

**ARLINGTON
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

***MIDDLE
SCHOOL
HONORS DAY—
Monday, May 21,
8:15 a.m.**

***THURSDAY,
MAY 24 will be
the last day of
school for this
school year. 1:30
p.m. dismissals on
Wednesday, May
23, and Thursday,
May 24.**

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News from the Superintendent

The needs of our students today are significantly different than they were ten years ago and much different than when my generation experienced adolescence. The reality for this generation of students is reflected in the statistics:

- Three million teens ages 12 to 17 had at least one major depressive episode in the past year. (2015 Department of Health and Human Services)
- More than two million teens reported experiencing depression that impairs their daily function. (National Institute of Mental Health)
- Suicide is the **second** leading cause of death for ages 10-24. (2016 CDC WISQARS)
- More teenagers and young adults die from suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and chronic lung disease combined.
- An estimated 31.9% of adolescents have an anxiety disorder. (National Comorbidity Survey Adolescent Supplement NCS.A)

A primary focus for our district is on how we can meet the increasing needs of our students in the area of mental and emotional health. The board of education is discussing how to best spend our resources to promote the well-being and safety of our children. Part of that discussion includes the consideration of increasing the time that a school resource officer is on site and the inclusion of mental health services. The recent tragedy involving an active shooter at a high school in Parkland, Florida, weighs heavy on all of our hearts. For many school districts, it has also been a catalyst for further analysis of our reality. Our students and staff are taking proactive steps to heighten the awareness and understanding of how our interactions with others and acts of kindness and consideration can serve to reduce the feeling of isolation and destructive ideology in individuals. We all have a role in keeping our children safe. What can we do as parents and community members to protect our children? It starts with acknowledging that these are real issues, and there are actions and practices that we can implement that will help our children. Moving forward, we intend to create a list of resources that will be useful, for all audiences, in identifying and addressing these issues.

ARLINGTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION BANQUET

The Arlington Alumni Banquet will be held at the city auditorium on Saturday, June 23, 2018. If you receive a postcard at your mailing address that is addressed to your child who no longer lives with you, please call the school with a current address or you may send it to: Arlington Education Foundation, %Arlington Public Schools, PO Box 580, Arlington, NE 68002.

6TH GRADE GRADUATION

Sixth grade graduation will take place on Wednesday, May 23, at 9 a.m. in



TRACK & FIELD DAY



The elementary track and field day will be held on Friday, May 11, starting at 8:30 a.m.

ELEMENTARY CARNIVAL

The elementary carni-



STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Arlington students attended the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Omaha on April 5-7. Students listened to keynote speakers, attended seminar sessions, and participated in a variety of competitive events. Students also toured the Nebraska Crossing Outlet in Gretna to learn more about how they use Social Media to market their retail outlet. Students campaigned for Arlington FBLA members Alek Timm, who was elected State President and Kirk Rangel, who was elected State Treasurer. At the conclusion of the weekend, 38 students were honored for their performance at the conference with 12 students qualifying for the national conference in Baltimore, MD, this summer.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Seniors Last Day	Wednesday, May 16, 1 p.m.
Graduation	Sunday, May 20, 1 p.m.
Middle School Honors	Monday, May 21, 8:15 a.m.
Finals	Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 24, 1:30 p.m. Dismissals both days
Last Day for Students	Thursday, May 24, 1:30 p.m. Dismissal

CHILD FIND

Nebraska Child Find provides parents, school personnel, and service providers information on child development and special education for children, birth (or date of diagnosis) to age 21. If you have concerns regarding your child's development, contact your local school district or call 402-478-4173. For more information, visit the websites below or call Nebraska Child Find 1-888-806-6287.

www.childfind.ne.gov

Early Development Network Web Page: <http://edn.esu3.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Early-Development-Network/118695294899599>

'FREE' SPORTS SCREENING - ATHLETES ENTERING 9TH-12TH GRADE

Where: Fremont Health Medical Center, Rehabilitation Department (1st Floor)

When: Wednesday, June 6, 2018; Check-In 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Forms available in the high school office or at

FremontHealth.com/sports_physicals

For more information call 402-727-3657.

PARAEDUCATORS NEEDED FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The district is hiring paraeducators for the 2018-19 school year. These staff members are working directly with students delivering services in the regular education classroom. The work year parallels the school calendar which is beneficial for many persons seeking a part-time and rewarding opportunity. Typically, these persons work about seven hours a day. The starting pay rate is \$11.50 but is adjusted with 'like experience.' Application information can be found on the district website www.apseagles.org under the District-Human Resources link for non-certified staff. Interested persons may also call the district office to obtain additional information or an application form at (402) 478-4173. The district will accept applications until all positions are filled.

TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT ON...Technology Access Increases at Arlington Public Schools

When students returned for the second semester this school year, they found a laptop cart in every academic classroom. Six new carts were added to middle and high school rooms so that every classroom that needs laptops has them. With prices dropping on laptops recently, APS was able to replace 100 laptops that needed to be returned at the end of their three year lease with 265 laptops and still have a savings of over \$2500/year in lease costs. In addition, the district has the option at the end of the new three year lease to purchase and keep all 265 units for \$1.

