



## Mark Your Calendar!

- May 1-June 8** CAASPP Testing
- May 4** Spring Band Concert at Arena Theater
- May 8-12** **BOOK FAIR**
- May 16** Schoolwide Dental Screening
- May 18** **OPEN HOUSE**
- May 26** SCHOOL is in Session  
Used Storm Day
- May 29** NO SCHOOL  
Memorial Day Observed
- June 8** 8th Grade Promotion
- June 9** Blair Field Day Celebration  
Last Day of School  
12:30 Dismissal

## Open House May 18<sup>th</sup>

We cordially invite you to join us for Open House from 4:30-6:00p.m.

The event is a walk-through version of past years. Please sign-in to any classroom you visit. Explore and have fun!

**4:30-4:45:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry Reading

**4:45-5:00: Principal Address** and Staff introductions in the Multipurpose room

**5:00-6:00p.m. Classrooms Open-** You may visit as many classrooms during this hour and see what has occurred over the school year!

**6:00p.m. Conclusion of Open House**

## Scholastic Book Fair May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

It is Book Fair time again! May 8 through May 12 in the Arena Library. Shop for summer reading materials (books and eBooks!) every day that week throughout the school day. Shop on, Friday evening, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-6p.m.

Shop the On-line Book Fair during May 8<sup>th</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup> to support our school at:  
<https://bookfairs-content.scholastic.com/bf/arenaelementaryschool>

Bring on the Bookjoy-25% of every online purchase during the Fair directly benefits our school! Over 3000 products.

Anyone may shop at the on-line fair, including far-away relatives who might like to enrich your children's summer reading experience. Books ordered on-line will be delivered by the last day of school.

Shop the Book Fair with eWallet! No cash, no fuss. It's the easiest way for kids to shop. eWallet setup period is April 17<sup>th</sup>-May 12<sup>th</sup>. To sign in, go to  
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/content/fairs/how-ewallet-works.html?fairId=5228786>

In order to have a successful fair, volunteer helpers are needed to help with cashiering, helping students locate and select books and just being a helpful adult presence. Contact Mrs. JoAnn Enos at 882-2131 x230 or [jenos@aesfamily.org](mailto:jenos@aesfamily.org) to sign up to help.

# Principal's Letter

May 2023



Greetings ARENA families,

FINALLY, we have been blessed with some sunshine, lovely spring flowers and plenty of daylight to enjoy it all. I hope you take some time to go outside and explore our beautiful countryside and beaches with your children. This time of year, seems especially busy with so many commitments and responsibilities, we sometimes forget to take special time for family. As parents, we are the ones responsible to give our children a good start in life. It is important to focus on happiness, resilience and positive development. Sometimes it seems an overwhelming task, as life is really good at throwing obstacles in our way.

This month, Action Network will be offering a program called "Triple P". It is a positive parenting program designed to help and support parents to prevent problems in children. The goal of this program is to learn strategies to address challenges in the family, school and community. Parents will learn about strengthening the parent-child relationship and encouraging good behavior. Please take a moment to look at the flyer included in this newsletter.

May is the month of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, testing, also known as the **CAASPP Test**. This will be happening throughout the month, in grades 3-8th. Students need to take this test very seriously as it is an indicator of how well they learned grade level Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA) standards.

Being supportive of your child's efforts and daily attendance is of utmost importance. Remember that before a test day, it is important that students get a good night's sleep and a nutritional breakfast, as research has shown that student perform better when they are fully charged on good sleep and food.

Stay healthy and remember to be kind to one another.  
Michelle Egger  
Principal

## Textbooks, Library Books, Chromebooks, and Laptops on Loan

Please return textbooks, library books, and Chromebook to school AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Students with overdue books will have their report cards withheld until the books are returned or the replacement fee is paid.

Students who have not returned their Chromebooks to classroom teachers by June 2nd will be charged a replacement cost of \$350.00.

