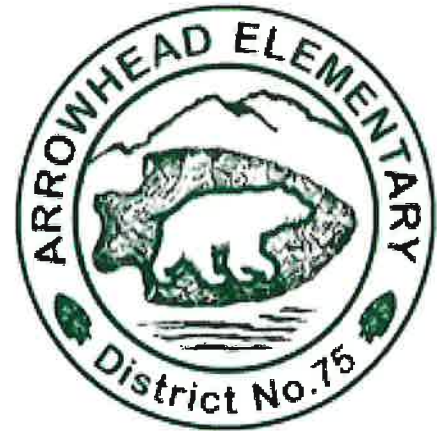

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Arrowhead School Monthly Newsletter



In this newsletter, you can expect to find:

- **An introduction to Mrs. Johanna Osborn, our 2024-2025 Arrowhead School Principal.**
 - **Front Office Reminders**
 - **A list of the end of the year events**
 - **2024-2025 School Calendar**
 - **NEW Out of District Student Process for 2024-2025 School Year
Deadline is June 15, 2024**
 - **Farm to School Updates**
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Dear Parents and Students,

It is with great excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new principal of Arrowhead School. I am honored to become a part of your school and to support the students and families of such an amazing community.

During my career in education, I have spent time teaching in 4th and 5th grade classrooms. I have spent the last 2 years as the Elementary Assistant Principal in Wayne, NE. As I move into my role as your principal, I will bring my experiences with me as I partner with each of you to ensure your child's success.

On a personal note, my husband and I are excited to be moving our family to Paradise Valley this summer. We have spent our recent summers exploring Montana and are looking forward to making our dream our home. We have 4 children, including 3 that will also be joining Arrowhead School.

I believe that a strong partnership with parents is a crucial piece of helping to prepare students for their future. Parent involvement is critical and encouraged! I am looking forward to meeting and working with each of you. By using the simple idea of teamwork, the students, parents, and staff of Arrowhead School will create an outstanding school year.

Sincerely,

Johanna Osborn



MY VISION: TO
DELIVER THE
HIGHEST
QUALITY
EDUCATION IN
THE MOST
POSITIVE AND
PASSIONATE
ENVIRONMENT.



FRONT OFFICE REMINDERS:

BUS: Unfortunately, Arrowhead Schools is currently without a bus driver. While we are actively looking for a replacement, you will be responsible for transporting your student to and from school until further notice. Carpooling with nearby families might be an option to consider.

CLOTHES: Arrowhead has a generous Clothes Lending Closet. The past few months, our students have "borrowed" clothes and not returned them. Please make sure your student returns **CLEAN CLOTHING** they have borrowed and worn home.

BACKPACK SNACKS: The Livingston Food Resource Center provides small baggies of meal items the students may take home. Please encourage them to make use of this generous opportunity.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS: We have three more field trips coming up, so please be watchful for the trip Permission Slips. If you could ask your student every day if there are papers in their back pack you need to see and/or return to the school, it will help us. Thanks in advance!

THANK YOU PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Miss Bell wants to thank **ALL** of **YOU** for being so considerate in calling the Front Office when your student(s) is/are ill, going to be late or leaving early. This makes our school and classes run more efficiently.

Arrowhead School

End of the Year Event Schedule

Thursday, May 9th

Black Dog and D&D Field Trip
3rd - 8th Grades
Leave at 11:00 to end of day
Sack lunches

Thursday, May 16th

1st/2nd Grade Field Trip to Grizzly Encounter
9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 23rd

Black Dog and D&D Field Trip
K - 2nd Grades
Leave at 11:00 to end of day
Sack lunches

Wednesday, May 29th

Gardiner Field Day K-6

Tuesday, June 4th

Kindergarten and 8th Grade Graduation
Community Invitation
*Kindergarten 2:00 p.m.
*8th Grade to follow

Wednesday, June 5th

PTO Lunch BBQ and Afternoon Carnival 11:30
Parents and Families of Arrowhead Students welcome
Early dismissal of students will be excused, if parents choose (must check out at the office)

Arrowhead School 24-25 Calendar

4/16/24

July 2024						
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June 2025						
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Important Calendar Notes (additional on back)

8:00 a.m. Instructional Start Time; End of Day 3:45 p.m.

