

**ARLINGTON
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

***MIDDLE
SCHOOL
HONORS DAY—
Monday, May 20,
8:15 a.m.**

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

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MAY 2019

News from the Superintendent

**"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."
— A. A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh***

As a recovering math teacher, I was able to estimate that my final newsletter for Arlington Public Schools is approximately my 152nd submission as a school administrator. I have no idea how many articles that I submitted as a math teacher, volleyball coach, and/or assistant athletic director but I do know that there were a number of those. That was all well before the day when digital files were a part of our normal life so my lack of data informed facts is more easily forgiven. This is another one of the many 'lasts' for me and has me a bit nostalgic. For thirty-one years Arlington Public Schools has been my home. If my husband can be relied on for accuracy, I have arguably spent more time at this home than at my actual 'home'. Over the course of these many years there have been times when I didn't want to get up in the morning, due to a myriad of events and causalities that we won't go into in a public forum, but there has never been a day when I didn't want to come to work. I have loved all of the roles that I've held and their associated responsibilities. All of these roles were both challenging and rewarding. Most importantly, I have had the opportunity to work with and learn from so many talented and gifted colleagues, staff, board members, students, parents, and patrons. My heart is full to overflowing with the memories and cherished friendships. These relationships have made an indelible impression on my life and have made me a better person. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve the students and patrons of this district. Thank you for trusting me with your most precious gifts. Thank you for helping me fulfill my destiny and realize my dreams. How lucky am I! I will be seeing you around as we plan to remain in the community as I will always and forever be an 'Arlington Eagle'. Blessings to all of you.

ARLINGTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION BANQUET

The Arlington Alumni Banquet will be held at the city auditorium on Saturday, June 22, 2019. 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 22, at 9 a.m. in



TRACK & FIELD DAY

The elementary track and field day will be held on Monday, May 20, starting at 9:00 a.m.



ELEMENTARY CARNIVAL

The elementary carni-



STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Forty-eight members of Arlington Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competed in Omaha at the State Leadership Conference from April 4-6. Prior to the conference, members conducted a business tour at Union Pacific Railroad Headquarters. Not only did members tour the facility, they heard from a panel of employees from a variety of different areas to learn more about careers with Union Pacific. Thirty-eight students earned recognition for their success in competitive events, community service, achievements in chapter projects, and business accomplishments. Twelve members, who placed in the top three of a competitive event, advanced to the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, TX on June 28-July 3. The chapter brought home four state championships, three runner-ups, and two third place winners and Alek Timm and Kirk Rangel finished their terms as Nebraska FBLA State Officers. Arlington was also recognized for completing the following statewide projects throughout the year: Feed Nebraska, iGive, March of Dimes, Go Green, StepUp2Tech, Prepare Nebraska, and Connect 2 Business. Chapter Adviser Shawna Koger was recognized for 25 years of service to the organization.

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>

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Check out Nebraska's Summer Food Service Program. The program which provides free summer meals to 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.

PARAEDUCATORS NEEDED FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

The district is hiring paraeducators for the 2019-20 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 \$12.00 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

We are awaiting word from Erate to get approval for government funding for some additional larger wireless access points for our gymnasiums. We will also be replacing our current switches throughout the building with new, higher speed units. We should know by the end of the school year if this funding is approved. We are adding a password to our current APS wireless network over spring break. Guests will now be able to access an APS_Guest wireless network when they are in the building.

As we move into the last quarter of the year, laptop carts and desktop labs are getting software updates and ready for the new school year next fall. We have nearly 1,200 devices in use here at school, and as you've seen from past newsletters, many of them are new machines this year or last. With all of this new equipment, we have made some staffing changes for next year. Mr. Parson will be moving from his technology integration support role two periods a day to developing and teaching two new STEM classes, concentrating on technology, math, and science. We are excited to have these additions to our curriculum. Mrs. Fairhead will be taking over the technology integration support role for a portion of each day. Mr. Sanders will be transitioning from full-time to a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule during the next school year. We look forward to a smooth transition with these changes.

FREMONT AREA BIG GIVE

MAY 7TH



The Arlington Education Foundation (AEF) is one of many nonprofits that will be participating in this online giving challenge led by the Fremont Area Community Foundation. This one day event scheduled for Tuesday, May 7 is designed to raise unrestricted dollars for the nonprofits in our area. It is a day to celebrate the power of philanthropy and support the good work of the area nonprofits. All money donated to the Arlington Education Foundation is returned to our kids. We would love to have your help in supporting our efforts. You can give online at: <https://www.fremontareabiggive.org>

If you are not handy with the computer, you can come to the high school office at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7 and we can assist you in logging on and making your donation.