## Treasure Chest and Student of the Week Recognition

These students are being recognized for showing great respect, responsibility, and safety at school during the months of April 2023. Congratulations! A Round of Applause for the following students:

### Treasure Chest Recipients:

**Kindergarten:** Malu, Jesus

**First Grade:** Rogelio, Jayden

**Second Grade:** Manny

**Third Grade:** Joyce

**Fourth Grade:** Dakota

**Fifth Grade:** Alex



### Student of the Week Recognition:

**Kindergarten:** Rozelle, Vanessa, Rose, & Natalie

**First Grade:** Caleb, Josiah, Allisson, & Lionel

**Second Grade:** Tiana, & Lyla

**Third Grade:** Jaylah & Derek

**Fourth Grade:** Daisy & Isaiah

**Fifth Grade:** Judah & Gracie

**Sixth Grade:** Charah & Masson

**Seventh Grade:** Lyric & Katia

**Eighth Grade:** Jorge & Leo

## Yearbooks for Sale!

It's not too late to purchase a yearbook! Yearbooks are \$35.00 each as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will work with you if you would like to pay in two \$17.50 installments.

Eighth grade students will receive a yearbook at no cost.

Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school.

Come by the office and reserve your yearbook today! Don't wait until the last days of school. They could be gone, gone, gone!

## Returning Surveys

Attending-Returning surveys were mailed home. Please remember to return the survey to school by May 15th.

The survey helps us plan for next year's classes, schedules and teaching assignments.

You may contact the school office at 707 882-2131 ext. 202 if you have any questions or concerns.

## 2023-2024 7th Grade Required Immunization



### All students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade need additional immunizations, which include:

- Tdap-Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis
- Second MMR
- Second Varicella

Please submit a current copy of your child's immunization record to the school office as proof of immunization.

Students entering the 7th grade may need further immunizations if they previously had a personal belief exemption. SB 277 changed the law that only medical exemptions are valid in the state of California. Additional information regarding immunizations can be found

at: <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/>

For questions regarding immunizations, please contact our school nurse, Lynn Finley at 707 882-4090 or the school office at 707 882-2131.



## Mendocino Coast Project

Integrated Arts Across the Curriculum is back with A Year on The Mendocino Coast Project in Mrs. Willhoits's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class directed by partnered artist and arts educator Cathleen Micheals with Ms Willhoit's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class!

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders learned about and wrote alphabet poems in teams or individually for one of twelve natural wonders of the Mendocino Coast (and which started or ended with one of the letters in the tagline N-O-R-T-H C-A C-O-A-S-T) and then created watercolor illustrations for a class birthday calendar to share with families and which can be used again and again each year! Included are students and teacher birthdays as well as the birthdays of notable artists (poets, writers, painters, naturalists and illustrators).

Don't miss the display of all the remarkable original watercolor illustrations, published calendars, and the inspiring poetry presentations by the 5<sup>th</sup> graders Open House on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Special thanks to Ms. Egger and Ms. Matson Hahn for helping make the project possible, to Ms. Willhoit and all the remarkable 5<sup>th</sup> graders in her class and to Ms. Marie who provided extra support! Appreciation and gratitude to the Point Arena Schools District Arts Program Funds which funded the project with additional support from the Mendocino County Office of Education Young Authors' Fair Grant and the Arena School Site Council.

## End of Year Activities

### END OF YEAR AWARD ASSEMBLIES

Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Award Assemblies June 7<sup>th</sup>

### 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PROMOTION

The Promotion Ceremony at the Point Arena High School Gymnasium at 5:30p.m., June 8<sup>th</sup>. No Promotion dance is scheduled this year.

### BLAIR FIELD DAY ON CAMPUS

Blair Field Day will be celebrated on campus on the last day of school, Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be a volunteer on Blair Day, please contact your child's teacher and ask about how you can help on this field day.



## Lost and Found Items

Our Lost and Found table and rack has an abundance of outerwear, backpacks, lunch boxes, mittens, scarves, hats and caps that are missing their owners!

Please take a moment to look through the Lost and Found in the main building hallway to retrieve your child's things.

Looking for a smaller lost item? Please contact the school office and give a brief description. We have cellphones, keys, jewelry, watches, wallets, and glasses.

Anything left at the end of the month will be donated to charity.

## Campus Lockdown Practice Drill for Students & Staff

On Monday, 15, 2023, our students and staff will practice a campus lockdown drill. The drill will take 15-20 minutes. Our staff and teachers will talk to students prior to the drill and after the drill about procedures and safety.

# May 16<sup>th</sup> Dental Screening Clinic

May 1, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Redwood Coast Medical Services (RCMS) in collaboration with Mendocino County Public Health Department will hold a **dental screening clinic for grades kindergarten-8th grade** at Arena Elementary in school library on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

RCMS will provide Dental Health Education, a visual examination of your child's mouth, teeth and gums, and then will make recommendations based on the screening. There will be no x-rays, cleaning or emergency services. There is no fee for this service. If the screening shows your child has dental needs, and if you wish, we will be able to help you find a dentist.

