



From the Desk of Dr. G

We are approaching the end of another school year and silence will fill the school except for the work of the construction crews. What you need to know is the elementary, library, tin gym, main gym and the rest of the current elementary school will not be accessible after May 25. If you need to come by the school for any reason, you will need to come to the high school. I am hoping the new elementary will be ready for use by mid-June then you will be able to enter through the new south entrance.

After this school is out, the focus will be the remodeling of the current elementary wing and its conversion to the new high school classrooms. The push is to have it ready for occupation at the start of the next school year. This will depend mainly on any unforeseen issues that may be found, hopefully there will not be any. The final stage will be completing the remodel of the tin gym, new ag classroom, demolition of the current high school and finish work on the exterior concrete and landscaping. I look forward to the successful completion of this project and plan to have an open house for the new facilities before the start of the coming school year. It is good to look ahead and what is being done but we need to remember one big event that will happen before we get to summer and that is graduation on May 6 at 2:00 pm.

Our seniors will graduate prior to my next newsletter so I would like to take this time to offer congratulations to each of these fine young adults. My wish for each of you is that you are able to fulfill the dreams you have for the future. Remember, you can be what you chose to be and the "end" is just a "beginning" in disguise. Remember to laugh and not to take yourself too seriously and most importantly is to remember you are the only in control of who you are and how you deal with situations. Change what you can, accept what you cannot change, and be true to who you are. My thanks to each of you for the opportunity to serve you these past two years.

I wish the rest of the students a safe and happy summer and I look forward to next school year.

Always feel free to contact me anytime at the school by email george.griffith@arapahoewarriors.org, the school phone (308) 962-5458, or on my cell (308) 655-1912.

Stay Warrior Strong!

Dr. G



May News by Principal Bob Braithwait

Seems like yesterday I was writing my August Newsletter and here we are in May. As I write this the weather does not feel springlike at all, so hopefully when you read this spring is in the air.

This year has been incredibly busy but it's been a really excellent year. Our students continue to excel academically, in activities, and athletically. I couldn't be more proud of all the accomplishments of our students. What's really nice is when I hear from managers of eating establishments about how polite and well-behaved our students are when they are stopping to eat. I hear often from people when our students go on field trips about their excellent behavior. It's nice to know that we can take our students anywhere and never have to worry about behavior issues. That's a credit to you as parents, to our coaches/sponsors, and to the kids.

I want to thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and administration.

Although May is a short month we certainly have a lot going on. Below is some key dates to keep an eye on for this month.

May 2nd: FCCLA Installation Breakfast at 6:30 am in the band room.

4th: Senior's last day. Senior's will practice graduation right after the senior breakfast and then take their government test. After they are finished with their test they are free to go unless they owe money or tardy time.

PRESCHOOL ROUNDUP at 9:00 am in the preschool room.

6th: GRADUATION at 2:00

7th: Honor's Night in the gym at 7:00 pm.

9th: District Track at Kenesaw

11th: Athletic Banquet at 6:30

14th: District Golf at Franklin. Driver's Education PARENT'S Meeting at 5:30 in Mr. Kronhofman's room.

17th: Last Day of Preschool. Morning program 10:00. Afternoon program 2:00.

18th-19th: State Track in Omaha

22nd: Last Day Of School 12:00 Dismissal. Elementary Honor's Morning 9:00 am

29th-June 1st: Driver's Education Classes

COUNSELOR'S COMMENTS BY PAM BREINIG

Scholarship results have been coming my way and will be announced at graduation on May 6, 2018. It is extremely important that scholarship recipients follow the directions on their individual scholarship contact sheets in order to access their scholarship dollars.

Registering for the 2018-19 school year has begun and will conclude by the end of this school year. I have visited with students in grades 6-11 about their options regarding the schedule. Junior high students do not have as many choices to make as do high school students, but all students should take the most challenging courses to get the most from their educational experience at AHS and prepare themselves for life after high school. Parent/guardian signatures will be required on all student registrations.

Students who were top placers at McCook Community College's Inter-High Day should consider the three hours of free tuition at MCC. Even taking an elective course to save money on one's future education is helpful, so check out the on-line catalog at mpcc.edu to see if there is something that interests you.

Final report cards will be mailed home after school, and as usual I may include some testing results, last minute information and/or opportunities for students to consider over the summer.

