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Arena Elementary School

The Beacon

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California Assessment of Students Performance

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) All students enrolled in Arena Elementary School are required to take the CAASPP

Students in Grades 3 – 8 will each take two ELA tests and two math tests, called (CAASPP) for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and CAASPP for Mathematics. They each include a Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) and a Performance Task (PT).

Students in Grades 5 & 8 will each take the California Science Test (CAST).

April - May 2025 CAASPP Testing Dates:

4th Grade CAASPP: April 29-May 14

5th Grade CAASPP: April 29-May 14

8th Grade CAASPP: April 29-May 28

May 2025 CAASPP and CAST Testing Dates:

3rd Grade CAASPP: May 12-22

5th Grade CAST: May 7

6th Grade CAASPP: May 5-28

7th Grade CAASPP: May 5-28

8th Grade CAST: May 29

On testing days, please help your student:

- Get a good night sleep.
- Have a breakfast with protein.
- Get to school on time.

Thank You,
Kristi Hahn, CAASPP Testing Coordinator
khahn@aesfamily.org
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Mark Your Calendar!

April 4 Skate Night 5-7p.m.

April 9 School Board Meeting
at PAHS Library at 4:30p.m.

April 14-18 SPRING BREAK/NO
SCHOOL

April 18 Skate Night 5-7p.m.

April 22 or 25 TBD
MATH NIGHT 5-7 p.m.

April 29 CAASPP Testing
Begins for 4th, 5th and 8th
grades

April 30 Skate Night

May 22 OPEN HOUSE

May 23 School is in Session
(Used Storm Day)

May 26 NO SCHOOL-
HOLIDAY/MEMORIAL DAY

Principal's Letter

4/1/25



Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

March sure went by in a flash and now we have entered into the last quarter/trimester of the 2024-25 school year. Field trip season is underway and our students are enjoying some fantastic experiences. Here are just a few examples: the 1st graders went to B. Bryan Wildlife Preserve to visit the giraffes. This month, 2nd graders will go whale watching and then have the opportunity to take 4 days of swimming lessons at the Fort Bragg Aquatic Center. On March 28th, the 5th grade traveled to the Warm Springs Dam at Lake Sonoma. There, they visited the fish hatchery and observed its operation and learned about the life cycle of the coho salmon, steelhead and chinook. They then ventured to the Epicenter in Santa Rosa where they jumped on trampolines, and played in the arcade. In a few weeks, the 3rd graders will be going to the Safari West Wildlife Preserve where they will be driven among herds of giraffes, rhinos, zebras, wildebeest, cape buffalo, and more. Additionally in June, they will visit the Exploratorium in San Francisco. Wow!!! And those are just some of the exciting adventures our students have the opportunity to participate in.

Our school is thriving and grades 3rd-8th are preparing to take their California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress or CAASPP. Students in grades 3-8 will be tested on their knowledge of English Language Arts and Mathematics Common Core Standards. Additionally, 5th and 8th graders will be tested in their knowledge of the Next Generation Science Standards or NGSS. These tests are computer based and will be taken in sections, spread out over several weeks after we return from Spring Break. The data is used to identify progress and build support for students who are in need and drive our instructional program.

To prepare, make sure that your child gets enough sleep, stays healthy and attends school **every day**. Let's help our children be successful and remember to laugh with and hug them every day.

Michelle Egger
Principal
Arena Elementary



Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found area in the main office hallway for your child's misplaced jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes or any other items they may have lost.

The Lost and Found is busting at the seams with clothing! At the end of the month, the lost items will be donated to a local charity organization.



Student of the Week Recognition!

These students are being recognized for showing great respect, responsibility, and safety at school during the months of March 2025.

