NEWSLETTER

Arlee Schools

November 2025

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Hello Arlee Parents and Guardians,

Have you seen our new "Nominate Employee of the Month" button on the school website? We're excited to launch this new initiative to recognize the staff members who make a difference in your child's life every day. You can submit nominations easily through either the app or the website. Please just fill out the quick form and share the great things you see happening. It's a small way to help us celebrate our incredible staff!

We're always looking for substitute teachers and support staff. Even if you can only help one day a week, we'd love to have you join our team. If you or someone you know is interested, please stop by the administration building to pick up an application.

We're already a quarter of the way through the school year! Please take some time to review your child's progress in their classes and reach out to teachers if you have questions or want suggestions for supporting learning at home. For our elementary families, don't forget to check those Take-Home Tuesday folders each week. If anything is unclear, please contact your child's teacher or the building secretary.

Due to a scheduling conflict, picture retakes have been rescheduled for November 19th. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

We've begun using an automated call system to notify families when students are absent. These calls use the contact information you provided during registration. If you're not receiving these updates, please contact the office to make sure your phone number and email are up to date. Having accurate information is critical so we can reach you quickly in case of an emergency.

We're excited that so many families enjoy our new playground areas after school hours. However, we've had a few issues with vandalism and removal of the black rubber chips. Please remind children that the K–6 playground areas are open only when supervised by an adult. Your help in keeping these spaces safe and enjoyable for everyone is greatly appreciated.

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

Mr. Beckham

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

DORI KNOLL, JUNIOR HIGH SECRETARY

This month we proudly recognize Dori Knoll as Arlee Schools' Employee of the Month. From the moment she arrives, often before anyone else, to the time she locks up at the end of the day, Dori is the heartbeat of Arlee Junior High.

She is organized, proactive, and always "on it." Whether it's coordinating events, staying current on everything happening inside and outside the building, or supporting staff, students, and families, Dori handles it all with calm efficiency and genuine care. Her reliability and professionalism have earned the trust and confidence of both parents and staff alike.

Quotes from various JH Teachers:

- "There is truly nothing Dori won't or can't do. She is our daily rock." When asked to provide one or two words that describe her perfectly, his response was, "On-it." - Michael Striebel
- "The glue that keeps the ship together this year" - Brett Sproull
- "[Dori] makes our daily jobs significantly easier and is an instrumental part of making the JH function. She is a rockstar!" - Ross Coleman
- "Dori has a never-quit attitude that is contagious for staff and students. She puts her best into everything she does on this campus, including care and compassion for all."- Ashley Mesteth

Congratulations, Dori, and thank you for everything you do for our students, staff, and community!



Nominate a Staff Member!

Do you know an outstanding Arlee Schools staff member? Visit our website to submit your nomination for Employee of the Month! Let's celebrate the exceptional individuals who make a difference in our students' lives.

K-8 NEWS

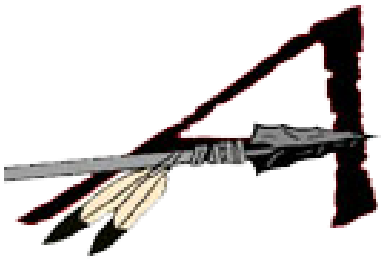
Anne Tanner, K-8 Principal

K-4 UFLI Rollout: Grades K-4 have started their flexible grouping hour. Students and teachers will be spending time practicing up on their early literacy skills following the scope and sequence of a program called UFLI (Pronounced "You Fly"). UFLI is an explicit and systematic program created by the University of Florida Literacy Institute. The goal of the program is to help all students systematically acquire each skill needed and learn to apply each skill with automaticity and confidence. You can visit **ufliteracy.org** for more information.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: We had another phenomenal turnout for our parent-teacher conferences! Around **80% of families** attended in grades **K–6**, while the **junior high** saw participation **just below 50%**. It was wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces. Thank you for taking the time to come out and support your children's learning!

MAST Testing: Students in grades K–8 will take the state-level assessment that measures proficiency in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA), soon. This assessment is designed to be administered several times throughout the year in shorter, smaller segments to track student progress over time.

