NEWSLETTER

Arlee Schools

April 2026

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Hello Arlee Parents and Guardians,

Spring is here! While it may feel like winter never fully arrived this year, it's great to see the grass turning green and our track, baseball, and softball athletes back in full swing.

Ken Hill is our Teacher of the Month, and what makes this recognition especially meaningful is that he was nominated by one of his own students, Quincey. In Quincey's words, Mr. Hill "has changed my life." He makes learning meaningful and engaging while creating a classroom environment that is genuinely fun. From supporting student growth in the classroom to organizing memorable experiences, like taking all 8th graders to Yellowstone, Mr. Hill goes above and beyond to make a lasting impact. A colleague also shared that he brings great enthusiasm to these opportunities, while keeping a strong focus on student learning and safety. Congratulations, Mr. Hill, and thank you for the difference you make every day!

I also want to share that this will be my final year serving Arlee Schools. I have accepted a position with Missoula County Public Schools as the Assistant Superintendent and will be transitioning at the end of this school year. I am incredibly grateful for the relationships and support I've experienced here. It has truly been an honor to work alongside our staff, students, families, and community. Thank you for allowing me to be part of Arlee.

Our surplus sale will take place in the coming month. We are currently inventorying and organizing items, and more details will be shared soon on our website and Facebook page. Please keep an eye out for that information and feel free to share it with others who may be interested.

We are also continuing to update our website to improve communication. Thank you to everyone who has shared ideas and feedback, it is appreciated. And thank you to all the families who came out to support your students during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

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

Mr. Beckham

ARLEE SCHOOL BOARD

Mail ballots will be arriving soon, here are the candidates:

Alfred DeRoche
Brandon O'Brien
Cammie Dupuis-Pablo
Justin Curtiss
Kris Gardner
Whitney Larson

K-8 NEWS

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

Dialed In and Staying Focused for Spring: As we head into the final stretch of the school year, staying focused becomes a bigger challenge. Along with staying focused, absenteeism also tends to increase. It will take a combined effort from parents, students and the school in order to finish strong. Help us focus on the 4 main factors that will help our students stay on track.

- **Please** continue to put an emphasis on attendance. If your students are not at school, they can not learn.
- **Know** what your child is bringing to school, check their backpacks, and help promote school safety and expectations. Toys and multiple devices are two major things to look out for.
- **Cell Phones:** Without cell phones, students can focus in school, connect face to face with peers, stay on track academically, and also pay attention to "due dates".
- **Toys From Home:** Toys from home can be a distraction from the school day, lead to conflicts among students, and also cause frustration when the toy is lost or damaged.

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.

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

Office Hours

7:30 AM - 4:30 PM
K-6 Phone Extension: **2201**
Junior High Phone Extension: **2404**

Dates to Remember

April 2 & 6: No School
April 23: Junior High Movie Night
April 24: Kindergarten Roundup
May 12: Grd. 4&5 River Honoring
May 18-23: Grd. 8 Yellowstone Trip
June 6: High School Graduation
June 10: Junior High Promotion
June 11: Arlee Community Day

HIGH SCHOOL & ATHLETIC NEWS

This past month, Mr. Cordier hosted the ACT Prep Boot Camp for our Junior class. This gave our students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the test format and content before taking it. Our Junior class then took the ACT at the end of March. This test is used to determine college readiness standards.

Mr. Koetter took several students to Florence High School to test with our facilitator from MSU Northern. Several students passed the test and earned official welding certification. This is an outstanding opportunity for our welding students, and we're very fortunate that Mr. Koetter has dedicated significant time to providing them with career-prep activities.



Mr. Koetter and his students with Chuck Terry from MSU Northern

Our National Honor Society Chapter, under the direction of Mrs. White and with the help of the Red Cross, hosted our annual blood drive at the high school. We had several students and staff members participate and donate a significant amount of blood, which will aid in life-saving transfusions in emergency situations.

Our Spring sports seasons are underway. Our high school students are participating in Track and Field, Softball, and Baseball. Our junior high students are participating in Track and Field. For spring sports, please keep an eye on our website for adjustments as weather conditions are continuously changing. Please continue to support our students in regularly attending school and finishing this school year on a strong note.

Go Warriors and Scarlets!

Thanks,
Jacob Bosley
Principal/Athletic Director
Arlee High School

TITLE VI PUBLIC HEARING

Arlee School District is holding its annual public meeting for our Title VI Indian Education formula grant on Wednesday, April 8, at 4:30 pm in the Arlee High School English Room.

FCCLA UPDATE

We had an amazing time at the State FCCLA Leadership Conference held March 19–21 in Bozeman, Montana! Two of our students participated in leadership seminars and community service events that connected service and careers. We also had three students compete in STAR Events, and we are so proud of their hard work and accomplishments. Karma earned a bronze medal in Career Investigation, Tyler received a silver in his leadership event, and Ella Knoll earned gold, placed 1st in her event, and qualified for nationals! Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts throughout the year, your support has helped make this a successful year for our Arlee FCCLA chapter!







KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP



AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS' MEALS

The kitchen is reaching out to inform you of the chance to support our students with the generosity of any protein donations. We have the opportunity to partner with Producer Partnership, located in Livingston Montana. Any donation can be directly picked up by Producer Partnership and processed in their federally inspected facility. All donations are tax deductible. Please visit their website at https://www.producerpartnership.com/ You can also call Trisha Topp, in the kitchen, with any questions. 406-726-3216 ext 2205.