Each student is honored on the Pirate Pride Wall located in the office hallway. Congratulations! Around of applause for the following students:

Transitional Kindergarten: Cesar Rueda Mora, Elisa Coria, Jazzy Imperial

Kindergarten: Ariella Gaona, Aldo Resendiz, Ario McGill

First Grade: Junior Villagomez, Belen Bernal Coria, Angel Barragan

Second Grade: Arturo Villagomez, Marlon Reyes Martinez, Julieta Tapia Lopez, Esdras Reyes, Dante Ilife, Sofia Suarez

Third Grade: Aaron Reyes Zelaya, Lionel Barragan Villagomez, Paris Bohman-Elkins

Fourth Grade: Whole 4th grade class: Tiana Aguilar Villagomez, Bella Avalos Gaona, Salina Avila, Ignacio Barragan Zamora, Alexa Cabrera, Uriel Camacho Rodriguez, Kaylee Cobarrubia, Isabela Gaona, Iaelia Imperial, Edison Leiser Keefer, Ezra Medina Ramirez, Aidan Norwood, Lyla Oropeza, Emily Orozco, Aleida Pineda Cabrera, Keila Ramirez Avina, Manny Reuter-Gaona, Eleni Rodriguez, Nathan Rodriguez, Camila Rodriguez Aguirre, Scarlett See, Brycen Seefeldt, Mallory Stornetta, Maria Tapia Lopez, Jackie Torres Ramirez, Alexander Villagomez Arellano

Fifth Grade: Rianna Arellano Tapia, Lucas Woodward, Marci Macias

Sixth Grade: Bricio Arellano Santos, Juan Delgado Rodriguez, Bella Marin

Seventh Grade: Jose de Jesus Arellano, Makaylah Evans, Lena Azbill

Eighth Grade: Charah Kirby, Arturo Barragan, Shayla Carrillo

Last Minute Phone Calls to the Office and Classrooms

At the end of the school day, the office and classrooms have received several calls with student last minute changes or plans for dismissal. Very often staff members are engaged with other students and not able to assist in a timely manner when calls come in late in the school day.

Please plan ahead and send a note with your child if there is a change in their daily schedule. This helps take stress away from the student and helps staff plan for the end of the school day.

Also, the majority of phone notes are delivered before 1:30pm except Wednesdays before 12:45pm. As such, there can be no guarantee that a last-minute phone call will be delivered promptly to your child's teacher after those times.

We understand emergencies happen and we are happy to help when one arises. The wellbeing of your child is very important to us.



Order your Arena Yearbook

You can still order a yearbook online or in the office for \$35.00. To order online go to the Entourage Yearbook link below:

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

Sidenote: 8th Grade student yearbooks are paid for through their Class Student Body Account.

National Arbor Day, April 25th

National Arbor Day celebrates the role of trees in our lives, promotes tree planting, and care. It is celebrated each year on the last Friday in April. What is Arbor Day.

In the mid 1800's, the Nebraska Territory which was flat land and covered with prairie, grassland and a place few trees grew at the time. Many pioneers moving westward made their homes in the Nebraska Territory. Julius Sterling Morton and his wife Caroline was one of them. They were lovers of nature and their homestead was quickly populated with trees, shrubs, and flowers.

Other pioneers were encouraged to do the same. Trees were used for windbreaks, fuel, building materials and shade from the hot prairie sun. J. Sterling Morton wrote and spoke about environmental stewardship and the interrelation trees have to life and our future.

Today, all 50 states celebrate Arbor Day as well as other countries around the world. People of all ages are planting trees, caring for them and learning their value.



Arbor Day is an excellent opportunity to examine existing trees around your home or community. Inspect for broken branches or evidence of disease or insect infestation. Tree maintenance is important for future health of all trees.

The simple act of planting a tree symbolizes a belief that the tree will grow and someday filter our air and our water and provide shelter from the wind and sun, provide food, wildlife habitat, erosion control, natural beauty, and inspiration for ourselves, and our children. Planting a tree as a memorial is a meaningful way to honor a loved one, offering a lasting tribute and contributing to a greener, healthier environment.

We are fortunate to live amongst majestic trees like the redwood, oaks and pines and other species in our community. Plant a tree and if you can't plant one, take a moment to appreciate their significance in our lives.