Preschool by Mrs. Monie

The year has been a busy and productive year. The end is quickly approaching! Our Preschool Round up is scheduled for May 4th at 9:00 AM in the preschool room. This is a meeting just for parents in order that they can learn more information about preschool and get their child registered. Our programs will be held on May 17th, which is also our last day. The morning program is at 10:00 in the big gym while the afternoon graduation is held at 2:00 -also in the big gym. Please note that next year our preschool room will not be relocating to the new part of the elementary wing. We will stay where we are with construction crews adding a sink, dishwasher and additional cabinets to our space. Have a safe and fun summer!

TITLE 1 NEWS BY SUE HELMS

Practice, practice, practice! I feel like a broken record. I can't say it enough. Every year our teachers work hard to help their students improve and students themselves work hard to improve. All school year long they work their tails off.

Then summer hits and most of the students take a well-deserved vacation from everything connected to academics. School starts again in the fall and reading test scores have plummeted. Why? "Use it or lose it!" Parents,

please, please, please don't allow your child to "lose it" over the summer. Lay out the ground rules. Make sure your child schedules in time for reading and practicing math facts daily. Even 15 minutes a day will help. First thing in the morning is a great time. If they put it off until later, it will never happen. Make sure your child doesn't "lose it" this summer. They will be at the top of their class when school starts again next fall. Practice, practice, practice!

Math by Mr. Strand

7th and 8th Grade

We have finished up State testing! As we make our final push to the end of the year, we are going to be working with some geometry concepts including surface area and volume of solids. We will also take a deeper look at solving equations.

High School Algebra

We have begun working on solving systems of equations. We will continue to work on applying the strategies we have learned to solve different types of word problems. The next chapter we move into will involve Inequalities and other non-linear functions and solving systems of inequalities.

From the Desk of Mrs. Pruitt

It is springtime, and the natives are restless. Seniors only have a few weeks left. They are working on their blogs to solve real world issues. Soon, they will be doing their presentations. Seniors will also be attending their senior sneak day on Monday, April 30th. We will be going to Omaha to the Henry Doorly Zoo. The school will send sack lunches for the students. If they want something different, they may bring money to purchase food at the zoo. The plan is to attend an IMAX movie if the construction is complete by that time. Afterwards, we will go to the mall so the students may purchase dinner at the food court. The plan is to leave at 6:00A.M. and return home somewhere between 8:30 and 9:00 P.M. Sophomores just finished up their unit on the Holocaust and will be focusing on poetry and Shakespeare for the rest of the quarter. Freshmen are finishing up their Research papers and will be reading "The Hobbit." Seventh grade has state testing coming up soon and so we will be focusing on that for a while. Then we will finish the year with "The Outsiders."

Is there anyone interested in a summer math program?

Summer is the time to be outside camping, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors, but it is also a time of great loss in mathematics skills. Our community has a great summer reading program through the library. But we really have nothing to help students of all ages keep their mathematic progress moving forward. That is until now!! If you as a parent would like your student to keep their math skills sharp this summer or if you and your student have a goal to get a high ACT score,

I have found two FREE resources. Math is like learning a musical instrument. To be good at it one must practice a little bit every day. Set aside 15 minutes per day for your child to practice their math skills. It will make a world of difference to their future. Here are two FREE sites that I recommend:

The first site I recommend is Khan Academy. Students can literally pick the area of math or the topic of choice and it will proscribe the math they need to work on. This site is also good for computer programming and nearly every other topic on the planet including finance.

The second site I recommend is The Art of Problem Solving. In this site there is a free resource called ALCUMUS. To find this site use a google or yahoo search and enter "The Art of Problem Solving Alcumus" and it will come up. This site is great for the beginning math student to the advanced math student. It literally has something for everyone.

My biggest belief is that math is a topic that anyone can learn, but the only way to become great at it is to practice. The Internet has that practice. Anyone can become a virtuoso in math with an Internet connection. It is literally the first time in human history that humans have had this much access to math education.

Dan Schaben-Math

High School Family Consumer Science

The Family Consumer Science classroom has been buzzing with activities and projects - egg babies, apron sewing, pies and homemade noodles, buying cars and so much more!

FCS students have been busy throughout 2018 developing their life skills in so many ways. Over the last several weeks students have had many opportunities to develop parenting, sewing, cooking, baking, problem solving, creativity, entrepreneurial, and 'real life' skills. Specifically, various classes recently finished sewing units. Students were given the opportunity to sew pillowcases, aprons, and hand stitch stuffed animals. Parenting students created 'egg babies' that they cared for over the course of a week's time. These students were asked to treat their eggs like real babies and care

for them like real babies. Students in Fundamentals of Food and Nutrition have had the opportunity to learn to cook and bake from scratch. Students also were able to taste test their scratch recipes and then compare them to box recipes. Life and Career Readiness students recently finished learning how to purchase a vehicle. Soon these students will be out on their own making big life decisions similar to buying a vehicle.

