

MARCH 2024



# THE BEACON

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## Mark Your Calendar!

- March 1** Read Across America
- March 2** Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- March 10** Daylight Saving-Spring Forward!
- March 11-15** School Spirit Week
- March 21** 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter and 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends
- March 22** No School/Inservice day for Teachers
- March 26** Kindergarten Registration for 2024-25 school year
- March 29** School is in Session/Used Storm Day

## Announcements



- 1. Cup of Noodles, Cup of Soups, or like products** may not be prepared at school using hot water or microwaving the container. This step is to keep our students safe and away from burns. These products may be prepared at home and brought to school in a safe sealed thermal container.
- 2. Preschool Van** has limited seating and is for preschool age riders only. Please refrain from calling the school for K-8 students to ride the preschool van to or from school. We are not in the position to decide which K-8 students may ride it. Please plan ahead if your child needs to leave school early. Please come to the school office to sign out your child. Thank you for your understanding in these announcements.

## Science fair Ribbons for K-5

Congratulations to all our science fair participants!

### Class Participants:

Scale Model of Solar System – Kindergarten Classes

Chemical Reactions- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classes

Germs- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class

### 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Demonstration:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Julieta Davila (4<sup>th</sup> Gr.)-Mushrooms vs. Motor Oil

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sophia Rivera, Paloma Tapia, Kamilla Carbajal-Rivera (5<sup>th</sup> Gr.)-Black Holes

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Michael Avila (4<sup>th</sup> Gr.)-Volcanoes Explosions

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jovany & Adrian Villagomez (4<sup>th</sup> Gr.)-Density Tower

### 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Experiment:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Niyah Robinson & Maya Martinez (4<sup>th</sup> Gr.)-Lava Lamp Oil Density

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Lucas Woodward (4<sup>th</sup> Gr.)-Sound vs. fire

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Johnny Soto, Greyson Stoffers, Bryan Fuentes (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grs)-What Ants are attracted to?

### 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Engineering:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Josiah Oropeza (5<sup>th</sup> Gr.)-Hydraulic Hand

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mateo Bernal (5<sup>th</sup> Gr.)-Electric Car

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Giovanni Vargas, Isaiah Ortiz, Abraham Razo (5<sup>th</sup> Gr.)-Race A Balloon Powered Car

**See page 4 for Middle school science fair ribbon holders**



## Principal's Letter

3/1/24

Arena Families:

I hope you all found time to rest and enjoy time with your children during the February Break. Welcome to March!! The daffodils blooming signal the beginning of my favorite time of the year and the promise of things to come. Encourage your child to go outside. Let's have our young people grow up knowing the feeling of walking in the woods, digging in soil, seeing animals in their habitat, climbing a mountain or tree, playing in a puddle, and picking spring flowers.

This month will be very busy for teachers. March 21st marks the end of the 3rd quarter for grades 6th-8th and the Second Trimester for grades K-5th. In the next two weeks, teachers will be wrapping up their grading and preparing report cards to send home to families. Please make sure that your child completes all of their assignments to the best of their abilities. Support them in learning how to become a successful, responsible student in the classroom.

On March 10th, we will lose an hour of sleep when we have to turn our clocks ahead one hour. Remember, students who get less sleep often have behavioral, learning, and attention struggles. Many scientific studies have found that the time change causes students to be sleepier, have slower reaction time and are less attentive in class.

You ask how much sleep do children need? The following are the recommended requirements:

Age	Hours Of Sleep
1 and 2	11 to 14 hours
3 - 5 years	10 to 13 hours
6 - 13 years	9 to 11 hours

Be consistent with your child's bedtime routine. Children tend to sleep better when there is a schedule that they are following. Most importantly, reading to them is a great way to calm their minds, relax their bodies and prepare them for falling asleep

Take care of yourselves.

