

November 2024



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Mark Your Calendar! Independent Study Program Changes

November 11
NO SCHOOL
Veteran's Day Observed

November 18
End of 1st Trimester/Gr. K-5

November 25-29
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving & District Holiday

December 20
12:30pm-Early Release
End of 2nd Quarter/Gr. 6-8

Dec. 23, 2024 –Jan. 3, 2025
NO SCHOOL
Winter Break

2024-2025 Modifications to our Independent Study Program:

1. Short-term independent study is defined as 15 or fewer school days.
2. Long-term independent study is defined as 16 days or longer.
3. The definitions of eligible evidence of student school work for asynchronous instruction have also been expanded to include work completed on online or computer-based instructional platforms.

The independent study program agreement may be signed prior to, or after participating in an independent study request.

Extended absences without an independent study contract are unexcused.

Student school work must be returned on the first day back at school for credit to be given.

It is suggested that Independent Study Agreements should be submitted at least 2 weeks before the days requested. This allows the classroom teachers efficient time to prepare the class work for the student, and complete agreement requirements.



School Absences

All absences from school detract from your child's education. Chronic absenteeism is defined as being absent for 10% or more a year. Chronic absenteeism has been proven as a factor in poor reading and math scores and academic failure. To achieve the district's goal to reduce chronic absenteeism in order to improve student achievement, we want to limit whenever possible absences to less than 10 days a year. Please consider vacation or holiday travel arrangements during the months of November and December that minimize your child's absence from school.



Principal's Letter

11/8/2024

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

Thanksgiving Break will be here before you know it. November 24-28th, we will all have an opportunity to rest and enjoy our families. The days have grown short and the cold weather and rain are making their annual appearance. Students continue to show enthusiasm for being at school and learning as we head towards 2025. The first quarter for grades 6-8th ended October 18th and report cards were sent home. Grades TK/Kindergarten through 5th will see their first trimester end Friday, November 15th. There has been so much progress made both academically and socially.

Arena Elementary has been the place to be. We had our Costume Parade wind through the campus, our First Annual Trunk or Treat on the big playground, set up an ofrenda in the main hallway, and the Dia De Los Muertos Art event at the Lighthouse. In the month of November, we will be focusing on Native American Heritage Month Activities. We are planning on taking some students to the Grace Hudson Museum in Ukiah and to the Native American Heritage Celebration at Mendocino College, which will include Native Dancers, Cultural Workshops and a dinner. We are also reaching out and inviting Native American storytellers and speakers to come and visit our students here at ARENA. Finally, in December, we will be planning for our Winter Celebration, Winter PJ/Cookie Day and the Student Awards Ceremony. So many fun things for our students to look forward to.

Weighing heavily on my mind this time of year when the daylight hours are short, is the concern I have about the powerful impact that social media has on our children. With that being said, I would like to remind parents and guardians about how distracting and problematic the world of social media is to young children. While many apps are used for positive interactions, the world of social media can be a very toxic place, especially for young children. Some of the biggest threats to children from social media include cyber bullying, mean and hurtful posts, invasion of privacy and personal insults. Remind your children to **Be Nice**. Mean behavior is not OK. Make it clear that you expect your kids to treat others with respect, and to never post hurtful or embarrassing messages. Please make sure to ask them to always tell you about any harassing or bullying messages that others post. It is vital that you pay attention to their social media interactions.

Enjoy this beautiful time of year!!!

Michelle Egger
Principal
Arena Elementary





Parking Safety Reminder

The school turn-around area in front of the Multipurpose Room is a yellow **No Parking Zone**. It is for loading and unloading of students, only. **Please do not park at the yellow curb**; students need a safe way to load and unload from vehicles and if cars park there it presents a safety issue for students.

