



# The Arbor Times

## Arbor Intermediate School's Newsletter

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### A message from the Principal

*"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."-Benjamin Franklin*

We have made it to June! We are in the last few days of preparing your child for the next grade and ensuring they have learned all that is needed this academic year. In addition, our 5<sup>th</sup> graders have begun the transition to middle school by visiting Schor, Quibbetown, and Conackamack. They are truly excited about this move and I look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful things they will do as they

represent Arbor School next year. This time of year also brings a close to our standardized testing season, as students have fully completed PARCC testing and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade NJ ASK Science test. Piscataway Schools has done a great job of preparing your students for local and state assessments and each school looks forward to seeing success when the results are released.

As you prepare with us for the end of the school year, I encourage you to think

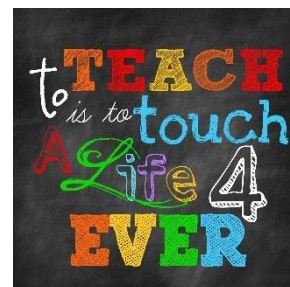
about academic and social activities available for your child. The Piscataway Public Libraries are a great place to visit throughout the summer to check out books or attend events. If you are interested in a camp, our district offers a great program with many fun and enrichment activities. I hope the remainder of this school year and summer months will be filled with learning and enjoyment for all!

Sincerely,  
Janelle Williams  
Arbor Principal

### End of Year Edition 2018

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### PTO Year in Review

This year, the PTO was able to get a lot accomplished with your help and support!! The overall school experience was enhanced due to your participation. A few highlights include:

- Purchase of 2 interactive smart boards for classrooms
  - Harlem Wizards Basketball Game
  - Mad Science Assembly
  - Holiday Gift Shoppe
- Halloween Dance and Trunk or Treat

Again, **thank you** for all of your help and we look forward to another successful year!

## Counselor's Connections—Mrs. Rosenthal

Over the summer, students should continue to practice the skills discussed during counseling sessions. One of the most important and revisited topics during the school year is “Executive Function” or simply put, “Brain Control”. This includes being **flexible** in situations, **controlling inhibitions**, **planning/organization**, being able to **‘shift’** from one behavior to another, being **persistent** in reaching goals, **activating** oneself to begin a task, having **sustained attention**, **and regulating emotions**. In addition, students should remember to remain on the ‘C’ and ‘D’ levels of behavior at all times (see my webpage for more information). I hope students remember to practice these things over the summer!! Enjoy your time off!

### Summer Websites

These are just a few suggestions for the summer. Please use your mobile device’s app store to find more fun and interactive learning games for your child.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

<https://www.codecademy.com/>

<https://www.time4learning.com/>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

<https://discoverykids.ph/>

<https://www.splashmath.com/>

<https://www.funbrain.com/>

<http://pbskids.org/games/>



## CURRICULUM CORNER

It is hard to believe that we are in our last month of school! As we approach the end of the school year, the students will continue to be actively learning new content, in all subject areas. Please continue to work with your children to ensure that homework and class projects come back on time for grading. We all look forward to a rewarding end of the year!

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA:** The Fourth Graders have been hard at work in Reading and Writing, bringing history to life! The students have immersed themselves in the American Revolutionary War. The culmination of their research will be a self-published book about the American Revolution, complete with illustrations. The students have been diligently pulling together notes from a wide-range of resources including books, videos and articles. In addition to writing their own American Revolution books, students are also editing their classmate's books and offering feedback, or "glows and grows". Recognizing their peers' areas of strength and growth allow students to also reflect more deeply upon their own work.



**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math:** In Math, the Fourth Grade students have completed a comprehensive unit on Fractions and Decimals and have moved into a unit on Geometry, Measurement and Data. The chapters in the unit begin with Geometry, which encompasses the classification of shapes and patterns, lines of symmetry and angles. They will then move onto measuring the space within shapes, such as perimeter, area, circumference and radius as well as weight, mass and volume. Please continue to practice math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) at home. Being a "master" in math facts gives the students a tremendous advantage in all areas of their mathematical studies. There are many on-line sites to practice their facts including [sumdog.com](http://sumdog.com), for which all students have a membership, and flashcards never go out of style.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA:** In Fifth Grade Reading and Writing, history is coming alive through the study of American Westward Expansion. Students have completed research and a gallery walk, looking through the lens of history to understand the lives of frontiersman, as well as the impact and perspective of Native Americans and the interactions between these two groups. For many students (and adults) it is unthinkable to be without our cell phones, let alone fully grasp how difficult life would have been forging through unknown territories with little more than the clothes on your back. One of the most important lessons of this unit is the need for students to ask themselves "What are some other ways to see this?" and understand that history has multiple points of view from which it can be seen, understood and written about.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math:** In Fifth Grade Math, students are completing a unit on Geometry and Measurement. The chapters within this unit will build upon the students' previous learning to deepen their understanding of Geometry and Measurement and how it is used to communicate mathematical ideas. Students will graph number pairs on a coordinate grid. They will also analyze patterns and then model those relationships using graphs. In addition to graphing, the further study of Geometry offers opportunities for students to interact with each other and listen to their arguments and justifications. As students create definitions based on properties of figures and discuss with their classmates whether or not certain figures have the properties to meet specific definitions, they have opportunities to construct arguments and critique the reasoning of others. Skills that will serve students well both in, and out of the Math classroom.