Michelle Egger  
Principal  
Arena Elementary

## February Pirate Pride Student of the Week Recipients

These students are being recognized for showing great respect, responsibility, and safety at school during the months of February 2024. Each student is honored on the Pirate Pride Wall located in the office hallway. Congratulations! Around of applause for the following students:

**Kindergarten:** Madison Carre, Jaxon Kirby, Echo Momeni, Julian Mandujano

**First Grade:** Melissa Garcia Lopez, Neymar Aguilar, Aria Imperial, Julieta Tapia Lopez

**Second Grade:** Jocelyn Romero Ferreira, Rogelio Zamora Castro

**Third Grade:** Salina Avila, Keila Ramirez Avina

**Fourth Grade:** Rafael Valencia Razo, Derek Sundstrom

**Fifth Grade:** Dakota Sanchez, La'sha Rios

**Sixth Grade:** Judah Leyva, Ariana Gonzales

**Seventh Grade:** Faye Palmer,  
Juliana Moreles

**Eighth Grade:** Jayde Swan, Emma Printz



## Accepting 2024-25 Kindergarten and TK Enrollments Registration Day is March 26<sup>th</sup>

Arena Elementary School 2024-2025 Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Registration Day is Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Shelley Aubrey Library.

To be eligible to enroll for kindergarten, your child must be 5 years old by or on September 1, 2024,

To be eligible to enroll for transitional kindergarten, your child must turn 5 years old between September 2, 2024-June 2, 2025.

Kindergarten is a one-year program, and Transitional Kindergarten is a two- year program.

Please bring the following documents to enroll:

- Birth Record
- Immunization Record
- School Entry Health Exam form
- Oral Health Assessment Exam form
- Proof of District Residence (current electric or gas utility bill and a photo ID).

Immunizations needed to attend kindergarten or TK are:

- 4 doses of polio (3 doses meet requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday.)
- 5 doses of DTP or DTaP (4 doses meet requirement if at least 1 dose was given on or after the 4th birthday)
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) 1 dose may be a measles-only vaccine, both doses given on or after the 1st birthday.
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses of Varicella or Physician-documented Varicella (chickenpox) disease history or immunity will also meet the requirement.

Join us in celebrating our school pride  
**Spirit Week March 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>**  
 Two activities each day! Follow the schedule below.  
 Have fun!

	MONDAY MARCH 11	TUESDAY MARCH 12	WEDNESDAY MARCH 13	THURSDAY MARCH 14	FRIDAY MARCH 15
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	PAJAMA DAY	CRAZY CLOTHES DAY	TIE DYE DAY	CRAZY HAIR DAY	PIRATE PRIDE DAY WEAR OUR SCHOOL COLORS BLUE AND GOLD
<b>LUNCH RECESS ACTIVITY</b>	SIDEWALK CHALK WRITE POSITIVE WORDS DAY	EGG IN SPOON RACE	SCHOOL PRIDE POSTER CONTEST	SHARKS AND MINNOWS GAME	CLASS COMPETITION MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT REWARDED WITH AN ICE CREAM PARTY

Science Fair Ribbons for Grades 6, 7 and 8  
 Congratulations to all our middle school science fair participants!

**6th-8th Demonstration:**

- 1st: Aiyana & Kayley Medina (8th/7th)-Anodizing Titanium
- 2nd: Dayana Pacheco (8th)-Compare Fingerprints
- 3rd: Janitsa Ramirez, Gracie & Makaylah Evans (6th)-The Mandela Effect

**6th-8th Experiment:**

- 1st: Khailaya Kirby (8th)-The Mystery of Memory: Investigating Factors That Contribute to Retention Memory
- 2nd: Jasmine Pittman, Esther Horn, Lucille Ramirez (8th)-Dead Serious
- 3rd: Vanessa Gaona (8th)-Nailed it!

