



December 19, 2025

Dear Arp Tigers Family,

Hello, Arp America! It is hard to believe that 2025 is already winding down. We have enjoyed a fantastic fall semester, and as we reach its close, I want to take this opportunity to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of our students and staff. Their hard work, character, and resilience have made this semester one of the most impressive in recent memory. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved both inside and outside the classroom.

Academically, our students continue to rise to every challenge. Our K–12 teachers have implemented a new, more rigorous math curriculum that will better equip students to meet the evolving demands of our society. Also, student assessments show meaningful growth in literacy, science, and social studies. Participation in dual-credit, Advanced Placement, CTE pathways, and enrichment programs reached new heights, reflecting our shared commitment to preparing students for bright, prosperous futures.

Our student organizations, such as FFA, NHS, FCA, kindness clubs, and our newly formed Junior High Student Council, all thrived this semester. FFA students earned notable placements at state leadership competitions and livestock shows. Our high school National Honor Society inducted 22 outstanding students, marking one of the largest groups in recent years. Our new Junior High Student Council has already begun learning the importance of service and what it means to give back to the Arp school community. Through these organizations, students are developing leadership skills, compassion, and a spirit of service that truly defines Arp ISD.

We are also proud to share that our elementary school has been named a *Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School* for the second consecutive year. Thanks to the dedication of our exceptional elementary staff, students continue to learn and embody the values of kindness, responsibility, and respect. These traits strengthen both our school and our broader community.

What a sensational fall semester it has been for our band and athletic programs! Our Arp Tiger Band was ranked the top 3A marching band at the Region 21 UIL Marching Contest. In addition, the Arp High School majorettes recently qualified for state competition, and several solo instrumentalists achieved success in Regional and Area jazz and concert competitions. Fall athletics brought our community together week after week. Whether under the Friday night lights of a football stadium or on the courts, trails, and lakes through volleyball, cross country, and bass fishing, our athletes showcased talent, teamwork, and true Tiger pride. Our 2025 varsity football team had an especially

great season, finishing the year with a 12-2 record and qualifying for the Regional Championship game!

As we head into the Christmas break, I encourage everyone to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming our students back in January and continuing the incredible momentum they have built this fall.

Thank you to our families, educators, and community members for your unwavering support. Together, we make Arp ISD a place where students not only learn, but also truly thrive. Thank you for being **ARP** every day...**A**uthentic, **R**esponsible, and **P**repared.

Warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year.

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