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District News

Mr. Drews



This is a slightly different track, yet still headed in the same direction, as I wrote about the use of technology in schools last month. We are approaching another election date, and the political rhetoric has become even more harsh in our world, so this concern has risen to the top again. I originally penned these words more than 10 years ago, and recycled it for an edition of the AHPS newsletter back in 2024, but thought it was appropriate for publishing again.

“Part of our charge as a school is to show our students the proper way to use the tools they’ll have available in the future. With the ubiquitous habits of digital communication by our kids, it’s our duty to help them understand both the positive and negative applications of technology that are already in their hands. However, if we really examine the issues they face, it’s not about technology, but about the lack of civil discourse and respect that we face in our society today. In other words, we don’t seem to know how to treat other human beings anymore.

Why should we expect our students to communicate differently when our culture no longer values compassion and respect for all points of view? The message provided to our youth is that the world runs only on oppositional perspectives. Is the norm in our society to viciously attack anyone who disagrees with you or who may seem to be different? Miami Herald writer Leonard Pitts penned a column about how we seem to have lost the idea of being civil. He wrote that we have seen “cruelty... become acceptable . . . even commonplace” in all aspects of our society. Pitts argued that we cannot solely blame the anonymity of the Internet, because there are many instances of individuals showing “sadistic and personal meanness” to others, then signing their name to it – especially in the world of politics.

District News Mr. Drews (cont'd)



Albert Einstein was quoted as saying “It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity” but if we blame the tools we’re just blaming symptoms. Facebook, YouTube, Snapchat, Instagram, X(Twitter) and other social media might make it easy to throw your opinions and ideas out there, but what goes out on the web is really just a reflection of who we are. **The idea of being “civil” to one another is disappearing from our radar . . . but what we as a society need to do is reinstate those behaviors in all aspects of our culture. Our challenge is to find opportunities to model tolerance and civil behavior, even when in serious disagreement with someone. Perhaps if our kids see more of that behavior from adults, it will become their nature to treat people with respect in everything they do.”**

Robert Drews
Superintendent
Arapahoe-Holbrook Public School



Elementary News

Principal's Message

Hello Warrior Nation,

As we turn the calendar to November, we can definitely tell that there is a chill in the air. Please make sure your child is ready for the colder weather that will be here soon. Hats, gloves and a warm coat are all essential. We will generally be going outside for recess as long as the windchill (feels like temperature) is 20 degrees or above. There may be times when weather factors such as precipitation, ice, or wind keep us inside.

I would like to thank the Arapahoe Fire Department for coming to the school in October to teach our students about fire prevention and safety. The kids love seeing the fire trucks and learning about all the equipment.

I also want to thank the Arapahoe Public Library for partnering with us to promote reading and literacy skills. Students in grade PK - 8 visit the public library once a month to listen to a story and select books to check out. At least 2 classes go the library a second time to read to community volunteers. Speaking of reading with others, I would like to mention that our third graders have been visiting Prairie Pines and reading with the residents there.

As we approach cold and flu season, I would like to review our attendance procedures and policy. Please call the office or better yet, send an email to attendance@arapahoewarriors.org when your child is sick or absent. Please send doctor's notes when possible. Attendance letters are sent out at 5, 8, 10, 15, and 20 absences. These letters are our way of communicating with you about your child's attendance. At the 8 day letter, I will request an attendance meeting. If your child misses 10 or more days in a semester or 20 days in a school year, I will file a report with the county attorney. In the report, I will include our discussions and plans for improvement. I will also include any extenuating circumstances such as illness, medical appointments, etc. I have seen an improvement in our attendance rate and that is a credit to our ability to work together and your support. Thank you again.

In November, we say thank you to all veterans. Our Veterans' Program will be held on November 11th at 10:00am.

*Go Wannions!
Mr. Ellis
Elementary Principal*

PRINCIPAL PERSPECTIVES



from the desk of 7-12 Principal Aaron McCoy

Hello!

Greetings from the JH/HS Principal's Office!