**6th-8th Engineering:**

- 1st: Athena Ramirez & Shayla Carrillo (6th)-Lowrider
- 2nd: Alejandro Fuentes, Max Post-Leib, Christopher Cadena (7th/8th)-Bike Pedal Generator
- 3rd: Brilynn Scaramella, Billie Piper, Zurielle Herrera (7th)-Solar Oven

# California Assessment of Student Performance & Progress (CAASPP)

Every year, California students take several statewide tests. When combined with other measures such as grades, class work, and teacher observations, these tests give families and teachers a more complete picture of their child's learning. You can use the results to identify where your child is doing well and where they might need more support.

Your child may be taking one or more of the following California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) starting after Spring Break:

*CAASPP: Smarter Balanced Assessments for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Math*

**Who takes these tests?** Students in grades 3–8 and grade 11.

**What is the test format?** The Smarter Balanced assessments are computer-based.

**Which standards are tested?** The California Common Core State Standards.

*CAASPP: California Science Test (CAST)*

**Who takes the test?** Students take the CAST in grades 5 and 8 and once in high school, either in grade 10, 11, or 12.

**What is the test format?** The CAST is computer-based.

**Which standards are tested?** The California Next Generation Science Standards (CA NGSS).

*CAASPP: California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) for ELA and Math*

**Who takes these tests?** Students in grades 3–8 and grade 11 whose individualized education program (IEP) identifies the use of alternate assessments.

**What is the test format?** The CAAs for ELA and math are computer-based tests that are administered one-on-one by a test examiner who is familiar with the student.

**Which standards are tested?** The California Common Core State Standards through the Core Content Connectors.

*CAASPP: California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science*

**Who takes the test?** Students whose IEP identifies the use of an alternate assessment take the CAA for Science in grades 5 and 8 and once in high school, either in grade 10, 11, or 12.

**What is the test format?** The CAA for Science is a series of four performance tasks that can be administered throughout the year as the content is taught.

**Which standards are tested?** Alternate achievement standards derived from the CA NGSS.

Please contact us with any questions you may have.

## 7th Grade Immunization Requirements for 2024-2025

Dear 6th Grade Parents/Guardians:

Before your child may advance to 7<sup>th</sup> grade next school year, they must meet the required immunizations. Please see the immunization requirements listed below.

- **Tdap vaccine**--A Tdap booster on or after the 7th birthday is required for all new 7th grade students.
- **2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine**
- Additionally, recommended (but not required) immunizations for your child's age group include Meningococcal and HPV vaccines.

Please follow up with your child's health care provider to schedule his/her vaccination, and bring documentation of immunizations or a medical exemption to the school office, as soon as possible, to ensure that your child may begin the 7th grade school year without delays.

\*Please note that there are additional immunization requirements for new student admissions or transfer students, including students coming from out of state. These immunization requirements are also for those students who previously held a valid personal belief exemption, if immunizations are due (see below). For more information on required immunizations, please visit:

<https://www.shotsforschool.org/>

## Yearbook On Sale! Two Options to Buy

Students and families now have two options for ordering their yearbooks: Cash or Check at the front office OR buy online with credit/debit card at the following link:

[https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/YearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook\\_id=57844](https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/YearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook_id=57844)

The price has increased to \$35.00. No other discount will apply.

## Promoting Good Attendance All Winter Long

What Can Parents Do?

1. Develop back up plans for getting to your children to school in bad weather or when bus routes are canceled.
2. Keep your children healthy.
  - a. Maintain a regular bedtime and morning routine. Ensure students eat a good breakfast every morning.
  - b. Ensure their health, and have received their vaccines, including flu and Covid.
  - c. Stress hand washing, particularly before and after eating, and after using the restroom.
  - d. Reinforce the importance of avoiding close contact with individuals who are sick, and not sharing cups and/or utensils with others.
3. When your children are absent, contact the teacher for resources to do at home or a classmate to ask about what they missed.