MONTANA SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

Arlee Schools is preparing for the annual administration of the Montana Science Assessment for students in grades 5 & 8. State and federal law requires our school to participate in this statewide assessment for school accountability and academic achievement reporting purposes.

The Montana Science Assessment is aligned to the challenging academic achievement standards for science. The test is delivered via the TIDE platform and is computer adaptive. Testing time is expected to be 1–2 hours. Students can use the universal tools, supports, and/or accommodations on the test per their educational needs. The assessment items are clustered around specific scientific phenomena, as well as some stand-alone items. These items were developed in partnership with Montana educators and ask students to use the scientific knowledge from the three dimensions (core ideas, crosscutting concepts, and scientific practices) to make sense out of real-world phenomena.

After testing, our school will provide you with your child's individual score report. Our district has implemented a policy to deliver score reports to families that protects student privacy and provides timely access so parents, teachers, and principals can work together to address specific academic needs identified from this assessment.

Our school's statewide assessment results will be available to the public after administration of the Montana Science Assessment, and can be accessed on the Office of Public Instruction's state longitudinal data warehouse, GEMS Student Achievement Dashboard. You can also visit the Montana's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Report Card to see how our school compares to other schools across Montana in a variety of different measures.

Here are some things to note about statewide assessments:

- Your child's grades will not be impacted by their scores on the state tests.
- Your child's privacy will be protected. State and federal laws, such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), ensure these data remain confidential.
- Students with Individual Educational Plans (IEPs), Section 504 plans, or English Learner plans will be assessed based on individual student needs, consistent with all state and federal laws and regulations.

Here are some things you can do to help:

- Encourage your child to do their very best in everything they do in school, including this statewide test.
- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before each test and has a healthy breakfast.
- Support your child by explaining the purpose of the tests and helping with homework and test reviews.

Please do not hesitate to contact the building principal with any questions you may have about statewide testing this year.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

If you are interested in Driver's Ed and would like to sign up, go to the school's website and search *Want to take Driver's Ed* and fill out the form.

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Driver Ed is offered typically Early August ending November each year.

- Please read the policy about our school's Traffic Education Program. To inquire about next year's class, please fill out this form.

Fee is $225 and is to be paid by July 1 to the Administration office.

Shortly after July 1, Mrs. Carney will contact you via email with documents and class schedules.

GEAR UP SURVEY

Arlee Junior High/High School is one of the 12 Montana GEAR UP schools. As part of this grant, we are required to administer a parent/guardian survey every other year. **If you have a student(s) in grades 7-12**, we would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete it.

Here is the survey link:
www.cobroconsulting.com/mtgu-parentsurvey-spring202 6

About Montana GEAR UP
Montana GEAR UP provides quality tools and services to support students on their journey toward postsecondary education.

GEAR UP stands for *Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs*. The program is designed to help students prepare for education beyond high school. Its three main objectives are:

1. Prepare students academically to take college-level classes without the need for remediation
2. Increase high school graduation rates and college enrollment
3. Increase students' and families' knowledge of postsecondary options, including affordability

GEAR UP helps create a strong college-going culture within schools. It supports teachers, students, and families in encouraging students to aim higher and plan for their future. The program emphasizes that all students-regardless of their path-can pursue meaningful careers, whether through trade schools, certificate programs, or two- or four-year degrees.

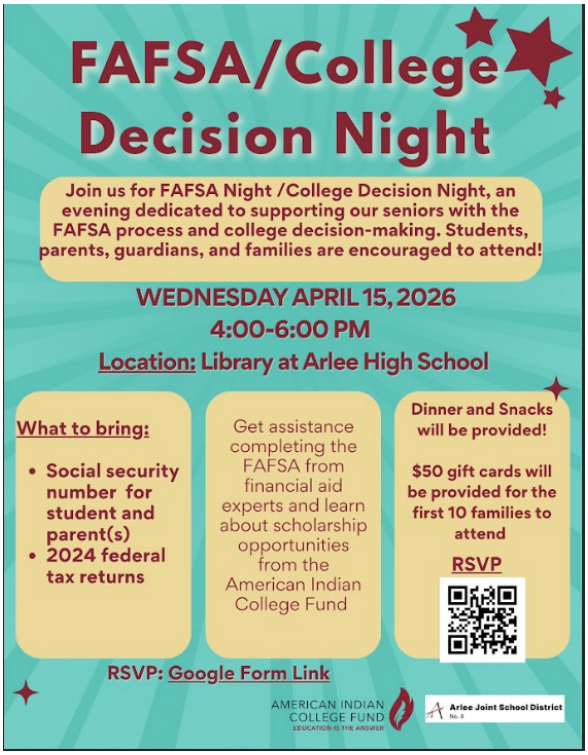
Thank you for your continued support of our students and school community.

MONTANA GEAR UP

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER PRODUCTION



FAFSA/COLLEGE DECISION NIGHT



ARLEE CDC

The Arlee CDC is hosting "Food Smarts," a series of six weekly cooking classes on Tuesdays from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM starting April 7. Students will learn quick, simple ways to make healthy, family-friendly and budget-friendly meals. Attend all six classes and take home a free multi-cooker. Space is limited, so reserve your spot by calling 406-883-2865 or email havilah.burton@montana.edu.

The Arlee CDC is also sponsoring a kids' trip to the Ninepipes Museum of Early Montana on May 1st. More details to follow soon at arleecdc.org and on Facebook/ArleeCDC.

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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.

www.arleeschools.org

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