Overall, FCS students have been making their way through 2018 developing skills that will enhance their lives in the future. It is safe to say that the students have been learning and testing educational capacities every day! We look forward to a great end to the school year!

Publications ~ Yearbook Orders

Orders for the 2017-2018 Yearbook began in April. The cost of the yearbook and notebook cover is \$25.00 If a student already has purchased the multi-year notebook, the current year insert is \$20.00. Contact Mrs. Pruitt or Mrs. Connie Hoefs to place an order by May 10. The yearbooks will be available in June.

Art News

High school art students joined area schools in the annual McCook College Paint-in Friday, April 6th. The Paint-in is a form of a "chopped" challenge. The college provides 4ft by 8ft paper and basic tempera paint. Schools must bring their art supplies from home. Students are given the art "theme" and have only 2 and one-half hours to create a design that captures the essence of the theme and clean up their work area. This year's theme was "In My Perfect World." Students from Arapahoe were divided into two teams. The posters are on display in the high school second level.

2018 RPAC Art winners are- Gold Bethany Hoard, Silver, Tyler Kapperman, Bronze Lauren Baha, and Medal winner- Hannah Jenkins.

6th-grade students are creating paper mache bowls and are in the final stages of painting. They learned that paper mache originated in China and paper mache could even be used to make furniture.

5th graders are finishing up their chalk and oil pastel tigers in the style of the artist Dean Russo. 4th grade is starting a new project involving drawing trucks and making a collage. 3rd grade through kindergarten are working on castles pictures.

Jeanne Paulsen

From the Podium

We have wrapped up our contest season and are now looking forward to graduation music. I am not only proud of how our groups performed this spring, but also of how they represented our school, community, and their families. All of our students were classy and professional. Every band, grades 5-12, received a Superior rating at their respective contests, which is something to be very proud of! Congratulations Warrior Bands! You truly are special students.

AD Report-John Paulsen

The APS spring sports and activities are up and going and winding down at the same time. We have hosted our JH and varsity track meets and our golf meet. Next week both RPAC events will be held and then it won't be long before District Track and Golf and State. District music has been completed, Cheerleaders have been selected and Flag Team is getting ready to select members. All things to wind down the year and get ready for next. I would like to thank all community and staff that have not only helped with the spring events, but have helped throughout the year. It is a strong community support and participation that makes Arapahoe a great place to host events. Our guests, our students and I greatly appreciate your involvement.

AMY HUXOLL-JH Track

The Arapahoe Junior High Track season is off to a great start. The boys and girls are continuing to improve their scores and medal.

Our boys placed third out of 9 teams at our home meet last week. In the 100 Meter Dash Wyatt Jenkins

took third place and Colton Carlson took sixth. In the 200 Meter Dash Tyler Miller took sixth place. In the 400 Meter Dash Austin Warburton took third place and he got sixth place in the 800 Meter Run. In the 100 Meter Hurdles Tristian White took third place and he took third in the 200 Meter Hurdles. Wyatt Jenkins placed second place in the 200 Meter Hurdles. Our 4x100 Relay placed second and our 4x400 Meter Relay took fourth. In the field events:

Colton Carlson got third and Tristian White got sixth in the High Jump. Tyler Miller took third in the Long Jump and third again in the Triple Jump. Colton Carlson took fifth place in the Triple jump. Wyatt Jenkins placed second and Cameron Meyers placed fifth in the Shot Put. Dylan Bahe placed sixth in the Discus Throw.

Our girls placed fourth out of nine teams at our home meet last week. Emerson Swanson placed fourth, Emilee Hankee placed fifth, and Hannah Whitson placed sixth in the 100 Meter Dash. In the 200 Meter Dash Emerson Swanson placed third. Emerson Swanson placed third in the 400 Meter Dash. Emilee Hanke placed third and Hannah Whitson placed fifth in the 1600 Meter Run. In the 200 Meter Hurdles Emilee Hanke placed third. The 4x400 Meter Relay team placed fifth. In the field events Emilee Hanke placed second in the High Jump. Leslie Hillman placed fourth in Pole Vault. Jesse Stewart placed fifth in the Shot Put. In the Discus Throw Gentry Warner placed third.

Our teams compete in Bertrand again on April 24th. Thank you to all of you who are coming out to support us!

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