



The Arbor Times

Arbor Intermediate School's Monthly Newsletter

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A message from the Principal

Hello Families!!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2018! When everyone walked into the building on Wednesday morning, we were eager to get to work for the students of Arbor. As we enter into this phase of the school year I look forward to watching our students succeed academically and socially.

From September to December of 2017, you answered the call to be involved and supportive

of the school in order to ensure the best educational experience for your child. I surely hope your enthusiasm remains as we have several programs, events, and initiatives that will require your support.

As always please remember to stay informed of school and district happenings via each website. Also, please share information with other families to make all

that we do a successful community effort.

Again, thank you for participating in your child's education and helping us, as a collective body of educators, see achievement in what we do. We truly believe that Arbor is a great place to learn and grow. It remains our pleasure to serve each family that we come in contact with.

Sincerely,
Janelle Williams
Principal

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P.T.O. Corner

Thank You!

Thank you very much for supporting our Holiday Shoppe. It is our hope that your child was able to purchase gifts for family, friends, and loved ones! Also, volunteers will be needed for our upcoming Book Fair.

Please support!

Fundraisers

-Harlem Wizards Pre-Sale Tickets will soon be available!! Please look out for information on this amazing event happening on March 29, 2018! 😊

-Do you have a great idea? Feel free to share it! Send ideas to arborwaypto@gmail.com

Thank you!

PTO Goals

- Pay for 4th and 5th grade trips
- Help to install 2-4 erasable white boards in language arts classrooms
- Assist with the cost of Field Day
- Sponsor an End of the Year Talent Show!!

We Need You!!



Nurse's Notes

Thank You!

A sincere thanks goes out to each and every family, staff member, and community partner who participated in our FISH Holiday Gift Giving Initiative. Over 130 gifts were wrapped and delivered to families in the local area to help celebrate the holiday season. This inspirational service project was also featured on News12 New Jersey so that many could see the great work accomplished by your efforts!!

Thank you!! ☺

Corinne Fender-School Nurse



Staff Spotlight

Our Main Office Staff

Each Newsletter will feature some of the support staff that make Arbor such a great place to be. This month we feature our dedicated main office staff who make sure the whole building is running smoothly. Beyond the smiles that greet you as you enter the building, our Clerk Gloria Moskowitz (left) and Secretary Karen Hoeg (right) are always available to answer your calls and questions. Our office staff balances the needs of not only our students and families, but those of the faculty as well. Mrs. Hoeg and Ms. Moskowitz are the main line of communication to the entire building and an integral part of our school community.



Curriculum Corner

Language Arts

The **4th grade students** will be concluding their Reading unit “Reading the Weather” in which they researched weather topics using various sources. In this unit, they developed ways to organize their ideas to be able to teach others about their researched topics. In Writing, students are continuing to review and strengthen their understanding of how text features, such as colored print, bullets, index and captions enhance their writing. They will be searching through their nonfiction books to locate text features as part of a file folder project. 4th graders will also choose from the “Note Taking Menu” to enhance their non-fiction research, using methods of Boxes and Bullets, T-Chart, Timeline, Sketch and Label, and Cause and Effect. Please continue to read every day and remember, “Readers are Writers and Writers are Readers”.

The **5th grade students** are reading books in partnerships based on genre or author and using the elements of that particular type of book to guide their thinking. The students are looking through a variety of “lenses”, such as setting and character, to read for deeper understanding of the author’s intent and larger meaning within a story. In writing, students are working on an essay about short stories as they prepare for their comparative literature essays. Please continue to read every day and remember, “Readers are Writers and Writers are Readers”.

Math

The **4th grade students** are concentrating on the principles of division. Students are discussing and investigating ways in which subtraction and division relate. The 4th grade students will continue developing strategies to solve division problems using repeated subtraction and checking their work through applying their multiplication facts. Students are also engaged in solving multistep word problems and illustrating and explaining their calculations using models. If you are not currently using Personal Math Trainer, it is a great resource to reinforce the skills learned in class. Your children should have their log in information for this site.

The **5th grade students** are continuing their work with decimals. Students are adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals using models and drawings. Students are deepening their understanding of mathematic relationships and properties as they relate to decimals. Students are continuing to develop their abilities to demonstrate their mathematical thinking in writing and explaining their reasoning. If you are not currently using Personal Math Trainer, it is a great resource to reinforce the skills learned in class. Your children should have their log in information for this site.



Parent Involvement Matters...You + Us = SUCCESS!!!

Many research studies support what teachers instinctively know: Students do better academically and socially when schools build positive relationships with their families. Here are several studies that explore the critical school-home connection (Shared from www.RepsonsiveClassroom.org):

- ✚ Parent involvement in education is crucial. No matter their income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school.

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in education. 2006. *Research Review and Resources*. Retrieved September 16, 2011, from www.ncpie.org/WhatsHappening/researchJanuary2006.cfm.

- ✚ When parents are involved at school, the performance of all the children at school, not just their own, tends to improve. The more comprehensive and well planned the partnership between school and home, the higher the student achievement.

Henderson, A.T., and Nancy Berla. 1995. *A New Generation of Evidence: The Family Is Critical to Student Achievement*. Washington, DC: Center for Law and Education, 14–16.

- ✚ The most accurate predictors of student achievement in school are not family income or social status, but the extent to which the family creates a home environment that encourages learning, communicates high yet reasonable expectations for the child's achievement, and becomes involved in the child's education at school.

