Principals Message

Dear Arcade Community,

We are fast approaching the end of the school year with only a few short months left! Although time is short, the list of activities we have planned is long. Our extended-stay field trip season will kick off March 16th with our 6th graders attending Mt. Hermon in the Santa Cruz Mountains, followed by our 8th grade field trips to Yosemite and ending with 7th grade attending Wonder Valley in May. In addition, our Advanced Band will be going to Disneyland in mid-March!

As much fun as this time of year can be with all of our wonderful activities, it can be very easy for students to lose focus on classroom learning. It is vital for us as teachers and parents to keep a close eye on our students and nudge them to stay on track, when needed. A simple weekly review of grades on the Parent Portal is all it takes to ensure your student is able to stay focused. As always, please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about student performance.

Have a great March!
Steve Hunt
Principal, Arcade

PTO News

Hi Arcade families,

Mark your calendars for this Thursday, March 5 for a wonderful lunch or dinner with Arcade friends at Don Quixote’s Mexican Grill on Watt Ave. The restaurant will donate 20% of profits to Arcade, remember to bring the flyer (attached to this newsletter) and give a shout-out to Arcade!

Directly following Restaurant Night is our Movie Night on campus! Friday, March 6 at 7pm. What a wonderful opportunity for our kids to get together, have fun and watch a movie together. Also this month, as we wrap up our current trimester, is our Student Government-sponsored dance for 7-8th graders on Friday, March 20.

At Arcade, there are so many opportunities for our middle school kids to come together outside of classroom instruction to bond and strengthen their friendships. The benefits of these events extend back into the classroom by positive behaviors and a strong learning environment.

Thank you to all of our volunteers; teachers, parents and students, who make these events possible. Have a wonderful month!

~ Susan Foondos
Arcade PTO President
Calendar of Events

March
2 Map Testing Starts
3 PTO Meeting 6:30pm
5 Restaurant Night - Don Quixote 10:30am-8:30pm
6 Spring Pictures Taken
  Movie Night 7-9pm
13 Big Cats Assembly – PM assembly schedule
17 Site Council Meeting 2:45 pm
20 End of Third Quarter
  Map Testing Ends
  Dance 7-9pm
30-4/3 Spring Break- No School

April
6 School Resumes
7 PTO Meeting 6:30pm
8 8th Grade Career Day
10 GloBlowl 3:30-5:30 Country Club Lanes
14 Spring Music Concert 7-9pm

This March, student government is busier than ever! We are currently running the Pennies for Patients program here at Arcade, which is a charity that supports kids battling leukemia. We will be conducting a few fun lunch time activities to encourage students to support the cause. In addition, our next dance is approaching quickly! While the theme is still undecided, we are getting ready for the upcoming weeks of hard work, in preparation for this event, which we hope to see all students attend. In all, we are excited to take on this worthy cause, and to see all the Arcade Spartans at the dance!

Claire Rouse
Student Body President

Infinity History
We are currently studying the presidency of Andrew Jackson and will follow that with the Manifest Destiny unit. Infinity students turned in 380 pairs of jeans for the recently completed “Jeans for Teens” drive which was impressive amount and all for a good cause. The 3rd quarter ends on March 20.

Rick Barnes
Arcade Middle School
InfinityTeam History
Student Government Advisor
rbarnes@sanjuan.edu

Save the Date
March 2nd thru March 20th
Map Testing
Students will be taking their final testing for placement next year please be sure to be here.

Snack Shack News
Hello Arcade parents! The next Spartan dance will be held on Friday March 20th from 7-9 in the MP room. This is the last dance the 6th graders will not be allowed to attend. For the final dance of the year on May 15th those 6th grade parents will be given “first right of refusal” to work in the snack bar. Therefore, if our 7th and 8th grade parents are interested in working this dance please be on the look out for an email from me on March 6th. If you’ve not been on the list before and wish to have your name added please email me at tjpsmith@pacbell.net. The first three to respond will be my volunteers.

Thank you!
Jane Smith

Box Tops Update
Thank You so much to all the students that clip and collect Box Tops. Our school has raised $98.00 so far. Those little Box Tops, are like dimes in disguise. They really do add up. The school year is not over yet, if you have any - please turn them in.

Your Box Tops Coordinator
Arnela Kitovnica

Game Time News
Attention 6th and 7th graders!

Do you like to play Chess, Checkers or Uno, The game of Life or maybe Clue?
Come check out Room 19 during lunch and get your game on!

Angelique Brandt
Counselor
Open Board positions 2015-2016

Hi Arcade families,
As members of the Arcade Middle School PTO, we have been honored to serve our school to help support our kids for the past two years. Many of our kids will be graduating from this amazing school this spring and there will be open positions on the PTO Board. Please consider your interest in serving on the board for the 2015-2016 school year. Email Mr. Hunt at shunt@sanjuan.edu with your expression of interest in one of these positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Auditor, & Secretary.

Thank you for your consideration, all of our kids truly benefit from our parent involvement.

~ Susan Foondos
Arcade PTO President
Sfoondos@me.com

Yearbook News

Yearbooks on sale in the school office for $20. Cash only please! Orders will be accepted until Friday, March 13th. If you have any photographs that you would like to submit for consideration in the yearbook please send to Michele. ebner@sanjuan.edu

Mira Loma HS Cheer Try-Outs!

MLHS Cheer announces try outs for the 2015/2016 season. We promise exciting changes for next year… new uniforms, new camp location, new innovative routines…. NEW PRIDE! We plan on stepping out of the box next year… try out and step out of yours!

There is a mandatory parent meeting on 03.18.15 OR 04.09.15 at 7:10pm in the MLHS Library.

YOU MUST ATTEND ONE OF THESE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS WITH A PARENT/GUARDIAN IN ORDER TO TRY OUT

GO MATS!!!

Arcade Art

Students are glazing their ceramic creations – flowers, boxes, and more. We are waiting for the kiln to finally get them all fired so they can go home. We are about to start creating paper mache animal masks that will be hanging on the walls for you to view at Open House later this year. Your kids are very creative and demonstrate it in so many ways!

Mrs. Burnett

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Carl Faile, Senior Director, Technology
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Arcade Middle School & Don Quixote’s Mexican Grill are teaming up!

Thursday, March 5th
10:30 am - 8:30pm

2648 Watt Ave.
On the corner of Watt and Kings Way behind Starbucks,
near Country Club Lanes
Download the menu at www.thedon.net
Print & bring this flyer – 20% benefits our school
San Juan Unified School District’s
Math Pilot Showcase
Take a ‘Sneak Peak’ and Preview New Math Material

San Juan Unified parents, students, teachers, administrators and community members are invited to preview the Elementary, Middle Grades, and High School Integrated Math 1 instructional materials that are being used as a trial in classrooms throughout the district. This trial use will determine the material that will be used as the new math instructional material beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. This Math Pilot Showcase will be held on the following dates and locations:

**Monday, March 9, 2015, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**
Fair Oaks Annex, Room 11
10700 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA, 95628

**Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**
District Office Board Room
3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, CA, 95608

District representatives will be present to answer questions. Evaluation forms will be available.

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These piloted materials will also be available to view:

**Weekdays, March 2 through April 10, 2015 (Closed Friday, April 3)**
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
District Office, Business Services Reception area
3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608

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