Welcome to the 2nd Quarter! Students have been diligently working through the 1st quarter and have had some impressive success already this year. Since Thanksgiving is approaching, I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you all get to spend time with those that are important to you! I am thankful to be a Warrior and a part of Arapahoe-Holbrook Public School! #RollTribe

CONGRATULATIONS WARRIORS!

Sports - XC VB FB kicking off winter sports ALL STATE MUSIC MUSICAL

The Arapahoe Warriors have been busy! Congratulations to the Girls Cross Country team for qualifying for State and Natalie Breinig and Traigan McDonald for qualifying individually! They competed well at State and made us all proud! The Lady Warrior Volleyball team is still competing and are competing in a District Final game. Good luck! We hope you make it to State!

Arapahoe has multiple students headed to All State Music! Congratulations to Kynnleigh Tidyman, Noah Hoefs, and Liam Tortula for being selected for NMEA Middle Level All-State Choir! Congratulations to Elena Lee and Thomas Magorian for being selected for NMEA High School All-State Choir! Both are very competitive and it is an honor to be selected!

MUSICAL

Make sure to plan on taking in the musical at Arapahoe this year! The Wizard of Oz is shaping up to be an outstanding production and I hope you come and support all of the students that have put in the hard work and time to put on this performance. Dinner Theater performance will be on November 14th at 7 pm and an afternoon performance will be on November 15th. Contact the office to buy tickets.

WARRIOR BEEF

I wanted to take the time to say thank you to those involved with the Warrior Beef Program. Recently our students were fortunate to have hamburgers for lunch thanks to this program. This is an amazing opportunity for our kids to benefit from the strong ag community and their support. The kids were definitely excited and that's thanks to that program and it's supporters. Contact Molly Blickenstaff if you would like to be a sponsor or you would like to donate.

TESTING

With the school year underway, testing season kicks off as well. Students completed MAP testing and the Juniors recently completed the ASVAB. Connect with your students to check out their scores and results as they become available. Sophomores will take the Pre ACT Test on November 4th as well. Please help your student get a good night's rest and be prepared to test when they get the opportunity. They will be doing great things! Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

#RollTribe

Aaron McCoy

Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Monie

October has slipped by quickly, and here we are in November already. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, our thoughts are often led to the things for which we are most thankful. Aside from the typically mentioned themes of family, friends, freedom, Nebraska Volleyball, and Amazon, I have created a list of events for which I am thankful:

1. A fun and successful youth leadership conference in Kearney on October 11 with new members of our Elementary Leadership Team.
2. The great ideas and enthusiasm the Elementary Leadership students possess. They put together Boo Bags as a Halloween Kindness Challenge, and they will have a part in the Veterans Day Program.
3. I'm thankful that the juniors made it through the ASVAB test and that the Sophomores will be taking the Pre-ACT test November 3.
4. I'm thankful for Stacey Seim from Education Quest coming November 2 to help some parents complete their FAFSA.
5. I'm thankful that juniors and seniors will be registering soon for their spring college classes if they are choosing to take some.
6. I'm thankful for another year of Red Ribbon Week
7. I'm thankful for opportunities to take juniors and seniors to college and career fairs
8. Mostly, though, I am thankful for the wonderful staff and students who make me thankful to come to work every day.

I hope there is a list of events for which you are thankful too. Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs Monie



OVERVIEW

The Warriors had a great cross country season setting many personal best and goals for following seasons.

The girls had a very successful team season, winning the Arapahoe Meet, becoming the school's first XC RPAC champs, and qualifying for the state championship. The last time an Arapahoe team qualified for state was in 1998 when girls only ran a 4k. Natalie, Alaina, and Elizabeth represented Arapahoe at the state meet where they placed 15th as a team.

The boys team showed growth throughout the season placing Runner-Up at the Maywood Hayes Center Invite and leaving RPAC with a 4th place plaque. Traigan McDonald qualified for state for the boys.



ROSTER

Boys

Thomas Magorian
Eli Carpenter
Hunter Larson
Layton Hamel
Traigan McDonald

Girls

Natalie Breinig
Elena Lee
Aubrie Holstein
Alaina Leising
Elizabeth Magorian

Lady Warriors Volleyball

by Katie Helms

The Arapahoe high school volleyball team has had an exciting season so far. We are currently 21-5 and beginning sub-district play tonight as I write this. The team continues to work hard every day to make improvements and figure out ways to keep getting better.