National PTA. 2000. *Building Successful Partnerships: A Guide for Developing Parent and Family Involvement Programs*. Bloomington, Indiana: National Education Service, 11–12.

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Henderson, A.T., and K.L. Mapp. 2002. *A NewWave of Evidence: The Impact of School, Family, and Community Connections on Student Achievement*. National Center for Family and Community Connections with Schools, Southwest Educational Development Laboratory.



Thankful for our Veterans!!

Students at Arbor School are honoring the military through an initiative called "100,000 Thank You's". Sponsored by the USO, and in conjunction with WFBE-FM, this initiative aims to put smiles on the faces of our brave Military Men and Women who face not being with family and friends during the holidays. Under the guidance of Mrs. Doherty and Mrs. Caldwell, the students accepted the challenge and prepared hundreds of cards to send to our troops overseas to let them know that even though they may not be home for the holidays, they have many people back at home that appreciate the sacrifices they make fighting for our freedom.



It's Cold Outside

As we continue to experience near and below freezing temperatures, it is important that all precautions are taken to ensure each child is safe and warm when outdoors. If your child is a bus student, please be sure that they have all of the proper clothing if they have to wait outside. For those who walk or are dropped off to school, I advise that they arrive as close to 8:40am as possible so that they are not waiting outside for a long period of time.



Career Day 2018:

Support Piscataway's theme of *Inspire* by partnering with Arbor School! On March 28, 2018 we will have our annual Career Day. Parents, families, and community friends of Arbor School are welcome to come in and share their career experiences with the students at Arbor School! If you are interested in participating please email our school counselor Mrs. Rosenthal rosenthal@pway.org



CELEBRATE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

November 2017

5th Grade - Special Area Subjects

Technology: Trisha Patel
 Spanish: Deanna Bonaparte
 Gym: Coby Bell
 Music: Kayden Pena
 Art: Yash Patel

Fifth Grade

Zoey Ann Rivers Brogsdale
 Vaidehi Patel
 Giovanna Adams
 Aryan Patel (Rm 31)
 Nicole Alfaro
 Emily Monti
 Tina Nguyen
 Christopher Hernandez
 Natalie Nguyen
 Joel Adekanye
 Richi Patel (Rm 4)
 Suhavi Puar
 Ambar Celi
 Justin Cherry

4th Grade - Special Area Subjects

Ronith Kaithi
 Shane Henry
 Olivia Longton
 T'Asia Chase
 Alexandra Trejo

Fourth Grade

Ruchir Parisboina
 Krish Patel
 Jonathon Perez
 Manna Gamadia
 JaNiyah Belton
 Madison Satnowski
 Jayden Callejas
 Nia Monroe
 Neev Gupta
 Pratheek Puduru
 Jeylianis Hernandez Infante
 Pranavi Prayaga



CELEBRATE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

December 2017

The students listed below have worked toward this honor by consistently following the Arbor Way!! This includes being Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn!

5th Grade - Special Area Subjects

Technology: Tyler McMillen
Reiko Guanlao
Spanish: Blaze VanValkenburg
Gym: Justin Cherry
Music: Jasiah Chambers
Art: Sylphania Njoku

Fifth Grade

Janvi Patel
Gabriel Hernandez
Alana Holman
Maddox Davis
Syana Patel
Rymah Ali
Faith Beck
Kabir Patel
Dheeraj Kumar
Anye Mendez
Jocelyn Reyes
Matthew Gomez
Angie Ramos
Damien Phelps-Briggs

4th Grade - Special Area Subjects

Saanvi Muthachetty
Ayush Desai
Khloe Pugh
Dara Gonzalez
Emily Sullivan
Katherine Inigo

Fourth Grade

Alexis Velasquez
Samuel Urjdez
Amit Ganesh
Tommy Toste
Aadi Bhagat
Yashada Sohani
Kathleen Zheng
Kendall Langevine
Ayush Desai
Trishti Mirchandani
Dhanvin Patel
Aryan Singh
Mecca Trent

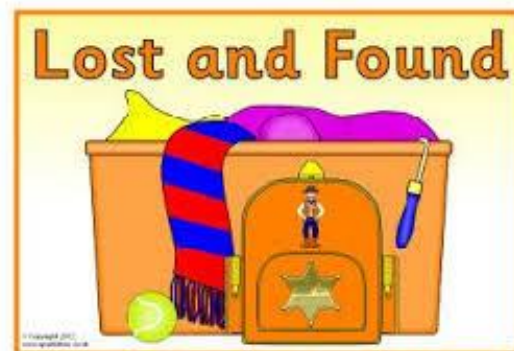
From your Tech Guru: Mr. Nepton

Start the New Year off right by keeping up with your elective class assignments. Students have been practicing at home for technology class and many are keeping up with the homework. **Great Job Arbor!** Have technology questions...please reach out to Mr. Nepton. rnepton@pway.org



Lost and Found

Parents, please remind your children to check the lost and found located in the cafeteria if they have lost something during the school year. We have several coats, hats, gloves, lunchboxes and more that have yet to be claimed.



Important Dates 2018

1/5/2018	Pennies for Patients Assembly	Arbor	4th Grade 1:45/5th Grade 2:15
1/17/2018	Advanced Band Winter Concert	Schor Middle School	6:30pm-8:00pm
1/18/2018	Dance Power Final Presentation	Arbor	2:00pm-3:00pm
1/19/2018	Spirit Day-Twin Day	Arbor	All Day
1/24/2018	Arbor Orchestra and Chorus Concert	Schor Middle	6:30pm-8:00pm