Morning Schedule	Important Dates to Remember
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	**Nov 25:** Trimester Ends (K-6) **Nov 26/27:** No School **Office Hours:** 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM K-6 Phone Extension: **2201** Junior High Phone Extension: **2404**



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

October was a busy month at Arlee High School with students engaging in a variety of activities. Several students attended the Aim Higher Workshop in Missoula, presented by the Montana High School Association. Scott Wilson, the MHSA Associate Director, conducted the conference, which focused on teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, and encouraged students to create positive changes in their own schools and communities.

Mr. Cordier took a group of students to the SKC preview day in Pablo. Students learned about the various fields of study available on campus. He has done an outstanding job coordinating college trips and has several more scheduled for this year.

Ms. Jackson took several students to the State JMG Conference in Helena. Throughout the day, our students had the opportunity to discuss effective communication styles, goal-setting practices, problem-solving solving and the importance of professional networking.

Ms. Jackson and Mr. Bosley chaperoned a student game night in the High School Gym. Several students attended and participated in various activities, including volleyball and musical chairs, which were enjoyed by all. Students put together several treat cups with candy and snacks as well as baked mini cakes for game prizes. Students did a great job organizing and decorating for the event.

Our Winter Sports Seasons will begin in November, with the first practice scheduled for November 20th. Our Winter Sports Parent Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 19th in the High School Library at 6:00 PM.

Thanks,
Jacob Bosley
Principal/Athletic Director
Arlee High School

ARLEE HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Hey Arlee Seniors and Families!

We're so excited to announce that **senior portraits and baby pictures** are officially being collected for the yearbook! We can't wait to see all those adorable throwback photos — they make this section one of our favorites every year.

Please email your senior portrait and baby photo to our yearbook advisor, Jamie Reynolds, at jreynolds@arleeschools.org **by January 29,** so we can include everyone!

And don't forget — **yearbooks are on sale now!**

- **$35** until **February 17.** After that, the price goes up to **$45**

Be sure to grab yours early and save a little cash! You can buy your yearbook by going to the link below and searching for Arlee. https://www.yearbookforever.com/school-store/

Let's make this yearbook one to remember — full of memories, smiles, and all the moments that make Arlee Schools so special.

Thanks and Go Warriors!

The Arlee Yearbook Marketing Team

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STATE ASSESSMENT WINDOWS

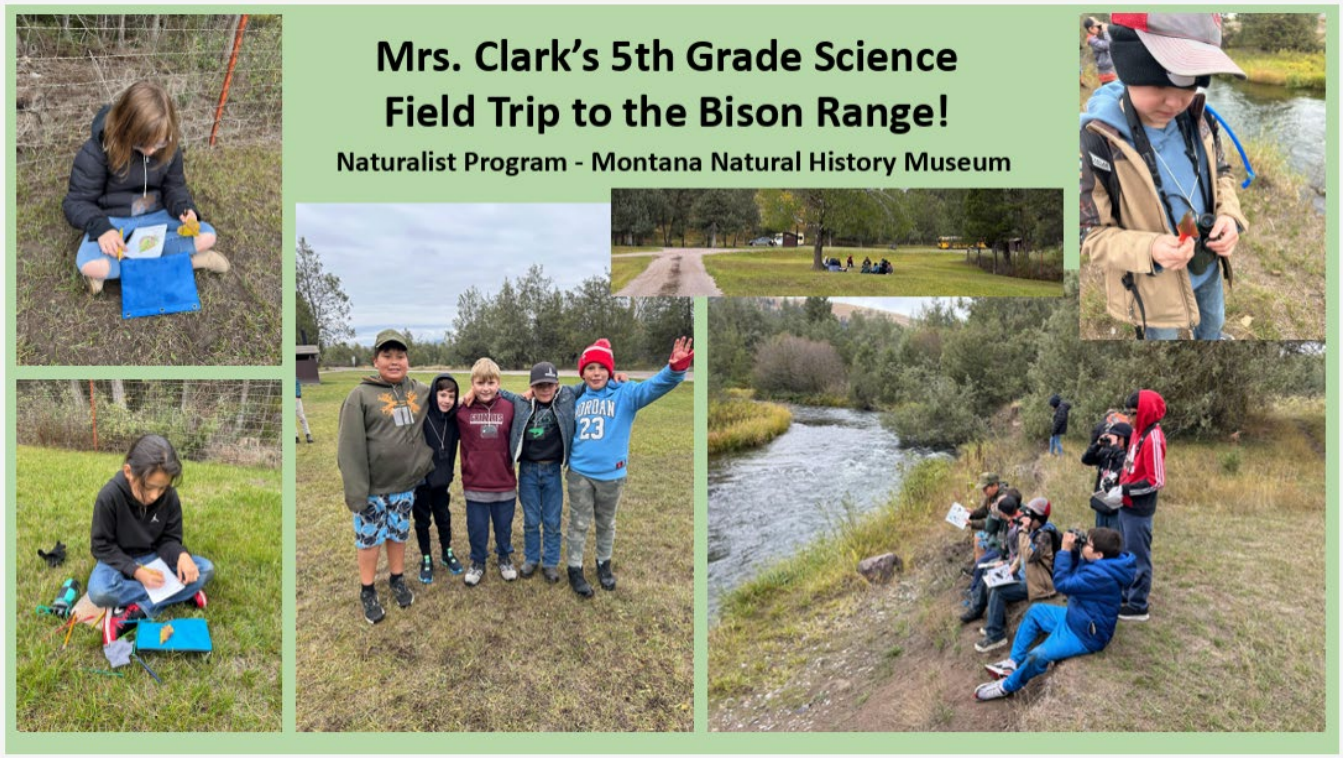
Montana Office of Public Instruction
Published Test Windows for All Required Statewide Assessments
2025–2026 School Year

