

December 2024

The Beacon Express

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Winter Celebrations!

Wednesday, December 18

Winter Awards Assembly

If your child is receiving an award, your child's teacher will notify you of the assembly time.

8:30-9:10 Grades 1st- 3rd Awards Grades

9:15-9:50 Grades 4th and 5th Awards.

10:40-11:15 6th-8th, Middle School Awards.

Thursday, December 19

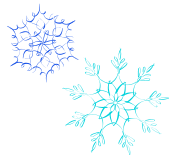
Winter PJ, Hot Chocolate and Cookie Day

A school Spirit Day! Wear your PJs, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate with a cookie.

Friday, December 20

Winter Celebration Assembly

Our winter performance is Friday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m. Many classrooms will perform their artistic rendition of a winter! You are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!



Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, December 11

School Board Meeting 4:30p.m.
PAHS Library

Wednesday, December 18

Winter Awards Assembly

Thursday, December 19

Winter PJ, Hot Chocolate and
Cookie Day

Friday, December 20

12:30pm Early Dismissal
End of Second Quarter

December 23, 2024-January 3, 2025

Winter Break

January 6, 2025

First Day Back to School

December 20th

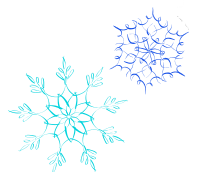
12:30 Early School Dismissal

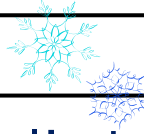
Friday, December 20th, students will be dismissed at 12:30pm. **Please be on time to pick up your child/children from school or from the bus stop. Refer to the Early Dismissal bus schedule in the Beacon.**

After School Program and Preschool afternoon session are canceled on this day as well.

School will be closed on Monday, December 23, 2024 through January 3, 2025

School will resume on Monday, January 6, 2025. See you next year!





Principal's Letter

12/6/24

Dear Arena Families,

And just like that it is December!!! The school year is just flying by. We are already 1/3 of the way through the year. Winter Break will be here before we know it and families are planning things like vacations, or daycare for their youngsters. Arena Elementary School will be closed, Monday, December 23rd - Friday, January 3rd. If you are planning a family vacation prior to or after break, please give the school at least **one week's** notice before departure so that our teachers' have time to prepare activities. Please remember to encourage your child/children to read and practice their math facts during their time off. Make it fun! Play things like cards, dice, counting games or have them write stories, tell stories, play scrabble or boggle, and I Spy-A-Word. Likewise, cooking together can be a wonderful learning experience. Make cookies, dinner, breakfast and be sure to have your child/children follow a recipe. Whatever you do, make it exciting and challenging. Inspire them to use their imagination, creativity and problem-solving skills.

We are very excited to celebrate learning achievements **on Wednesday, December 18th** with an awards assembly. Teachers will be contacting parents of the students receiving acknowledgments.

The following is the schedule for presentations:

8:30-9:10 Grades 1st-3rd, Awards. Awards will be presented by the teachers in Citizenship, Science, English Language Arts, Writing, Social Studies, and Math content.

9:15-9:50 Grades 4th-5th Awards. Awards will be presented by teachers in Reading, Writing, Math, Citizenship, Most Improved and Sportsmanship.

10:40-11:15 Middle School Awards. Awards will be presented by the teacher in Reading, Writing, Math, Citizenship, Most Improved and Sportsmanship.

On Thursday, December 19th, we will have our annual **Winter PJ, Hot Chocolate and Cookie Day!!!** If you are interested in baking cookies or helping with the students, please call the office at 707-882-2131.

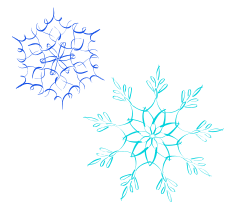
Finally, this month, the whole school will be working on learning songs or creating video presentations for our **Winter Celebration on Friday, December 20th from 9:00 - 10:15.** Parents are invited to be entertained by our amazing students, as this is one of the highlights of the year. While you are on campus that day, please make sure to check the lost and found items located in the main hall, outside of the Multipurpose Room.