## Arbor Important Dates

6/8/2018	Robotics Visit-4th Grade Only	Arbor Gym	9:00am-3:00pm
6/12/2018	Jersey Cares-Projects Classroom Visits	Arbor	9:00am-2:00pm
6/12/2018	Accelerated Math Testing-5th Grade Only	Arbor Cafeteria	9:00am-11:00am
6/12/2018	I-Pad Family Night	Arbor Cafeteria	6:30pm
6/13/2018	Flag Day-Red, White, and Blue Day	Arbor	9:15am-9:30am
6/13/2018	4th Grade Publishing Party	Cafeteria	9:30am-10:30am-Students only
6/14/2018	Field Day	Arbor	All Day
6/18/2016	PTO Meeting and Elections	Arbor-Library	6:30pm-8:30pm
6/19/2018	Mad Science Assembly 4th and 5th Grade	Arbor Cafeteria	9:15am 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade and 10:15am 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
6/20/2018	End of Year Awards Ceremony PTO Sponsored Ice Cream Day	Arbor School Cafeteria	By Invite
6/20/2018	Yearbook Signing	Arbor School	Students Only

### Arbor School 2017-2018 Highlights

Raised over \$5,000 during the Pennies for Patients Drive

Read Across America with the Mobile Family Success Center and Piscataway Public Library

“Jersey Cares”-School Educational and Beautification Projects

Amazing Concerts and Student Performances

Chorus Visit to the Piscataway Senior Center

Fun and Exciting Spirit Days



*New* Field Trips



Three Successful Food Drives for Needy Families with a feature on News12 New Jersey

*New* Honor Roll Recognition Program

Robotics Assembly

Harlem Wizards Fundraiser



*New* Junior Achievement “High School Heroes” Educational Visit from High School FBLA Program

**Please look out for ways that you can participate and support Arbor School for the 2018-2019 Year!!**



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## Congratulations!

### April Students of the Month

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Special Area Subjects

Technology: Kayla Graves  
 Spanish: Brandon Munnery  
 Gym: Jasmin Castellanos  
 Music: Giovanna Adams  
 Art: Julia Hubbard

#### 4th Grade - Special Area Subjects

Saatvik Reddy  
 Tyler West  
 Melanie Weber  
 Madison Satnowski  
 Gabriella Hernandez

#### Fifth Grade

Justin Cherry  
 Roshni Patnaik  
 Nicole Arias  
 Crystal D'Souza  
 Krish Patel  
 Mya Ware  
 Janai Barker  
 Jailyn Baez  
 David Cordero  
 Yash Patel  
 Vaughn Turner  
 Heaven Hendricks  
 Rishi Patel  
 Ameen Mousa

#### Fourth Grade

Jai Ball  
 Ana Brito  
 Diya Patel  
 Mikhial Veras  
 Shane Leavell  
 Camila Buitrago  
 Olivia Longton  
 Avy Delgadillo  
 Shanaya Patel  
 Brianna Corea  
 Dean Scott  
 Alexander Henriquez





## Congratulations! May Students of the Month

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Special Area Subjects

Technology: Yash Patel

Spanish: Sanaa Barron

Gym: Mya Ware

Music: Julia Hubbard

Art: Nyasa Bryson

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Special Area Subjects

Daniel Nepton

Suhavi Puar

Jonathan Perez

Richard Dubois

Savannah Jenkins

Giancarlo Castro

Madison Satnowski

### Fifth Grade

Nicholas Ramraykha

Kamani Jones

Mohammad Butt

Avani Ingole

Max Barbieri

Juan Delgadillo Zarate

Sanaa Barron

Andrew Adjei

Dana Allwood

Jamie Ramirez

Kayden Pena

Warner Hunnighen

### Fourth Grade

Lucia Lubrano

Rachael Ramraykha

Devin Ventura

Zayan Akhtar

Aaren Wilson

Sebastian Nunez

Huda Makda

Zaara Shaik

Pranjali Sabat

Elizabeth Poole

Srija Patel

Sayf Abdelsayed

Abigail Parker

