Principals News

Hello Arcade families and community,

First, let me say that I am very happy to be here at Arcade Fundamental Middle School this year. Thank you for the supportive and welcoming environment I have experienced here. What a wonderful place to be! We have great students, enthusiastic staff, and supportive parents. The transition from Southern to Northern California has been an exciting one for me. I am closer to my family and am making new friends and colleagues.

We have had a great start to the 2015-2016 school year. The students are adjusting well and the teachers are in full swing. We have some additions to the Arcade staff this year. We welcomed in five new teachers this year. Mr. Applebaum is teaching Language Arts and a Speech and Debate class. Mrs. Noorani joins us teaching Science and a Math Intervention class. Mr. Gill has joined our P.E. Department. Mr. Kimble is here teaching our Independent Living Skills class. We have new support staff also. Tara Reese is now an Instructional Assistant for Mr. Kimball in the ILS class. The District Office has reinstated the position of Campus Monitor for the middle schools and we have Rosemarie Lally in that position. Her job is to help ensure student safety. You will see her in the drop off/pick up lanes regularly, as well as around campus helping students make good choices. When your students go to the Library they will be seeing a new face. Mrs. Lisa Payne is our new Library Media Technician. When you see our new folks around the campus please welcome them to the family.

Thank you to all the families that attended our orientations and our Back-to-School Night. What a great way to support your student’s education!

September is a very busy month. We have our first Skate Night of the year, and we kick off our big fundraiser. The Welcome Back Dance is this month also. Please watch our website to keep up with all the exciting things we have in store for Arcade this school year.

Sincerely,
LeeAnn Hopton
Principal

PTO News

Welcome to a wonderful new school year at Arcade! The Buz of energy was felt in full at our Back To School night last Thursday... amazing kids have amazing families!

With a new era upon us at Arcade with our new Principal, Mrs. Hopton, it is an exciting time to be a Spartan! Each month, our Teachers, Students and Parents all contribute to the content of this publication, The Spartan Times. It is with great pleasure to bring this to you each month, one more avenue to stay connected with what’s going on at Arcade... I want to thank our Editor, Annette Jones, who will be entering her 2nd year as the Spartan Times Editor. I also want to thank our Board Members who all have graciously volunteered their time to lead our Parent Teacher Organization; PTO: Harla Nolan - Vice President, Tracy Polhemus - Treasurer, Dina Dennis - Auditor and Milena Kentera - Secretary. In addition, thank you to the following parents who have jumped in to lead various volunteer efforts at Arcade: Rebekah Stephensen - Box Tops Coordinator, Mindy Bates - Book Fair, Jane Smith - Snack Shack, Kim Hartman - Glow Bowl Chaperones, Shyla Olafsson - Dance Chaperones, Margo Scott - Career Day, Stephanie Fredrickson - Teacher Appreciation, Grace Montoya and Denna Cobabe - Spartan Recognition Program. We cannot successfully support our kids without our parent support... thank you to everyone who has already stepped up to donate financially and volunteer their time to support our various events and activities. Our kids win with our help! Please consider donating as a one-time membership pledge, if you haven’t already done so for this school year. Volunteer forms and donations can be turned in at the school office. Here’s to a wonderful school year!

~ Susan Foondos
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Arcade PTO President
2015-16

September
3 Skate Night 6:30-8:30 Foothill Skate
7 Labor Day - No School
8 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm in MP Room
11 Magazine Sales Begin - PM Assembly
Progress Reports Distributed
15 Magazine post card turn in
16 Picture Make Up Day (1st, 2nd and 3rd Periods only)
22 Welcome Back Dance 7-9 MP Room
25 Magazine Sales End - Final Collection Day

October
6 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm in MP Room
7 Student Government FT to Woodland
9 End of First Quarter
13 Glow Bowl 3:30-5:30 Country Club Lanes
13 Site Council Meeting 2:45
23 Sports-O-Rama 7pm Mira Loma HS
30 Movie Night 7-9 MP Room
Greetings from the Music Department. I am looking forward to another wonderful music-filled year!

There are five performing ensembles at Arcade: choir, beginning band, intermediate band, advanced band, and jazz ensemble. The more than 150 music students focus on performance technique, music fundamentals, theory, history, and creativity in a well-balanced, rigorous program.

There is a very active parent booster club that helps maintain the program, provide music and instruments, and enables students to attend educational and enriching field trips each year. If you’d like to contact the boosters please email arcademusiconotes@gmail.com.

If you’re interested in being part of the Arcade music department please contact Mrs. Pool (dpool@sanjuan.edu).

Some dates to keep in mind:

October
2 CMEA Honor Choir Money Due!! ($40.00)
8 Volunteer choir members only.
9 All music T-shirt orders due!
9 Adv. Band and Choir join ECHS band at football game, ECHS, 6:30 pm
23 Sports Q Rama - Adv. and Int. Band at Mira Loma HS
30 Movie Night - MP room, 7:00 PM - parent volunteers needed!

November
1 Pep Band needed for “Run Because You Can” event.
5-8:00 PM
6 Playathon at RAHS. Optional for all band kids. 3:30-4:30
10 Fall Music Concert - Multipurpose room, 7-9 pm, Int, Adv, Jazz, Choir
10 TBA - Honor Band Applications/recordings due

Mr. Lyon’s English

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Mr. Lyon’s English

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Thanks!!
The passing of a family relative left my grandfather with an inheritance, and he shared the wealth by taking the grandkids on a cruise to Alaska. I'd gone twenty years ago with my parents and little sister, so my memory of the events then were a little hazy. I do remember visiting Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau in 1995, so it was interesting - and a little frightening - to see how much it had receded in the two decades since. The included photo shows its position in July of this year, but twenty years ago it had stretched out much, much further. There is something hauntingly beautiful in the ice, and it is a strong reminder of how mankind has had an impact on our planet. Hiking out to the glacier was the highlight of my trip, which was otherwise uncomfortable due to seasickness!

Joseph Applebaum
8th Grade English / ELD Speech and Debate