NEWSLETTER

Arlee Schools

May 2026

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Hello Arlee Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our District Surplus Sale on May 8 and May 9. We appreciate our staff and community members who helped organize, set up, and participate.

As we move through the final weeks of school, please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

- **May 25** – No School
- **June 5** – Community Day (more information will be shared soon)
- **June 5** – Senior Celebration and Seniors' last day of school
- **June 6 at Noon** – Graduation Ceremony
- **June 11** – Last Day for Students
- **June 12** – Records Day for Teachers

We are currently accepting applications for **summer school teachers for all grade levels** from our staff. Additional details regarding summer school will be sent home in the coming month but we are excited about the possibility of being able to offer summer programs for our students.

I also want to say thank you to Forest Machado, Arlee Fire Chief, and his crew for coming to the school for a walkthrough. It's helpful to have our local first responders familiar with our buildings so they are better prepared in an emergency. A big thank you as well to Joe DiFulgentis for coordinating the dates and times with me and helping communicate with everyone involved. We had a great turnout from our local fire department and EMS, and we appreciate their time and support for our schools.

As we finish the school year strong, we are focused on supporting our students academically and celebrating their accomplishments. Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our schools and students. We look forward to recognizing our seniors, finishing the year well, and enjoying the many activities still ahead.

Thanks for all you do! Go Warriors and Go Scarlets!

Mr. Beckham

WELCOME OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Arlee Schools is pleased to announce Kendal Baldwin as our new Superintendent, beginning this July. Kendal brings over two decades of experience in education, having served as music teacher at St. Ignatius High School for the past 21 years. Please join us in giving Kendal a warm welcome to the Arlee community.



K-8 NEWS

Anne Tanner, K-8 Principal & K-12 Special Education Director

Teacher Requests: As per school policy, we take any teacher requests under advisement but can not guarantee. Please have all requests turned into the Elementary Office via email by the last day of school.

Morning Schedule

Bus Arrives @ 7:35

K-2 Students: Play on the playground until 7:50.

3-6 Students: Go Directly to breakfast

7:50 AM

K-2 Students: Go to breakfast. The teacher joins the students in the cafeteria and once everyone is finished, they walk to class together (around 8:15).

3-6 Students: Go to class

After-School Plans:

For the safety of all students, all after-school plans must be phoned into the office by 2:00 p.m. Please do not rely on notes sent with students or last-minute changes. Thank you for helping us keep dismissal running smoothly.

Office Hours

7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

K-6 Phone Extension: **2201**

Junior High Phone Extension: **2404**

Dates to Remember

May 4: MAST Testing (State Test)
May 12: Grd. 4&5 River Honoring
May 11: CPS & Acadience Testing
May 14: Grd 2 Bison Range
May 18-23: Grd. 8 Yellowstone Trip
May 18: Junior High MAPs Testing
May 20: Grade 7 to SKC
May 26: Elementary MAPs
June 5: Elementary Track/Field Day
June 6: High School Graduation
June 8: Grade 4 Ftown Pond
June 9: JH @ Bison Range
June 10: Junior High Promotion
June 11: Last Day of School

HIGH SCHOOL & ATHLETIC NEWS

The Family and Consumer Sciences Department has had a busy and successful few weeks. Our JMG (Jobs for Montana's Graduates) program took eight students to Helena for the JMG State Conference, where students participated in workforce-readiness workshops, leadership activities, and six different industry worksite tours. Overall, it was a great learning experience for everyone involved.

In Sewing and Textiles, students recently completed their star quilt projects after months of hard work. We were also fortunate to have retired teacher Joyce Auer return to assist students with the project. Anyone who knows Joyce knows her passion for both teaching and quilting, and her involvement made this experience especially meaningful for our students and Ms. Jackson.

Our high school track team has twenty-two athletes participating. Several have already prequalified for the state meet. We have two athletes participating in baseball and three athletes participating in softball. Our track team will start their postseason on May 15-16 in Missoula, followed by divisionals and state, both of which will also be hosted in Missoula. The divisional softball tournament will be May 21st-23rd in Anaconda, followed by state in Billings May 28th-30th. The state baseball tournament will take place May 28th-30th in Polson.
Go Warriors and Scarlets!

Thanks,
Jacob Bosley
Principal/Athletic Director
Arlee High School

AHS EARTH DAY

Environmental science students and the EAGLES club organized a school-wide Earth Day clean-up with the help of the entire HS staff. Together, they collected over 43 bags of garbage along HWY 93, the Village, Pow Wow Road, downtown Arlee, and the Arlee school campus, helping bring the EAGLES club's total cleanup to 70 bags of litter off the streets. Each bag averages 5 lbs, bringing the total garbage collected to 350 lbs.



The Environmental Science class is now getting the outdoor garden beds seeded with vegetable and herb starts for the growing season. The sweet grass is already growing healthy! Also check out the flowers they planted at the HS front entrance last fall and earlier this spring! They also painted and sold Mother's Day Flower Boxes with plants they grew in class. They partnered with the Woodshop class to build, paint, and market their products. The raised beds for the Ted Hessy garden will be placed and seeded in the next couple of weeks. Lillybelle is finishing the sign, and Anola is almost finished with the reclaimed metal raised bed. The class built the other three raised beds.







NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

NHS students put on a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week for the teachers! They made and delivered breakfast burritos, notes of encouragement, a sandwich buffet lunch, and baskets of treats for the week. They would all like to invite everyone to join them for the Induction Ceremony for the new members on May 27th in the old high school gym at 6 p.m.

SENIOR CLASS TRIP

Seniors traveled to Silverwood and Triple Play and had a great time riding roller coasters, playing games, and making memories with their friends.



ICE SKATING

The 1st and 4th grades went on an ice skating field trip. Fun was had by all!





COUNSELOR'S CORNER: BOOK CLUB!

Happy Spring! This month I'll be starting my internet and screen time wellness lessons with elementary students. As a way to support parents and guardians, I highly recommend the book The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt. This insightful and thought-provoking book explores how the rise of smartphones, social media, and changes in childhood experiences have impacted the mental health and well-being of today's children and teens. The book encourages meaningful conversations about screen time, independence, resilience, and creating balance in our children's lives. The book can be found on Amazon and Audible. If you'd really like to read it and need help getting your hands on a copy (or the audible version) please reach out to me and I'll make it happen.

Email: ktritz@arleeschools.org

Happy reading!

Ms. T

ARLEE CDC

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community this summer? Volunteer at the Arlee Community Development Corporation! We always need help keeping our food pantry stocked. Volunteer hours count as credit toward many scholarship opportunities.

For little kids, keep them reading this summer by signing them up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Kids from birth to age 5 will get a free book in the mail once a month. Give the Arlee CDC a call at 406-726-5550 to volunteer or get kids signed up for their free books.

Follow us on Facebook this summer to see what other fun things we have coming up for kids of all ages.

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School Board Meetings

School board meetings are usually held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the high school library.

Confirm meeting dates and time on the school website. Agendas and minutes are also posted the website.

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