes that have not been offered for a few years. The students are also progressing very well in both of these classes.

9TH GRADE WORLD HISTORY BY MARCIA FOLEY

The freshmen are off to a great start in World History. The class began by studying early man during the Paleolithic and Neolithic Eras. This included the development of systematic agriculture and the six elements of civilization.

After that study, the class has spent their time learning about the continent, peoples and history of Africa.

This study began with the early civilizations of Africa including Axum, Kush and Mali along with the migration of the Bantu people. Then we advanced to the time of the Atlantic slave

trade and its impact on the African civilizations. Next came the era of the colonization of Africa by European nations in the late 1800's and finally the independence of the African nations after World War II. Next the class will study about several different eras in Asia.

ESPAÑOL EN LOS GRADOS DE 7 Y DE 8 POR MARCIA FOLEY

JH SPANISH

The junior high Spanish class is a 6-week course. This year the students are reviewing colors and numbers, along with using a story about Central America to learn how to express nationality and what people like to do. In addition, the students learn about the geography and culture of Central America. At the end of the course each class will have a Spanish fiesta complete with a piñata.

ESPAÑOL UNO POR MARCIA FOLEY

SPANISH I

The Spanish I class has been very productive these first weeks of school. Through TPRS storytelling the students have reviewed skills learned during junior high Spanish. Using the TPRS stories that are told collectively by the class, the students are learning to express their ideas in complete sentences and are becoming very skilled at asking and answering questions. Soon it will be time for the next story about four crazy friends and their adventure.

JR. and SR. HIGH RESOURCE-HEIDI THOMAS, JEANNE PAULSEN

Greetings from the Resource Room...Students are into the swing of school. High School students will be participating in transition workshops sponsored by ESU#11 throughout the school year. These transition activities are structured around helping students discover their learning styles and interests that will lead to careers after high school.

Students are also learning on-the-job skills while still in school. We would like to thank Arapahoe Senior Center, Mission Mall and Good Samaritan Society for providing job shadow opportunities for students.

FROM THE PODIUM BY VALERIE LEISING

Marching season has now ended and I am so proud of how our bands performed!

The high school band received a superior rating from the Heritage Days Parade in McCook. At Harvest of Harmony, they were ranked #11 out of 45 Class D schools! We can only continue to improve and the students are already talking about how to do better next year.

The jr. high band had an impressive showing at the Beaver City Parade. I am always so excited to take our jr. high students to this parade. It is so much fun to watch them march through a parade for their first time.

I would like to thank everyone who drove the bus, provided water, walked the parade route with us, rode the bus with the band, instrument van drivers, and everyone who took pictures along the parades. These parades could not be done without your help. The band and I really do appreciate the support and help we get from parents and community members! Thank you!!

The elementary bands have also performed in their first concert of the year. It is so exciting to see the 5th grade band prepare for their first concert and to feel the anticipation in the air.

POWERSCHOOL BY CONNIE HOEFS

Parents are reminded that student grades and daily/weekly announcements are available for viewing in PowerSchool. All parents should have received logins and passwords for every child in the family at the beginning of school. If you need assistance in accessing PowerSchool, please contact the school, 962-5458. The link for families to access PowerSchool is arapahoe.powerschool.com/public. Community members can also view the daily bulletin by linking to <https://arapahoe.powerschool.com/bulletin/1>. Accessing PowerSchool is a good form of communication between parents, students, and teachers.

ONE ACT NOTES FROM THE DESK OF MRS. PRUITT

One Acts is a new adventure for me. I have been involved in One Acts and play production since I was knee high to a grasshopper. I have judged districts, have a degree to teach it, and even have had a half ride scholarship for drama in college. This, however, is my first year to coach it. We are currently putting together the drama Alice in Wonderland: A Fairy Tale Parody by Kirk Buis which we will perform on November 13th in Kearney, November 14th

in Gothenburg, November 18th in Southern Valley for Conference, and December 1st in Holdredge for Districts. We are still in the process of trying to set up a date for both the elementary and public to come see us perform at the school.

Our cast features: Allyson Nelson as Alice, Levi Watson as the Hatter, Abe Whitson as both the Cat and the Hare, Jackson Koller as the White Rabbit, Mariah Watson as the Dormouse, Desteny Miller as the Queen, Alex Roush as the Five of Hearts, Gavin Nelson as both a Card Guard and the Caterpillar, Bethany Hoard as Dee, and Alivia Wasenius as Dum. If anyone has costumes or props that may work with this play and wouldn't mind either lending or donating them to our department we would be most obliged.

To follow the team, we have a One Act Facebook page. We also have a new texting system similar to the school beacon. To receive messages about One Acts enter the number 81010 and text the message @7d41d. This will add you to the message list. We hope to see you at our performances cheering us on. Break a leg!

COVER TO COVER BY VALERIE LEISING

The library has just received a new shipment of books! There are new books available for every age.

The library is also teaming up with Mrs. Helms and the ESU 11 book challenge. Between the school library and the public library, students can now find every book on the list. For more information on the challenge, contact Mrs. Helms.

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