This team has had some great achievements so far - 1st place at the Hitchcock Co Tournament in September, 3rd place in the RPAC Tournament, and recording the most wins in a season in school history! There have also been numerous records set. We have big goals to finish out this season and will hopefully be able to check a few more off our list.



ARAPAHOE JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL



9/8 VS DCS

WON 24-20

9/24 VS HI-LINE

WON 32-0

10/8 @ BERTRAND

WON 20-8 **RESCHEDULED

TBD VS LOOMIS

CANCELLED

10/6 @ ALMA

WON 14-10

10/12 VS SOUTHERN VALLEY

LOST 20-0

- 1 GAGE ANDREWS
- 2 WYATT DIRGO
- 3 AIDEN STEINHOOR
- 4 KYLAN HELMS
- 5 HUNTER TOLLE
- 8 WALKER FRANCIS
- 9 NOAH HOEFS
- 11 JAMISEN tenBENSEL
- 12 AEDAN ASHING
- 13 ADAM LEISING
- 14 KYLAR YEAGER
- 15 JAXTYN SONCKSEN
- 17 LIAM GARCIA TARULA
- 20 CODY EINSPAHR
- 30 EASTON STRAND
- 35 JACKSON RATHE
- 99 HUNTER MAASKE

Head Coach: John Strand
Assistant Coach: Chandler Hambidge
Student Asst: Briggs Hill

THE JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM HAS BEEN BATTLING OUT ON THE GRIDIRON. WE HAVE 17 BOYS OUT, 10 EIGHTH GRADERS, AND 7 SEVENTH GRADERS. THEY HAVE ALL MADE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND HAVE BEEN A VERY COACHABLE GROUP. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON BECOMING BETTER TACKLERS AND TRYING TO BE MORE PHYSICAL. THE BOYS PLAYED HARD ALL YEAR, AND FINISHED THE SEASON 4-1.

A COUPLE OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEASON:

EASTON HAD A PICK 6, AND JAMISEN ALSO HAD A LONG RUN FOR A TD VS DCS.

AIDEN AND GAGE BOTH HAD RUSHING TD'S VS HI-LINE. THE DEFENSE PLAYED WELL AND FORCED SEVERAL TURNOVERS.

CODY HAD TWO 50+ YD SCORES, ONE OF THEM COMING IN THE FINAL 20 SECONDS ON OUR SPECIAL PLAY CALLED "SWITCH CODY GO" TO HELP US BEAT ALMA.

KYLER CAUGHT A PASS TD VS BERTRAND

THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR IN QUITE A FEW WHERE THE JH BOYS HAVE HAD A WINNING RECORD! WAY TO GO WARRIORS!!