While I am on the topic of clothing, please remember the importance of students coming to school dressed appropriately for winter weather. Temperatures can fluctuate drastically throughout the day here on the coast. Additionally, bear in mind that when it is raining, rubber boots keep feet dry and warm. As you all know, when large puddles form on the playground, puddle stomping is irresistible and I hate to see little wet feet, in soggy shoes, for 7 or more hours.

To all of our Arena Families, thank you for your support. I hope the new year brings you health, happiness and amazing experiences. Be kind and considerate to one another.

Spread peace and goodwill.

Michelle Egger
Principal



Yearbooks On Sale with Price Increase

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

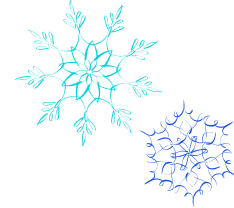
below: https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/YearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook_id=57845

November 23, 2024 through February 14, 2025

\$30.00 Online purchase

\$30.00 with student ID (in office only)

\$35.00 without a Student ID Card (in office only)



February 16- May 24, 2025

- \$35.00 and no other discount will apply.

Lost and Found

PLEASE HELP US CLEAR OUT THE LOST AND FOUND!!! Is your son or daughter missing a practically new jacket, pristine sweater, black, blue or pink sweatshirt, lunchbox, or a backpack? It's here in our lost and found!!

Please come by and check the "lost and found" in the main building hallway as soon as possible for lost items. It's cold out and someone is missing their jacket, sweater or sweatshirt!

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.

Recent Earthquake Event

On Thursday, December 5, 2024 is a day our students, and staff will remember as when the earth shook our classrooms, made our stomachs feel uneasy, and a little frightened. It is important to discuss what to do in an event like this, and how it made us feel.

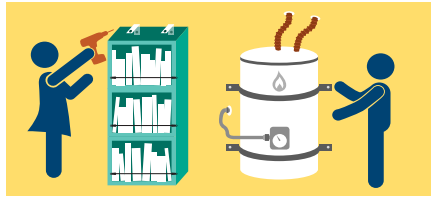
Your child may want to talk about the earthquake and tsunami warning with you. If so, focus on making them feel safe first, and let your child express their feelings. Let them tell the story of what happened during and after the earthquake. Follow their lead for discussion, and share your feelings too. Sometimes reassurance and just being with your child, even when you can't fix things, helps.

No one can predict when an earthquake will happen, but you can prepare for one. You may only have 10 to 60 seconds to get ready so, following the DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON is the first step.

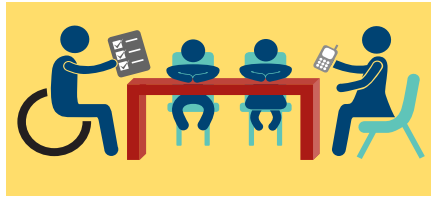
Earthquake safety is knowing what to do with practice, preparation, and organizing supplies for your family. Please refer to the Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety on page 4 for more earthquake information.

The Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety

Prepare



1. Secure Your Space
Secure your space by identifying hazards and securing moveable items.



2. Plan to be Safe
Plan to be safe by creating a disaster plan and deciding how you will communicate in an emergency.

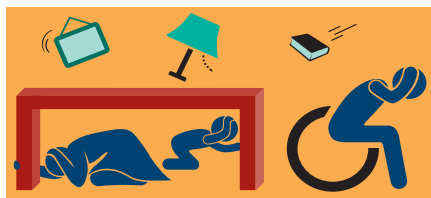


3. Organize Disaster Supplies
Organize disaster supplies in convenient locations.



4. Minimize Financial Hardship
Minimize financial hardship by organizing important documents, strengthening your property, and considering insurance.

Survive



5. Drop, Cover, and Hold On
Drop, cover, and hold on when the earth shakes.



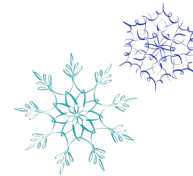
6. Improve Safety
Improve safety after earthquakes by evacuating if necessary, helping the injured, and preventing further damage.

