

Mustang Messenger

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

RAFAEL MARTINEZ, PRINCIPAL

Hello Mustang Families,
In the spirit of starting a school year, let's take it one step further and focus on starting strong. The first step to making this the best yet centers on attendance. On time, daily attendance proves one of the strongest predictors of student success.

From AttendanceWorks.org: *If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers. Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.*

In our own school, the evidence is direct correlation. In grades 1st thru 5th, the students who are "On Track" or Grade Level/Above academically match as also being On Track in attendance. I'm the first to say, we've a learning program that focuses on high engagement. Our PLTW Engineering & Robotics classroom kits are set to be delivered this week- it's as high engagement as it gets in education. Now, we need all our students on time and here every day.

Our district has even added monetary incentives for the top attendance schools. We've been in the top 10 for attendance, parent survey submission (just missing out on winning a Chromecart), growth in reading and math for two years straight. Just as it has the last two years, all incentive money awarded to our school goes directly into incentives and equipment for our students.

So, every week the class with the highest attendance earns an attendance charm for every student, Fun Friday in MP room, early awarding of school lanyards and the Arli trophy to show class pride. Students with the best monthly attendance earn their names on the MP room boards and become VIPs the following month. A big shout out for Ms. Cornu's Kindergarten for being the first to win. And as a school, we can win any competition. We've won before. Let's do it again and get our students additional equipment and incentives, so our kids keep getting that Arlington Edge on the Future.

Rafael Martinez
Principal
Arlington Heights Elementary

Future Calendar Dates

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| 9/01 | STEAM challenge
Apples A-Head is due
(extra flyers in office) |
| 9/01 | MUSTANG RALLY
1:45-2:20 IN MP ROOM |
| 9/04 | No School - Labor Day |
| 9/06 | PTC Meeting at 6PM, Rm. 23 |
| 9/19 | School Site Council Mtg.
2:45-3:45 in Room 21 |
| 9/28 | Jog-a-thon |
| 9/29 | Parent Lunch with Mr. Martinez
MP Room 11:15-12:40 |
| 10/11 | Fall Picture Day |
| 10/19 | Science Night 6:00-7:00 PM |
| 11/07 | Vision Screening (Grades K/2/5) |



VOTE
2017-2018 PTC BOARD
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2017-2018 Bell Schedule

M/Tu/W/F

TK / Kindergarten 7:55 - 11:15
Grades 1 - 5 7:55 - 2:20

Thursday Schedules

Kindergarten 7:55 - 11:15
Grades 1 - 5 7:55 - 1:00

Open House (May) and Last Day
TK / Kindergarten 7:55 - 11:15
Grades 1 - 5 7:55 - 12:00



School Lunches

San Juan Unified School District, Food Services Department offers online pre-payment for school lunches. Go to:

www.myschoolbucks.com

Methods of payment accepted are Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. You can even set up low balance email reminders, schedule automatic payments and track account balances. There is a convenience fee of \$1.35 per transaction for payments under \$50.00.

School Meal Prices	Elementary
Breakfast - Full Paid	\$2.00
Breakfast - Reduced-price	\$0.30
Lunch - Full Paid	\$3.00
Lunch - Reduced-price	\$0.40
Milk	\$0.50

Free & Reduced Lunches

APPLY NOW!! Free & Reduced Meal applications are available online at the below link, at the Nutrition Services office at 3738 Walnut Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608, and at every school office and cafeteria. **The current application is only good through summer.** Applications need to be filled out annually.

<https://mealapps.sanjuan.edu/rocketscan/>

Parent Teacher Committee (PTC)

Volunteers Wanted



The success of a thriving school needs parent participation. It needs new parents to bring new ideas to the table. You could be the missing piece to jump start a fun and successful experience for all Arlington students! It is not too late to add your name or to nominate someone else to the board positions.

Perhaps you don't have the time to hold a board position but would like to help out with an event or 2 during the year. Submit your name via the email listed below. More hands make less work.

The Arlington PTC Board meetings are on first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in Room 23. All are welcome. Want to know more, please inquire via email at:

Arlington.ptc@gmail.com

Box Tops & Soup Labels



Don't forget to cut out your box tops off of your store bought products. There are over 200 participating brands that have box tops for education. These tops get turned in for cash that goes right back into Arlington. Students can turn both the Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels into the Campbell Soup basket found in the Multi Purpose room. To find out a complete list of participating brands you can visit:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

2017-2018 PTC Voting Ballot

Please vote for the Arlington 2017-2018 school PTC Board and return to school with your student. Write in any additional names that you would like to include. No Experience is Necessary.

President

Kahla Baker

Vice-President

Michele Casaucau

Secretary

Chris Cox

Treasurer

Rebecca Koons

Yearbook

Boxtops

Paula Galvan

Arlington Heights Elementary School Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines



San Juan Unified School District Policy:

Student Use Of Technology, On-Line Services/Internet Access:

Technology provides ways to access the most current and extensive sources of information. Technology also enables students to practice skills and to develop reasoning and problem-solving abilities. Every effort shall be made to provide equal access to technology throughout the district's schools and classes.

The Internet and other on-line resources provided by the district shall be used to support the instructional program and further student learning. The district provides computers and computer network and internet services for the specific and limited purpose of achieving the district's goals and accomplishing its educational and organizational purposes.

Because the Internet contains an unregulated collection of resources, the district cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information or the appropriateness of any material that a student may encounter. Therefore, before using the district's on-line resources, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return an *Acceptable Use Agreement*. This agreement shall specify user obligations and responsibilities and shall indemnify the district for any damages. The parent/guardian shall agree to not hold the district responsible for materials acquired by the student on the system, for violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence or any costs incurred by users.

The regulations listed below are meant to prohibit access to harmful matter on the internet and preclude other misuses of the system, to establish the fact that users have no expectation of privacy and that district staff may monitor or examine all system activities to ensure proper use of the system.

Students who fail to abide by district rules shall be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of the user account and legal action as appropriate.

Rules for Use of Computers, Computer Networks and the Internet:

1. Use of school computers and access to the Internet is a privilege. Students are expected to follow the directions of teachers and school staff and abide by the rules of the school and the school district, and be considerate and respectful of other users.
2. Use of school computers and access to the Internet is provided for school-related education and research. Students may be required to provide verification from a teacher that their Internet activity is part of a learning activity.
3. Computers will **not** be used to produce, distribute, access, or store information which is:
 - Unlawful
 - Private or confidential
 - Copyright protected or plagiarism (passing someone else's work as your own),
 - Obscene, pornographic or containing inappropriate language,
 - Harmful, threatening, abusive or denigrating of others,
 - For commercial purposes,
 - Causing congestion or damage to systems or disruptive of others' work.
4. Do not change any software or documents other than the documents **you** create.
5. Never give out personal information such as your home address or telephone number or personal information about others. Do not respond to any requests for personal information.



PLEASE SIGN & RETURN



My student and I have read and gone over the above San Juan Unified School District Technology Use policy while using all technology at Arlington Heights. Please return the bottom portion to your classroom teacher.

Teacher: _____

Room: _____

Student Signature : _____

Date: _____

Parent/Gaurdian Signature: _____

Date: _____