ARAPAHOE HIGHSCHOOL
PRESENTS

THE WIZARD OF OZ

@Arapahoe High School-North Gym

SATURDAY 11/14

**DINNER @5:30
SHOW @ 7:00PM**

SUNDAY 11/15

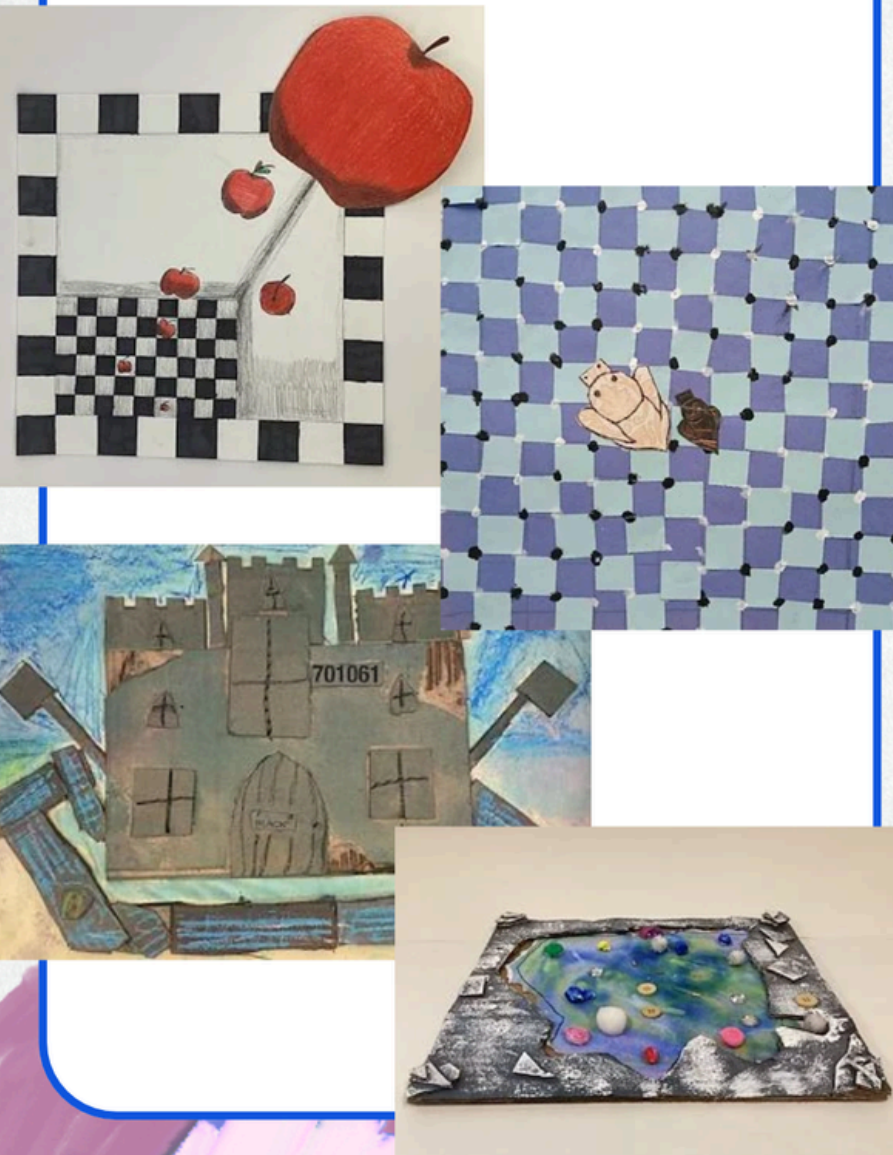
3:00PM

Tickets can be purchased at Lee's Crossroads Cafe, Arapahoe Public Library, and Arapahoe-Holbrook Public School office.

	5 >	Student	Adult
show	free	\$10	\$15
ages	0-5	5-11	12<
meal&show	\$15	\$25	\$40

ELEMENTARY ART

We've been experimenting a lot with creating optical illusions in elementary art. Other highlights include 4th grade's cardboard sandcastles and 2nd grade's mixed media tide pools!