2019-2020 CALENDAR: The 2019-2020 calendar is posted on the district website:

www.apseagles.org. The first day of the fall semester of school for students will be Wednesday, August 14.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPS FOR END OF YEAR

The end of the 2018-19 school year is approaching and we have been busy with end of the year preparations. In addition to the typical homework, testing, ball games, track meets, and co-curricular state conventions that take place at this time every year, we have been figuring out how to move forward in the midst of multiple days of lost instruction due to mother nature. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the flood recovery efforts in our community; especially as they have impacted our students and their families!

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

- Prom was held at the high school on Saturday, March 30 and the theme for the night was “Enchanted Forest.” The grand march and dance were a hit and prom king, Jacob Thiem, and prom queen, Kailey Jensen, were crowned prom royalty.
- High School Honors Night took place on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. High school students were acknowledged for a variety of academic, social, behavioral, and philanthropic reasons.
- The graduation ceremony for the Arlington High School Class of 2019 will be held in the competition gym on Sunday, May 19 at 1:00 p.m. I encourage everyone to attend and wish this year’s graduates good luck in their future endeavors.

JUST FOR FUN

Arlington hosted the Third Annual Art Show on Wednesday, April 17 in the competition gym. Students from schools from around the area brought in a variety of artwork to put on display for the attendees. Also, the mobile glass blowing unit from Hastings College was in attendance to show art students how to create works of art using glass blowing techniques. Thank you to Christensen Lumber for donating the sheets of plywood that were used as temporary walls for the show.



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.

‘FREE’ SPORTS SCREENING— ATHLETES ENTERING 9TH-12TH GRADE

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

When: Wednesday, June 5, 2019; 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Forms available in the high school office or at [FremontHealth.com/sports physicals](http://FremontHealth.com/sports%20physicals)

For more information call 402-727-3657

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

The Nebraska Safety Council will be offering driver's education this summer at AHS. The fee is \$350.00. Register for classes at www.nesafetycouncil.org.

ARLINGTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Arlington Education Foundation (AEF) was established in 1987 for the purpose of fostering, maintaining, and improving programs related to Arlington Public Schools and to promote the welfare of students. Currently, the scholarship program funded by the foundation distributes \$6,250 in scholarships annually. The foundation is also the steward of seven additional scholarships. In addition to scholarships, the foundation continues to offer a 'Kids in Need' Fund and provides support for the district technology initiative. The foundation has helped purchase iPads, tablets, and wireless interactive systems to support the learning needs of children. The AEF has also planned and organized the alumni banquet that is held in June every year. Two years ago, a standing committee was formed for the express purpose of planning this event. Lissa Spangler has been the chairperson for this committee for many years and they put on an excellent banquet.

The AEF is seeking persons who may be willing to help the foundation in any of the following capacities:

1. A volunteer to assist the AEF in the area of establishing and maintaining a social presence. The primary goal is to revamp the website and make it a tool for connecting with our audiences as well as promoting our cause.
2. A volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors. The Board meets every odd numbered month.
3. A volunteer to serve on the Alumni Banquet Committee. This committee manages and plans for the annual alumni banquet which includes soliciting underwriting as well as banquet planning.

Please contact President, Ginger Burgess via email at gingerb112@yahoo.com or Secretary, Lynn Johnson at the school district office via phone (402) 478-4173 or email lynn.johnson@apseagles.org.

MRS. PITTMAN RETIRES!

According to a social media survey conducted by the office giant, Staples, almost two-thirds of those participating said office administrative assistants are more relevant than even the boss when it comes to holding the office together. There has never been any doubt that Cheryl Pittman has been the glue that has held together the offices of Arlington Public Schools. Her retirement at the end of May will be the start of a new era. Cheryl Pittman joined the ranks of Arlington Public Schools in 1977 as an office assistant and then quickly transitioned into the role of high school secretary. She would stay in that role until 1995 when she moved into the role of administrative assistant to the superintendent which is the role that she currently holds. Much to her dismay and reluctance, I believe that she holds the dubious honor of being the longest tenured employee of Arlington Public Schools at 42 years of service. Mary Jane Thulin previously held this distinction with 40 years of service. Although the responsibilities and tasks of her role has significantly changed and multiplied over the course of these years, the humor and efficiency with which she has performed her duties have remained constant. Mrs. Pittman's commitment to the district is unwavering and unparalleled. She does not lose her patience or her decorum even though she experiences the provocation to do so on a daily basis. Over the course of her career she has transitioned from a young married woman, to a working mother and then to a working grandmother. Regardless of her position in life, she has always held as a top priority, the interests and needs of the District. Her commitment and dedication to this district is too varied and vast to even try and quantify. What we do know as a certainty is that she will be greatly missed. As she moves into retirement she intends to enjoy time at home, increased traveling, and more time with family. We wish her the very best in this next phase of her life.