4th – 8th Grade Students' **1st Day of School: Monday, August 19, 2024**

Last Day of School: Thursday, June 12, 2025

4K-3rd Grade Students' **1st Day of School: Monday, September 9th**

Last Day of School: Thursday, June 5, 2025

No Friday School for 4K – 3rd Grade

EXCEPT, 3rd Grade will attend Bridger Bowl Ski Days on Jan 10th and Feb 14th

- No School
- 4th-8th Grade ONLY Days
- All Students at School
- PT Conferences (Details TBD)
- Teacher Only Days
- 3rd – 8th Ski Day

Arrowhead School
NEW 2024-2025 Out of District Application Process
Deadline: June 15, 2024

In preparation for the 2024-2025 school year, we want to ensure you have a very important date in mind. If your child is attending Arrowhead School as an out of district student and intends to return next year, OR if you are a new family wanting to enroll your out of district child in Arrowhead School next year, the process below is important to know.

IMPORTANT!! June 15, 2024 is the hard deadline to re-enroll and/or submit an application for your out of district child to be considered to attend Arrowhead School for the 2024-2025 school year. Please call the Arrowhead School at 406-333-4359 for application forms. Applications **MUST** be turned into the office or received by the office by June 15th, no later.

Process:

1. Fill out the Arrowhead School Out of District Application Form.
2. Sign a release of records. Current students do not need this.
3. Complete the State required form FP 14.1 Out of District Student Attendance Agreement.
4. Mail the completed packet to the below address by June 15, 2024:

Arrowhead School
Box 37
Pray, MT 59065

5. The School Board will consider recommendations from our administrator at a board meeting before July 15, 2024.

Carnival June 5th 1130 to 330

Arrowhead School

- ◆ **Games and Activities for students and their families**
- ◆ **Lunch will be served BBQ style (Parents welcome to join)**

Stations to include:

- **Dunk Tank** ***Obstacle Course** ***Bracelet Making**
- **Cornhole** ***Face Painting** ***Balloon Darts**
- **Bean Bag toss** ***Egg Race** ***Cake Walk**
- **Fishing game** ***Ping Pong** ***And more!!**



Farm to School Newsletter



Hello Arrowhead Families!

Here is a recap on our Farm to School lessons for the month of March. It was an exciting month of taste testing for new breakfast items, spending some time outdoors, and planning for the garden!

Week 1: March began in the kitchen where we taste tested a new breakfast menu item for the school. From both teacher and parent feedback, some new breakfast options have been top priority for me to ensure the students are starting their day off with brain fueling options.

We baked up some egg muffins that were a BIG hit with the kids! What was even more exciting was seeing their excitement in having some different options for breakfast. Glenda and I also felt it was important to get student feedback on the lunch menu and asked the kids for their opinions on what they wanted to keep and what they were willing to say goodbye to in order to make room for new lunch menu items as well. Both of us feel that when you invite kids to participate in change, they are much more likely to embrace that change. We received honest and valuable feedback from all classes and they helped us identify where we can begin to try out new recipes on the lunch menu as well.

Week 2: We took advantage of the spring time weather and spent the afternoon cleaning out the garden beds and getting them ready for spring planting. The kids had the best time digging up the soil, finding our garlic sprouts that we planted last fall, and of course, finding all of the worms they could possibly find. They have missed the garden and were so happy to be back in the dirt. In the month of April, we will be adding an additional garden bed to our school garden so that every class has their very own garden bed. I have been keeping their seedlings we planted a few months ago cozy in my greenhouse and we have a variety of herbs, tomatoes, brassicas, and flowers that are growing beautifully and will be ready to be transplanted into the garden soon!

