



STINGER NEWS

Arnoldsburg Elementary School

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Parents and students,

The staff of Arnoldsburg Elementary School would like to welcome all parents and students to a great school year! We are very excited about things we have in store for this year. Be looking at the calendar and newsletters for information on the upcoming events and news and photos of the events as they occur.

Changes at Arnoldsburg

There have been many changes in the Arnoldsburg staff this year. In third grade, we have the honor of having Miss Whytsell join the Arnoldsburg family. She is young and dynamic and will bring a lot to the students in third grade. Mr. Westfall retired and we now have a new PE teacher. Miss Mistyhn has brought a lot of new ideas to the PE and health curriculum. Mrs. Ferrell is filling in for the interventionist and TIS (technology integration specialist). She will bring a lot to that program. It is sad to note that many staff members have left the Arnoldsburg family. Mrs. Flupp has taken a position at the career center. Ms. Fisher has also left us for a position at Pleasant Hill, and Angie Naglor has left us due to family obligations. We wish them all good luck in their new adventures and will miss them all.

Open House

Score! Arnoldsburg Elementary hosted our annual open house on August 5, 2014 with a sports theme. The evening began with a warm welcome from our principal, Ms. Bennett. Following the opening speech, a schedule was followed that allowed students to attend a tailgate party with good food or go to the sport scheduled for their grade. The attendance for the evening was at 210, not our highest but still an impressive number. Title I also held a book fair and made about \$250.00 worth of books for bingos and book distributions. The evening ended with students and their families visiting their classrooms. The staff at AES wants everyone to **TEAM UP WITH ARNOLDBURG!!** Let's work together and give our team a winning record!



Molasses Festival

This year's candidates for king and queen are :

Preschool : Mrs. Moore – Ryleigh Crislip and Dayvon Mitchell
 Miss Naylor - Laura Reeves and Bryson Husk
 Kindergarten: Mrs. Fitzwater – Zorrianna Hudson and Wyatt Knicely
 Mr. McCumbers – Olivia Zwooll and Aayden Rush
 First Grade : Mrs. Allen – Andria Persinger and Logan Flinn
 Mrs. Hupp – Tiara Rogers and Jacob King
 Second Grade : Mrs. Summers – Jessica King and Brayden Phillips
 Mrs. Webb – Eliza Miller and Dakotah Rook
 Third Grade : Mrs. Garretson – Mia Houchin and Landon Bennett
 Mrs. Whytsell – Mattea Miller and Jonathan Allman
 Fourth Grade : Mrs. Freed - Savannah Carpenter and Caleb Morton
 Miss Sampson – Zenna Zwooll and Brandon Phillips

Congratulations to Tiara Rogers and Dayvon Mitchell. They are the Molasses Festival Queen and King for 2014! A total of \$8,758.46 was raised. This money will be used to provide a variety of items for the students, teachers and school.



SAVE THE CHILDREN

Education is the road that children follow to reach their full potential in life. Arnoldsburg Elementary staff has joined with Save the Children, a program that advances learning and supports education programs for children in the classroom, after school and at home. We will be implementing an in class model of teaching reading , an Early Steps to School Success Program, which provides childhood education services to children birth to five years of age, and an Afterschool program with healthy foods, active play, math activities, reading activities, and performances. These components of Save the Children, along with the staff at AES, and you as the parent CAN help your child succeed. If you have any questions about the programs please do not hesitate to contact Charles Thomas, Coordinator 655-8616.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL BEGINS AT 7:45 A.M.

The instructional day begins at 7:45 a.m. Students miss valuable instructional time if they are dropped off after this time. Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. must be signed in by a parent and will be counted as tardy. If you want your child to eat breakfast, please make sure they are dropped off by 8:00 a.m. Breakfast is an important start to your child's day.

Way to Be there!

One of the most important ways a parent can help with their child's education is to guarantee good attendance. We as teachers can't do our job if the students aren't at school. It is evident that the parents at AES are doing just that. The attendance rate for the first month of school was **96.43%**.