	Anticipated SY2025-26 Test Windows	Required Subjects	Student Group	Grades Tested	Window Period
Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST)	Window 1 October 13-December 5	Math and ELA	General	Grades 3–8	3 windows: 8 weeks each
	Window 2 January 12-March 6				
	Window 3 March 30-May 22				
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate ELA and Math	Fall Window September 8- December 19	Math and ELA	SwSCDs	Grades 3-8, 11	2 windows: 15 weeks each
	Spring Window February 2- May 15				
WIDA ACCESS Alt ACCESS	January 5-March 6	English Language Proficiency	English Learners	Grades K–12	9 weeks
Montana Science Assessment (MSA)	March 2-May 22	Science	General	Grades 5, 8	8 weeks
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate Science	February 2- May 15	Science	SwSCDs	Grades 5, 8, 11	15 weeks
ACT with Writing	Window 1 March 24-April 3	Math, ELA, and Science	General	Grade 11	3 windows: 2 weeks each
	Window 2 April 7-17				
	Window 3 April 21-May 1				

Updated by the Office of Public Instruction on August 28, 2025.

Note: Dates and information listed in this schedule are subject to change at any time or without notice.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP



COUNSELING CORNER

With the time change at the beginning of this month, I thought it would be a great time to check-in with ourselves and our kiddos sleep routines! Please see the info below for why bedtime routines matter. We all function at our best when we are well rested!

Take Care,

Ms. T

Why Bedtime Routines Matter

A consistent bedtime routine helps your child relax, feel secure, and learn how to fall asleep quickly and independently.

School Readiness

- Better academic performance
- Improved social skills
- More confidence in learning

Boosts Brain Power

- Teaches self-care (like brushing teeth)
- Strengthens memory & attention
- Builds cognitive skills for the future

Better Sleep

- Fall asleep faster
- Sleep longer
- Wake up less at night
- Long-lasting sleep benefits, even years later!

Stronger Parent Bond

- Quality time before bed
- Helps reduce stress & improve mood
- Encourages positive behavior

Example Bedtime Routine:

7pm - Screens are put away.
7:05 - Bath time
7:20 - Put on jammies!
7:25 - Brush teeth
7:30 - Story time! (1-2 books)
7:45 - Go to the bathroom
8pm - Kiss goodnight & lights out!

**this is just a suggestion! Can be altered to fit your families needs. Just make sure it is the exact same every night.*

ARLEE CDC

Learn how to engineer musical recordings in this introductory class! Arlee high school students are invited to join us for a fun, hands-on experience learning how to make professional-sounding music recordings. The two-hour classes will meet twice a month, with one session Dec. – Feb. and one March – May. To sign up, call 406-890-8559. Sponsored by the Arlee Community Development Corporation.

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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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