**MARCH 2024**  
**ARENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU**  
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Daily USDA Child Nutrition Guidelines Reimbursable Meal will include: 1c Milk, 1%/nonfat. 1C fruit 1 C Vegetables 2oz Meat – minimum (9-10 oz. meat/week) 2oz grain –minimum (8-9 oz. grain/week)				1 PIZZA Garden salad 1cp sun chips 1oz banana 1cp 1% or nonfat milk
4 Turkey Sandwich 2oz ww bread 2oz lettuce + tomato 1/8c carrot sticks 3/4c kettle chips 1oz Melon Slices 1cp	5 CHICKEN nuggets 4oz oven fries 1/2 Carrot sticks Mixed Fruit 1c 1% or nonfat milk	6 HAMBURGER WW Bun 2oz Baked beans 3/4c Cole slaw 1c Apple slices 1 cp 1% no fat milk	7 Butter Noodles celery sticks 3/4c ranch dressing 2z Rolls & butter Orange wedges 1c 1% or non-fat	8 PBJ Sandwich 2oz ww Bread 2oz Sun chips 1oz Banana 1cp Carrot sticks 3/4c 1% or no fat milk
11 Beef Taquito 2oz Spanish rice 3/4 c Corn salad 1c Cherry toms 1c Fruit Cup 3/4c 1% or nonfat milk	12 Turkey & Mashed Potato Garden salad 3/4c Orange Rolls 1% or no fat milk	13 Ham + Cheese Sandwich 3oz ww bread 2oz lettuce + tomato 1/8c cole slaw 1cp kettle chips 1oz fresh apple 1cp 1% or nonfat milk	14 HAMBURGER 2oz ww bun 2oz Veggie stks 1c French fries 3oz sliced peaches 1c 1% or nonfat milk	15 Cheese Pizza 4oz Caesar salad 1cp cantaloupe 1cp jello w/fruit 1/2c 1% or nonfat milk
18 Hot Dog 3oz ww Bun 2oz Tator Tots 3oz Veggie Sticks 1cp Apple Wedge 1c 1% or no fat Milk	19 Ham Sand 2oz Let & tom 1/8c Kettle chips 1oz Garden salad 1c Banana 1c 1% or no fat milk	20 Bean Burrito 3oz Spanish rice 2oz Jicama sticks 1c Ranch dressing 2oz Mixed fruit 1cp 1% or no fat milk	21 Chicken nuggets 3oz French fries 2oz Green salad 1cp Orange slices 1C 1% or no fat milk	22 PBJ or Tuna Sand 2oz ww bread 2oz Dorito Chips 1oz Celery sticks 1c Orange Slices 1cp 1% or no fat Milk
25 Chicken Pattie 2oz Ww bun 2oz left & toms 1/8 veggie sticks 1cp sun chips 1oz fruit cp 1c 1% or no fat milk	26 Bean & Cheese Burrito 3oz Rice 1/2c garden salad 1c fresh apple 1c 1% or nonfat white milk	27 Corn Dog 2oz on ww bun 2oz French Fries 3/4c veggie sticks 1c fresh apple 1c 1% or nonfat milk	28 Turkey Sandwich 3oz Ww bun 2oz lettuce + tomato 1/8c veggie sticks 1c Dorito chips 1oz orange <u>slices</u> 1c 1% or nonfat milk	29 Cheese Pizza 3z Caesar Salad 1cp fresh apple 1cp 1% or nonfat milk



**MONTH OF MARCH  
WORD SEARCH**

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

**Check vertical, horizontal, and diagonally to find the words!**

BEE  
 COLD  
 FOG  
 GREEN  
 MARCH  
 RAINBOW  
 SEEDS  
 SPRING  
 UMBRELLA

BIRD  
 DAFFODIL  
 FRAGRANT  
 LAMB  
 NEST  
 RAINY  
 SHAMROCK  
 STORM  
 WARM

BLOOMING  
 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
 GARDENS  
 LEPRECHAUN  
 OUTSIDE  
 RUBBER BOOTS  
 SHOWERS  
 SUNLIGHT  
 WINDY



BULB  
 FLOWERS  
 GRASS  
 LIFE  
 PUDDLES  
 SEASONAL  
 SNOW  
 TULIPS  
 WINTER