Farmer's Market

The West Virginia Extension Service and CSX railroad presented the third and fourth graders with a special presentation. The event began with an assembly talking about agriculture in West Virginia and the value of eating healthy foods. The students were then given \$10 vouchers to spend at the Farmer's Market. Venders were there with fruits, vegetables, breads and jellies. The students learned a lot and had a great time. Hopefully we will have another Farmer's Market in the spring.



Lindsey Schoolcraft enjoys her purchases!



Third graders checking out the jelly!



Fourth Graders shopping for fruits and vegetables!



Extension Service and Gina Freed all smiles !

The West Virginia Farm Bureau has graciously provided AES with a book case with agriculture books. These books are at various levels and will be enjoyed by all. In the future, more books will be donated by the Farm Bureau to increase our library. Thank You for the generous donation!



Mr. Hanshaw presenting Crenna Wilson and Ms. Bennett with the barn bookcase and agriculture books.

Reading Tips for parents of KINDERGARTNERS

- ❖ **Trace and say letters:** Have your child use a finger to trace a letter while saying the letter's sound. Have fun do this on paper, in sand, shaving crème or a plate of sugar.
- ❖ **Play sound games:** Practice blending sounds into words. Ask "Can you guess what this word is? M-o-p" Hold each sound longer than normal.
- ❖ **Talk about letters and sounds:** Help your child learn the names of the letters and the sounds the letters make. Turn it into a game! "I'm thinking of a letter and it makes the sound mmmmm."
- ❖ **Use your child's name:** Point out the link between letters and sounds. Say "John, the word jump begins with the same sound as your name. John, jump. And they both begin with the letter J. Later have them find other things that begin with the same letter as their name.

The Queen's Bees

There are many things that could not be accomplished at AES without our volunteers ! We would like to recognize some of those volunteers!

With the start of school many things needed major cleaning and overhauled. This included the flower beds in front of the school. We would like to take this time to thank Richard, Betty and Derek Westfall for weed-eating, mulching and planting flowers in the front of the school. Also thank-you to Jenna Jett for soliciting a donation from GreenLeaf Market and Hardmans of the flowers. KUDOS to you all!



Calhoun county schools has provided students access to a comprehensive web site that allows students to practice math and language art skills. The address for the site is
<https://www.ixl.com/signin/calhouncounty>
Login is the students WVEIS ID and the password is ccs

COSI

Arnoldsburg Elementary had the great pleasure of a presentation by COSI. The presentation began with a schoolwide interactive assembly discussing different habitats. The rest of the day the students were treated to hands on activities about animals and plants from the different habitats. There were several volunteers to help the day be such a huge success. Once again thanks to you all. This presentation was made possible with Heads up funds.



COSI worker explaining habitats!



Faith McClain buzzing around.



Pre-school kids learning about animal skins.



Fourth graders listening intently at a booth!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- 3 1ST GRADE PARENT SOCIAL 8:30 A.M.
SAVE THE CHILDREN & TITLE I PLAY DATE 2:00 P.M.*
- 7 PTO MEETING 8:30 A.M.
SAVE THE CHILDREN VIP VISIT*
- 9 SAT MEETINGS*
- 10 KINDERGARTEN PARENT SOCIAL 8:30 A.M.*
- 15 PARENT MATH WORKSHOP 2:00 - 3:00 P.M.*
- 16 PRE-K PARENT SOCIAL 8:30 A.M.
EARLY RELEASE (2 HRS EARLY)
END OF NINE WEEKS*
- 23 REPORT CARDS GO HOME*
- 30 HALLOWEEN PARADE/PARTIES 2:00 PM
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 4:00-7:00 P.M.*
- 31 SAVE THE CHILDREN & TITLE I PLAY DATE 2:00 P.M.*

NOVEMBER 3-7 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

*A BOOK BINGO WILL BE SCHEDULED SOMETIME IN OCTOBER. LOOK FOR MORE
INFORMATION !*

*The after-school program with Save the
Children is in full swing. You can still
sign up your child!*