Introduction

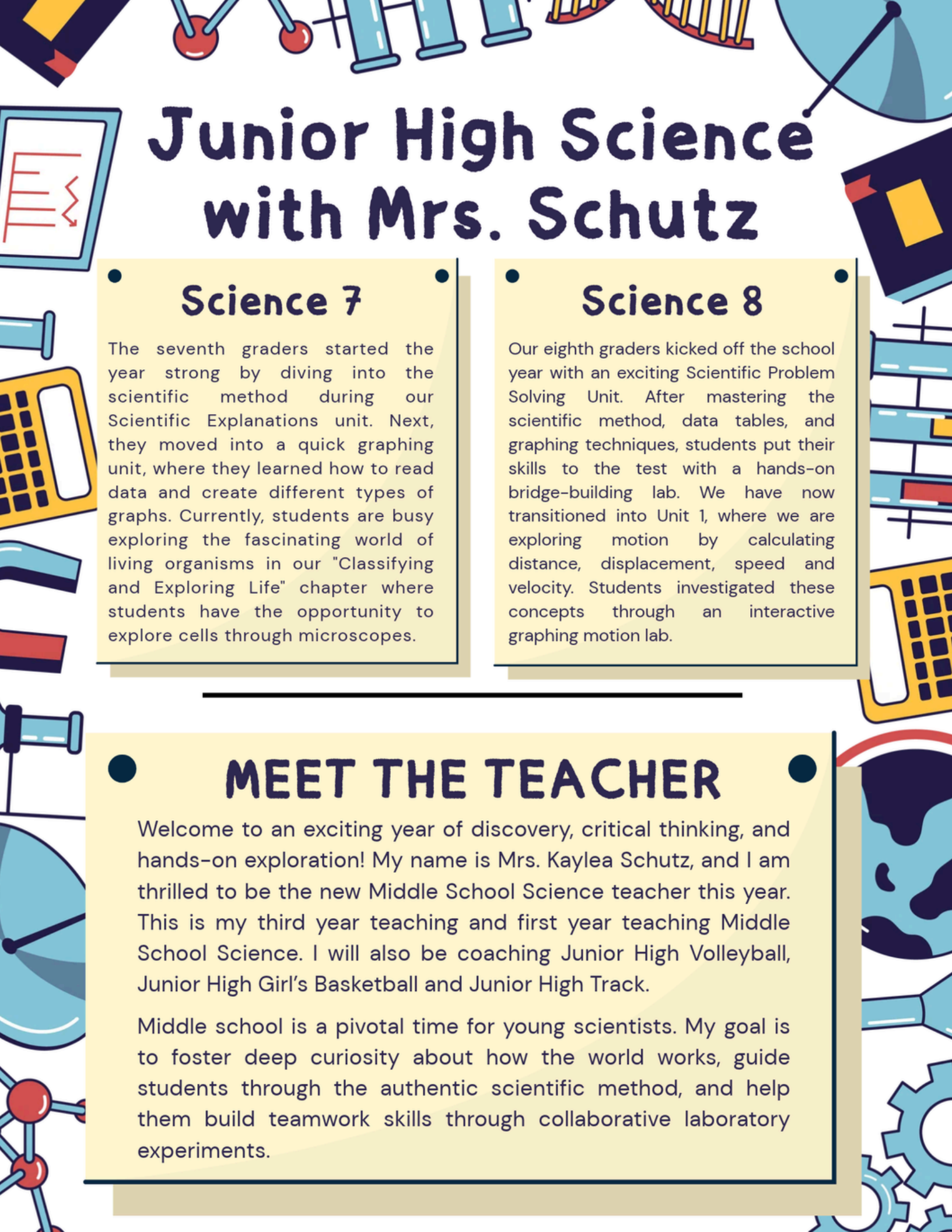
Hello, I am Brittany Hensley! I'm a first year art teacher, and I'm very excited to be at AHPS! I'm originally from Big Springs, Nebraska, and I graduated from Wayne State College in 2025. My favorite art mediums to work with are needle felting and painting.

Artsonia

AHPS now has an account on Artsonia! This is a digital gallery where you can check out what your student has been working on in the art room. You can leave comments, add family to your student's fan club, and even purchase keepsakes with your student's artwork on them. 20% of these purchases go back into the art program here at Arapahoe.

Artsonia does not replace the physical artwork. Like in the past, most artworks will stay in the classroom during the school year. In the spring, students will select the artwork they'd like to submit to the Furnas County fair, then bring the rest home!

If you haven't already, please consider connecting to your student on Artsonia!



Junior High Science with Mrs. Schutz

Science 7

The seventh graders started the year strong by diving into the scientific method during our Scientific Explanations unit. Next, they moved into a quick graphing unit, where they learned how to read data and create different types of graphs. Currently, students are busy exploring the fascinating world of living organisms in our "Classifying and Exploring Life" chapter where students have the opportunity to explore cells through microscopes.

Science 8

Our eighth graders kicked off the school year with an exciting Scientific Problem Solving Unit. After mastering the scientific method, data tables, and graphing techniques, students put their skills to the test with a hands-on bridge-building lab. We have now transitioned into Unit 1, where we are exploring motion by calculating distance, displacement, speed and velocity. Students investigated these concepts through an interactive graphing motion lab.