It is recommended that your child see a dentist twice a year for complete check-ups and dental care.

**If you DO NOT want your child to participate in the free dental exam, print your child's name, sign and return the form on or before May 16, 2023, the day of the exams.**

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1 de mayo, 2023

Estimados padres/tutores:

Los Servicios Médicos de Redwood Coast (RCMS), en colaboración con el Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Mendocino, llevarán a cabo una **clínica de evaluación dental para los estudiantes de 1.º a 8.º grado** en la biblioteca de la escuela primaria Arena el **martes 16 de mayo a partir de las 8:45 a.m. termina 12:30 p. m.**

RCMS proporcionará educación sobre salud dental, un examen visual de la boca, los dientes y las encías de su hijo, y luego hará recomendaciones basadas en la evaluación. No habrá servicios de radiografías, limpieza o urgencias. No hay tarifa por este servicio. Si el examen muestra que su hijo tiene necesidades dentales, y si lo desea, podemos ayudarlo a encontrar un dentista. Se recomienda que su hijo vea a un dentista dos veces al año para chequeos completos y cuidado dental.

**Si no desea que su hijo participe en el examen dental gratuito, firme y devuelva el formulario a más tardar el 16 de mayo de 2023, el día de los exámenes.**

- I DO NOT WANT MY CHILD TO RECEIVE A FREE DENTAL EXAM**
- NO QUIERO QUE MI HIJO RECIBA UN EXAMEN DENTAL GRATIS**

Name of Child/ \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Nombre del niño \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha de nacimiento \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/ Nombre del Maestro \_\_\_\_\_ Room/salon \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Nombre del padre / tutor \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature/ \_\_\_\_\_ Date/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Firma del padre \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha \_\_\_\_\_



# 10 Facts About School Attendance



## Fact

Half of students who miss 2-4 days in September will go on to miss nearly a month of school.

## Fact

An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.

## Fact

Poor attendance can influence whether kids read proficiently by grade 3 or be held back.

## Fact

By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

## Fact

Research shows that missing only an average of 2 days a month negatively affects academic performance.

## Fact

Excused and unexcused absences have the same negative effect on student academic performance.

## Fact

Low income students are 4 times more likely to be chronically absent.

## Fact

When a student improves attendance, they improve their chances of graduating.



## Fact

Attendance improves with parent participation and mentors for chronically absent students.

## Fact

Many schools only track unexcused absences, when they should be tracking excused as well.