Recover



7. Reconnect and Restore
Restore daily life by reconnecting with others, repairing damage, and rebuilding community.

**POINT ARENA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ARENA UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Bus Routes 2024-2025**



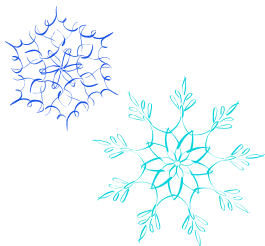
**BUS SCHEDULE FOR EARLY MINIMUM DAY RELEASE
DECEMBER 20, 2024**

NOTE: THE TIMES ARE AN ESTIMATE. PLEASE BE AT STOPS 5 MINUTES EARLY

**COAST RUN
ANNAPOLIS / SEA RANCH**

PM	Bus # 22
12:30	Leaves PAHS
12:35	Leaves AUES
12:55	ANCHOR BAY
1:00	MARY STAR SEA
1:05	SURF MARKET
1:10	SEA RANCH
1:15	VILA DEL MAR
1:19	GUALALA COURT

NORTH RIDGE



PM	Bus # 25
12:30	Leaves PAHS
12:35	Leaves AUES
12:39	KFW RANCH
12:43	SHERMANS
12:46	29400 10 MILE
12:53	TIMBERWOOD WAY
12:55	TAN BARK RD.
12:56	ESTRADA STOP
1:00	BOWER PARK
1:04	MOONRISE
1:06	DILKS
1:08	OROPEZA 39650
1:10	GUALALA COURT

POINT ARENA

PM	Bus # 5
12:30	Leaves PAHS
12:35	Leaves AUES
12:40	BEST DRIVE
12:42	TRIBLE CENTER
12:43	# 3 MAMIE LAIWA
12:44	SEA LION CT
12:45	422 OCEAN VEIW DR
12:46	# 14 MAMIE LAIWA


MANCHESTER

PM	Bus # 6
12:30	Leaves PAHS
12:35	Leaves AUES
12:45	SEA PINE
12:46	RODDY'S STOP
12:48	GARCIA
12:51	S & B Market
12:55	KINNEY LANE
1:00	STORNETTA



DECEMBER 2024 ARENA LUNCH MENU

ALL MEALS MEET USDA CHILD NUTRITION STANDARDS

M	T	W	TH	F
HAM SANDWICH lettuce tomato WW Bread veggie sticks sun chips oranges	HOT DOG & BUN Chili Beans CHIPS Celery sticks Banana	CHICKEN NUGGETS Tator Tots Veggie Sticks Apple	PASTA MEAT SAUCE Mixed Veggies Roll & butter Tangerine	PIZZA Caesar Salad Cheese stick Apple Slices
9	10	11	12	13
TURKEY SANDWICH Chips Celery Sticks Fresh Fruit	CHICKEN BURGER WW Bun French fries carrot sticks Melon	BEEFY NACHOS Refried Beans Jicama Sticks 1cp Apple Slices 1cp	TUNA or PBJ 2oz WW Bread 2oz Chips 1oz Carrots Sticks 1c Banana	HOT POCKET 3oz Celery Sticks 1cp Dorito Chips 1oz Fresh Fruit 1cp
16	17	18	19	20
SALAMI SANDWICH Dorito Chips Carrot sticks Apple	HAMBERGER WW Bun French Fries Celery Sticks Apple Slices	CHICKEN, NUGGETS Tator Tots Carrots Sticks Sliced Melon	BEEF BURRITOS Spanish Rice Jicama Sticks Orange Wedges	PBJ SANDWICH WW Bread Veggie Sticks Sun Chips Apple Slice
23	24	25	26	27
				
30	31	NO SCHOOL DECEMBER 23, 2024-JANUARY 3, 2025 WINTER BREAK School reopens on Monday, January 6, 2025	2	3

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CELEBRATION
 CHRISTMAS
 DECEMBER
 DREIDEL
 ELVES
 FAMILY
 FELIZ NAVIDAD
 FESTIVAL
 FRIENDS
 GRINCH
 SOLSTICE

HANUKKAH
 HAT
 HOLIDAY
 HOLLY
 HOT CHOCOLATE
 ICE
 JACKET
 JOLLY
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 WINTERTIME

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