MEET THE TEACHER

Welcome to an exciting year of discovery, critical thinking, and hands-on exploration! My name is Mrs. Kaylea Schutz, and I am thrilled to be the new Middle School Science teacher this year. This is my third year teaching and first year teaching Middle School Science. I will also be coaching Junior High Volleyball, Junior High Girl's Basketball and Junior High Track.

Middle school is a pivotal time for young scientists. My goal is to foster deep curiosity about how the world works, guide students through the authentic scientific method, and help them build teamwork skills through collaborative laboratory experiments.

5th/6th Grade Science

Brandon Mues

The fifth and sixth grade classes are continually working to broaden their knowledge base of the scientific world. This starts with formulating a hypothesis, then testing and experimenting with different challenges. The class is asked to provide evidence and reasoning for those answers, and they are becoming better scientists each and every day. The fifth grade has spent much of the first part of the year exploring the life sciences such as food webs, matter cycles, and ecosystems.

We've grown our own bean, radish, and sunflower plants in the classroom and did different tests to see if lack of sunlight, water, or nutrients had any effect on their growth. Many students conquered their fear of handling red worms or "red wigglers," as they are known. These organisms are some of the best decomposers in the known world. Students were able to test what kind of environment these worms like best. Many found that they prefer dark, damp places. Currently, we have been tracking the shadow of the flagpole as it moves across the school grounds throughout the day. This shadow phenomenon, caused by the Earth's rotation, will also get longer as the months pass because of the position of Earth's orbit.

The sixth grade has been observing and learning about living things as well, but these organisms can't be seen with the naked eye. Cells are the smallest living things said to be alive. Students have been viewing unicellular protists (paramecium, euglena, amoeba), bacterial cells, and even some non-living things such as sand and salt. They made cheek cell slides using their own epithelial cells. By staining them with a solution called safranin, they were able to see clumps of cells that line the inside of their mouth as well as their respiratory tract and digestive organs. They will continue to study how cells make more complex tissues, organs, and organ systems as we move forward into the winter months.

Child Find

Child find is...

A process required by the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) to identify, locate, and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities and may need early intervention or special education services. It is a process to ensure children with identified needs can receive the help they need to succeed as early as possible.

How are children identified and located?

Anyone concerned about a child's speech, learning, behavior, or development can request a Child Find (an evaluation for early intervention or special education). The school district must have written permission/consent from the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) before conducting an evaluation.

What is a multidisciplinary evaluation?

A multidisciplinary evaluation will involve observations and assessments with the child and input from family. A meeting will be held to determine eligibility for early intervention or special education services and written summary of the results will be provided to the family.

Who should I contact about making a Child Find request?

For a child Birth to three years of age, contact the local Early Development Network Service Coordinators for the ESU 11 area, which can be reached at 308.398.6567.

For children ages 3 to 21, please contact the AHPS office at 308-962-5458 for information regarding your concerns for your child.

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our school.

School Hours:

8am - 3:40pm M-Th

8am - 2:30pm Fridays

Breakfast is served

daily from

7:30am - 7:50am

**WILL YOUR STUDENT BE
ABSENT BUT DON'T
HAVE TIME TO CALL?**

Please email us:

attendance@arapahoewarriors.org



Step-by-Step Guide for Parents

Getting started with e~Funds for Schools Mobile Website

CREATING A NEW ACCOUNT

***Lunch Accounts Only**

1. Go to: <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56682>
2. Click on **Create an Account**.
3. Provide Requested Information.
4. Click **Create Account**.

ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT – STUDENTS

***Call the office if you need your family ID#**

1. Log into your account.
2. Select **Manage Students** under **Manage Account**.
3. Enter student Last Name and Family or Student ID#.
4. Select **Add Student(s)**.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 to add additional students.

ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT - PAYMENT INFORMATION

1. Log into your Account
2. Select **Payment Methods** under **Payment Settings**.
3. Select **New Credit Card** or **New Direct Debit** to add new payment information.
4. After entering all required information, read Consent and select **Add** to save information to account.

MAKE A PAYMENT

1. Select type of payment you would like to make.
2. Select student.
3. Enter amount of payment.
4. Select **Begin Checkout**.
5. Choose payment method or enter new method.
6. Review items and total.
7. Select **Pay Now**.