The addition of these carts brings the total number of devices in the school to over 1,100. The 625 students currently enrolled at APS have a total of 965 devices available for their use. This includes laptop carts in every classroom for grades 1-6, five desktop labs, three iPad carts, and 16 laptop carts for middle and upper school. We call our technology model "1:1 availability", where all students have access to a device when needed. Cart and lab-based availability eliminates the need for students to constantly carry their laptops from room to room and worry about it not being charged. It also eliminates the substantial amount of damage that occurs with a 24/7 1:1 program where students take their devices home each night. In addition to new laptops, wireless access points are being placed in classrooms in addition to existing locations in hallways to meet the additional demand in wireless coverage for the new carts.

FREMONT AREA BIG GIVE

MAY 8TH



The Arlington Education Foundation is a participant in the Fremont Area Big Give event. The Fremont Area Big Give is a one-day online fundraising event organized by the Fremont Area Community Foundation and held on May 8, 2018 to raise support for non-profits in the Fremont and Greater Dodge County Area. It is a community-wide event to show off the area's spirit of giving, raise awareness about local non-profits, and celebrate the collective effort it takes to make our communities great. There are three local non-profit organizations participating to include the Arlington Education Foundation, Arlington Community Fund, and Roots to Wings.

VISIT – fremontareabiggive.org and browse the non-profit profiles.

DETERMINE – which non-profit(s) you would like to support.

COMPLETE – your information and submit using your credit card. The two school offices will have computers and be able to assist you with your giving efforts.

SPREAD THE WORD – Ask your friends and family to consider making a donation.

DON'T FORGET – The minimum donation is only \$10.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPS FOR END OF YEAR

The end of the 2017-18 school year is approaching, and we have been busy with end of the year preparations. In addition to the typical homework, testing, baseball games, track meets, and co-curricular state conventions that take place at this time every year, we have made a focused effort this semester to keep school safety at the forefront of our plans. We recognize the great responsibility we have been afforded to work with the students of Arlington, and we will continue to work with multiple agencies to maintain the highest standards when it comes to the safety of our students. Thank you to the community for your support!

On a lighter note, here are a few calendar items for you:

- Prom was held at the high school on Saturday, March 24, and the theme for the night was “Rustic Romance.” The grand march and dance were a hit and prom king, Landon Walkenhorst, and prom queen, Shelby Kaup, were crowned prom royalty.
- High School Honors Night was held on Thursday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. High school students were acknowledged for a variety of academic, social, behavioral, and philanthropic reasons. Appreciate was shown by many for our amazing staff and students as awards were handed out!
- The graduation ceremony for the Arlington High School Class of 2018 will be held in the new gym on Sunday, May 20 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and wish this year’s graduates good luck in their future endeavors.

ARLINGTON PHILANTHROPY

The freshmen class philanthropy project “Pennies for Patients” which raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, recently wrapped up at the high school. The goal of the project is to fund scholarships for individuals battling blood cancers. This year \$438.23 was raised to support the cause. Special acknowledgement goes out to our top two donators: Wesley Martens and Jace Suverkrubbe. Together, Wes and Jace brought in over \$150! Since 2014, AHS students have raised over \$2500!



JUST FOR FUN



On April 3, a flock of rubber ducks made their way into the halls of Arlington High School. As a fun outreach project, the Art Club put their artistic skills on display by painting the likeness of some famous paintings onto rubber ducks. The Art Club students then placed the ducks in the hallways and surprised their classmates when they all returned from an extended break. Students were encouraged to gather the ducks and pass them on to others as a way to brighten their day!

2018-2019 CALENDAR

The 2018-2019 calendar is posted on the district website: www.apseagles.org. The first day of the fall semester of school for students will be Tuesday, August 14.



EXPANDED SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The elementary school will again be expanding their summer school programming to include more students. The program will include reinforcement and enrichment for all interested students currently in grades K through 6. The program will also offer summer S.T.E.A.M (science, technology, engineering, art and math) and summer skills opportunities. There is a fee associated with this summer school program.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

The Nebraska Safety Council will be offering driver's education July 23-26, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The classes will be held at Arlington High School. The fee is \$350.00. Registration flyers are available in the high school office or more information is available at www.nesafetycouncil.org.

ARLINGTON ATHLETICS

In a recent interview on March 14, 2018, with Nebraska's head football coach Scott Frost, he talked about some of his philosophy on coaching and specifically coaching his football players. Frost said, "We're not going to yell and scream at kids. We're not going to cuss at kids. I don't think that's the right thing to do and I also don't want kids to be afraid to go make a great play. If someone misses a tackle or drops a ball, they don't need to be yelled at. They need to be taught the right way to do it so it doesn't happen again. And once you take away that fear of what might happen if you make a bad play, it really frees you up to go make great plays. I always want our team to play with a desire to excel and no fear of failure."

Coach Frost's philosophy on coaching matches what we believe in at Arlington Public Schools and what we believe in from youth sports all the way through high schools sports. We are all coaches and have the opportunity to impact lives in a positive manner. So the next time you step on a field, mat, or a course and have the opportunity to impact young people, I challenge you to take that moment because it is in those times that we help our daughters and sons grow into outstanding young women and young men that will become the future leaders of America.

-One School One Team- James Shada

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Nebraska Summer Food Service Program—summer meals for kids and teens (ages 1-18) may be available in your area at select locations. The meals help ensure children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is out for the summer. There are many open summer meal sites throughout the state of Nebraska. **Nebraska site information will not be available until the middle to the end of May.**

Call 2-1-1 or text FOOD to 877-877.

Visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks> or <http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/SFSP/index.html>

Get updates via Twitter at #NESummerMeals and the Nebraska Department of Education-Nutrition Services' Facebook page.