Week 3: Arrowhead had the pleasure of welcoming Farmer Celeste from the Livingston Farm to School program to help me co-teach lessons this week. Celeste tasked the students with imagining their own garden plot and drawing pictures of the different produce they would like to grow in the school garden this spring. They looked through seed catalogs to gain inspiration, and once every student had their "dream garden" imagined, we stitched their gardens together into a beautiful "Class Garden Quilt" so that everyone's ideas were brought together into a cohesive garden plan. Each grade has a quilt hanging in the cafeteria so next time you are at school, stop and take a look at their collective vision.

Coming up in April, we have a Farm to School field trip to Wolf Ridge Icelandics where the kids will meet the lamb purveyor who we are utilizing for school lunches. If we are lucky, we will see some ewes lambing. And if not, we will have some babies to admire and love on that have already been born.

April's harvest of the month is.....Beef and Bison! The students will be back in the kitchen taste testing some new recipes and providing all of their wonderfully honest feedback as well as continuing to get the garden ready for a fruitful summer harvest.

Hugs,

Farmer Kelly

Favorite Student Quotes from the month:

"Can we grow a pizza garden?"

"I want this egg muffin tomorrow for breakfast!"

"The worm is so slimy but he's so adorable too."

"Can I share some breakfast ideas as well as new ideas for lunch?"

"What other new things are we going to try?"

"I just want to grow a garden full of strawberries."

"Can we grow pineapples in Montana?"

Egg Muffins

12 eggs
1/4 cup milk
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup raw onion
1/4 cup raw red pepper
Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Put muffin cups into the muffin tin and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Crack the eggs into a large bowl and whisk until combined. Add the milk, cheese, onions, and red pepper. Gently stir with a spatula and season with salt and pepper.

Pour the egg mixture evenly into the greased muffin cups, about 3/4 of the way full.

Bake for 20-25 minutes until the eggs have risen and are cooked. Let cool for 5 minutes prior to loosening the muffins from the pan. You can freeze and reheat for a quick, reheatable breakfast on the go!

March Photo Gallery:





Local Food for Schools Grant Update

It was a busy month of planning and experimenting new menu items for both breakfast and lunch at Arrowhead! Glenda has been working on creating new recipes for lunch and is excited to begin trying new things on a consistent basis for the remainder of the school year. You will see on the website that she is planning weekly menus rather than monthly ones so she can be adding new items as the recipes are finalized.

It has been a humbling experience, as scratch made cooking for 60+ kids is a lot more difficult than it seemed at first glance. We successfully cooked Luka's award winning lamb meatballs from the cooking competition this fall, along with a lentil and rice pilaf. Overall, the kids loved the meatballs and Farmer Kelly identified a few minor adjustments she will be making to the recipe on a go forward basis. Pot roast from Cowgirl Meat Co. will be making it's way on to the menu the first week of April and Glenda is excited to hear how the kids like it as well. In the coming weeks, you will also see an Asian inspired chicken dish as well as chicken noodle soup!

In addition, thanks to four amazing parent volunteers, a revised breakfast menu will begin in April as well. Offerings will include the egg muffins we taste tested this month, hard boiled eggs, smoothies, and yogurt and granola. The eggs and yogurt are both locally sourced, and we will be utilizing Flathead cherries in the smoothies. The granola is also Montana made, and important for parents to know it does include coconut and pecans. We will continue, of course, to be a peanut free space, but the granola does contain tree nuts. If you do not want your child to be offered the granola, please reach out to Glenda or Farmer Kelly and let us know.

As the school year comes to a close, we are carefully planning out additional local food purchases to ensure we have our freezers stocked with locally sourced meat and produce to have available for next school year. We appreciate all the support and patience we have received from parents this year with the grant. The constraints of our current kitchen and the large undertaking of moving to more scratch made cooking has been a very large task. We have enjoyed building a friendship over this year, working alongside each other to problem solve and brainstorm, and most especially move toward having this vision come to fruition for Arrowhead.

Please continue to provide us feedback from your children as new menu items are being offered for both lunch and breakfast. We would love to hear what they come home and tell each and every one of you!

Hugs,

Farmer Kelly and Glenda