**MAY 2023**  
**ARENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU**

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M	T	W	TH	F
1 <b>CORN DOG</b> 3oz Frito corn chips Garden salad 1c Low fat ranch dressing1oz orange slices 1c 1% low fat Milk	2 <b>HAMBURGER</b> 2oz French fries 2oz let & toms 1/8c WW bun 2oz garden salad 1cp fresh apple1cp 1% or nonfat	3 <b>SALAMI&amp;CHEESE</b> 3oz WW Bread 2oz Lett & Tom1/8 oz Carrot sticks 1cp Sun Chips 1z 1% or low fat milk 1c	4 <b>TAQUITOS</b> Spanish Rice ½ Veggie stick 1 cp Fruit Salad 1cp 1% or no fat milk	5 <b>CHEESE PIZZA</b> 3oz Caesar salad 3/4c Sliced veggies 3/4 Apple wedge3/4c 1% or no fat Milk
8 <b>CHICKEN NUGGETS</b> 3oz French fries 2oz Green salad 1cp Orange slices 1cp 1%or no fat milk	9 <b>HOT DOG</b> 2oz Ww bun 2oz CHIPS 1oz Mixed veggies 1c APPLE Slices 1cp	10 <b>TURKEY SANDWICH</b> 2oz lettuce+tomato1/8c carrot sticks1c kettle chips1oz MELON 1 cp 1% or nonfat mil	11 <b>BEAN&amp; cheese BURRITTO</b> 3oz Fiesta rice ½ cp Jicama sticks1cp Ranch dressing2oz FRUIT CUP 1 c 1%or No fat milk	12 <b>PEANUT BUTTER</b> 2oz <b>JELLY SANDWICH</b> ww bread 2oz Tortilla chips 1oz APPLE 1cp Carrot sticks 1c 1% or no fat milk
15 <b>HAM &amp; CHEESE</b> 3oz WW bread 2oz Mixed veg 1c Let & tom. Pic Melon slices 1cp 1% Milk 1cp	16 <b>CHICKEN Pattie</b> 2z WWBun2oz Lett & toms 1/8 veggie sticks 1c orange 1 cp sun chips1oz fruit cp 1c 1% or no fat milk	17 <b>CHILI CHEESE FRIES</b> 4oz Corn Bread 2oz Garden Salad 1 cp MILK 1cp	18 <b>HAMBURGER</b> ww bun 2oz CHIPS 1oz MIXED VEGGIES 1cp Fruit Salad 1cp 1% low fat milk 1cp	19 <b>CHEESE PIZZA</b> 3oz green salad 1cp Cherrie tomatoes ¼ cp Banana 1 cup Annie Cookies 1oz 1% or nonfat milk
22 <b>HOT DOG</b> 3oz ww bun2oz Tator Tots3oz Carrot Sticks 1cp Apple Wedge1c 1%or no fat Milk	23 <b>SALAMI &amp; CHEESE SANDWICH</b> 3oz SUN CHIPS 1oz Celery sticks 1c Apple 1c 1% or no fat milk	24 <b>HAMBURGER</b> WW bun 2oz Chips1oz Coleslaw 1cp Fruit Salad1cp 1% or nonfat milk	25 <b>CHILI CHEESE FRIES</b> 3oz & tortilla Chips ½ cp Carrots sticks 1 c Banana 1 cup 1% or no fat Milk1c	26 <b>PB &amp; J SAND.</b> 2oz cucumber & cherry + tomatoes ¾ cp sun chips1oz sliced peaches 1 c 1% or nonfat milk
29 <b>MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED</b>	30 <b>CHICKEN NUGGETS</b> 3oz Tator Tots 2oz Carrots sticks 1cp Fresh Apples 1 cp Milk 1% low fat 1cp	31 <b>HAM &amp; CHEESE HOT POCKET</b> 2z SUN CHIPS 1z Garden Salad 1cp Melon 1cp low fat milk		Daily USDA Child Nutrition Guidelines Reimbursable Meal will include: 1c Milk, 1% or nonfat. 1C fruit 1 C Vegetables 2oz Meat – minimum (9-10 oz. meat/week) 2oz grain – minimum (8-9 oz. grain/week)



# May Word Search

B Z D E S G S Y S C F W S O I L H S A K  
 U W E E L P J M H U E E E N C X E T P J  
 T F E B C M R O S N N B S I A B R A V E  
 T I F E S O N I E D Y S X T A R O X N S  
 E E B L W O D R N U R E H O I Y E D B Y  
 R L M B R G U M R G T I Q I V V S T Z J  
 F D A M S K X T R S V M B V N P A S E P  
 L T L U F L A G B B R E E Z Y E A L I V  
 Y R D B W A R M W C T E G N I M O O L B  
 C I N C O D E M A Y O N W T J Y N U A S  
 A P A P I C N I C E I Y S O A X T F I L  
 T C G F J Y E G T N E E A D L H I Q R A  
 E B I R J C F A E O T T S M I F N M O U  
 R M P O H L R D A P H R Y R T M V B M G  
 P Z A G Y B R X P U E M T H P L A N T H  
 I R E Y E A I S U H B Y M T B A B R M T  
 L O Y L G R A J T L O O P E N H O U S E  
 L Z E A R A L O J N N W S E R V I C E R  
 A C M D C B M C E T S G U B Y D A L S K  
 R T G R E E N C H M E M O R I A L D A Y

Find the words in the puzzle. In any direction and words may share letters.

BRAVE  
 BUMBLEBEE  
 CELEBRATE  
 FIFTH MONTH  
 GARDENING  
 LADYBUGS  
 MOTHER'S DAY  
 PLANT  
 SPRING  
 WARM

BIRDS  
 BUTTERFLY  
 CINCO DE MAYO  
 FLAG  
 GREEN  
 LAUGHTER  
 OPEN HOUSE  
 RENEW  
 SUNSHINE  
 WORMS

BLOOMING  
 CAASPP TEST  
 FESTIVAL  
 FLOWERS  
 HEROES  
 MAY  
 PICNIC  
 SERVICE  
 THIRTYONE (DAYS)

BREEZY  
 CATERPILLAR  
 FIELD TRIP  
 FROG  
 HONOR  
 MEMORIAL DAY  
 PIG AND LAMB FEED  
 SOIL  
 VETERAN