Please be mindful when parking your vehicle around campus. Our neighbors would be very appreciative if vehicles did not block their driveways or road accesses.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Student of the Week Recognition

These students are being recognized for showing great respect, responsibility, and safety at school during the month of October 2024. Congratulations! A Round of Applause for the following students:

TK & Kindergarten: Marileya Arriaga, Emmanuel Ramirez, Renata Tapia, Antonio Avila Ramirez, Cesar Aguilar, Ario McGill, Jameson Schnell, Elisa Coria, Jordyn Esquivel, Marlin Reyes Martinez, Elias Mora, Kella Merbs,

First Grade: Vanessabelle Ortiz, Zoe Velasquez Guevara, Estrella Arroyo, Eliza Guzman

Second Grade: Malulani Hughey, Sienna Kelly, Tomas Kelly, Raul Ramirez, Emmanuel Villagomes, Kendra Chavez Rojas, Adrian Gaona Mandujano, Chloe Mouton

Third Grade: Jayden Esquivel, Fernanda Rueda Mora, Rogelio Zamora Castro

Fourth Grade: Bella Sanchez Villagomez, Jackie Torres Ramirez, Alexa Cabrera, Aidan Norwood

Fifth Grade: Naya Rodriguez, Alexis Guzman Trevino, Leanna Moore, Elise Medina

Sixth Grade: Isaiah Ortiz, Esmael Mickey Ramirez, Pablo Garcia Milian, Milan Gomez

Seventh Grade: Miguel Barragan Villagomez, Mileidy Arellano Tapia, Janny Ramirez Rodriguez, Alexa Esquivel

Eighth Grade: Jimena Santillan, Issa Vaca, Grace Marin, Tristan Orsini

Yearbooks On Sale!

We are currently making our 2024/2025 Arena Elementary yearbook.

Students and families have two options to order school yearbooks: Cash or Check at the front office OR buy online with credit/debit card. To order online go to the Entourage Yearbook link below:

https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/YearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook_id=57845

Early Bird price until November 22, 2024 - \$25.00

Lost and Found

Please remind your child to check the "lost and found" inside the Main building primary playground side as soon as possible for lost items.

For smaller items (jewelry, glasses, keys and wallets) please come to the office to describe your lost item. All items not claimed by the end of the month will be graciously donated to a local charity.




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COME AND JOIN US
 NOVEMBER 10TH | AT 11AM
 SUNDAY | PAHS GYM
 Grades 6th-8th

QUESTIONS CONTACT JOSH
 707-684-6178





**November 2024
Arena Elementary
Lunch Menu**

Menu subject to change due to availability of products		This institution is an equal Opportunity provider		1 NO SCHOOL STAFF DEVELOPMENT
4 Sloppy Joe WW bun Oven Fries Pineapple slaw apple	5 Penne Pasta Marinara Green Beans Bread Sticks Banana	6 All Beef Hot Dog Baked Beans Veggie sticks Kettle Chips oranges	7 CHICKEN NUGGS French fries Garden salad Mixed Fruit Cups	8 PIZZA Ceasar salad Melon Slices Fruit Cookie
11 Veteran's Day Holiday NO SCHOOL	12 Chicken Teriyaki Steamed rice Stir-fry veggies Sliced peaches Fortune cookie	13 Hamburger Pickle lett, ,toms Tator tots Apple Slices	14 Bean Burrito Spanish Rice Fiesta salad Orange slices	15 Tuna or PBJ Sandwich Veggie sticks Sun Chips Apple Slices Jell-O
18 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Veggie sticks Chips Hummus dip Sliced pears	19 TAQUITOS Refried beans Fiesta salad Melon wedge	20 Corn DOGS CHIPS Veggie Sticks Ranch Dressing Fresh Fruit	21 Roast Turkey Potatoes gravy Veggie medley banana Pumpkin crunch	22 PIZZA Green Salad Ranch dressing Orange Slices Cookie
25	26	27	28	29
*** THANKSGIVING BREAK ***				



NOVEMBER WORD SEARCH



*Can you find all of the words hidden in the puzzle above?
 The words might be backwards, forwards, up, down, or written diagonally.*

APPLES
 CHRYSANTHEMUM
 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
 FRIENDS
 HAYSTACKS
 NOVEMBER
 PUMPKINS
 STUFFING
 WIND

AUTUMN
 CORN
 ELECTION DAY
 GOLDEN
 LEAF PILES
 NUTS
 RAIN
 THANKSGIVING
 YAMS

BOUNTY
 CORNUCOPIA
 FAMILY
 HUES
 LEAVES
 PIE
 SEASON
 TURKEY

CHESTNUTS
 CRANBERRIES
 FOG
 HARVEST
 MOON
 PINECONE
 SQUASH
 WEATHER