The Secret Language of Trees

Did you know trees talk to each other and communicate through a complex network of chemical signals, and form alliances with fellow trees, even other species?

In fact, whole forests exist as a kind of superorganism. And some trees are incredibly old. Did you know a single bristlecone pine can live up to 6,000 years? And the root mass of aspens might live 100,000 years?

If you are interested in more facts or stories about trees, here are few recommended books to check out.

REDWOODS by Jason Chin

THE SEQUOIA LIVES ON by Joanna Cooke

THE GREAT KAPOK TREE by Lynne Cherry

TREE FULL OF WONDER: by Anna Smithers

THE HIDDEN LIFE OF TREES by Peter Wohlleben (1. Illustrated Edition or 2. the Graphic Adaptation)

LISTEN TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE TREES by Tera Kelley & Marie Hermansson





The Library Lizard with Two Tails

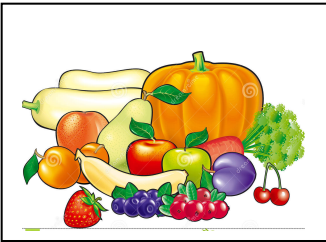
Today, the school librarian, JoAnn Enos reported to the school office that a large alligator lizard was seen perusing the book shelves. Students tried to catch him but were not successful. With a little help, I was able to wrangle and secure the lizard in a clear container with a lid.

To my surprise, this particular northern alligator lizard had two tails! While it is fascinating to imagine an alligator lizard with two tails, it is important to note that this is a rare occurrence, and not a common trait for lizards. Alligator lizards, like many other lizards, can detach their tails as a defensive mechanism, or an injury. When a lizard loses its tail, it can regrow a new one. Sometimes the old one does not fully detach when a new tail grows giving the lizard a two-tail appearance.

After a round of lizard "show and tell" to classrooms and recess sharing, "Tails" as the students quickly named him, was released back into the wild at Arena Elementary School. He quickly found a sunny place among the warm rocks and shelter under the foliage.

Mrs. Bernie Maul
School Secretary/Admin Asst II
aka The Lizard Wrangler





APRIL 2025 ARENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

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M	T	W	TH	F
	1 TACOS Spanish rice Jicama sticks Orange slices 1%nonfat milk	2 CORN DOG CHILI BEANS carrots Apple Wedge1 c 1%or no fat Milk	3 CHICKEN PATTIE Ww Bun French fries Cole Slaw Banana 1%nonfat milk	4 PIZZA GARDEN SALAD FRESH FRUIT COOKIE 1% or nonfat milk
7 SALAMI CHEESE SANDWICH ww bread Pic ,let, toms, Sliced veggies Apple wedge 1% or no fat Milk	8 SPAGHETTI w Meat sauce Garlic Bread Carrots sticks 1 c Banana 1 cup 1% or nonfat Milk1c	9 CHICKEN NUGGETS French fries Green salad Orange slices 1%or no fat milk	10 HOT DOGS Ww bun CHIPS Fresh fruit Salad Carrots sticks 1%nonfat milk	11 PIZZA POCKETS Veggie Sticks Ranch dressing Banana Annie Cookies 1% or nonfat milk
14 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	15 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	16 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	17 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	18 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
21 HAM CHEESE SANDWICH Ww bread chips Veggie mix Apple 1% or nonfat milk	22 TERYAKI CHICKEN Fried rice Celery sticks Apple 1% or no fat milk	23 CORN DOG Frito corn chips Garden salad ranch dressing orange slices 1% low fat Milk	24 HAMBURGER FRENCH FRIES Veggie Sticks Apple 1% nonfat milk	25 PIZZA BREAD CEASER SALAD Cheese stick sliced peaches 1% or nonfat milk
28 TURKEY CHEESE SANDWICH WW Bread cole slaw Let& tom kettle chips 1% or nonfat milk	29 CHICKEN CHEESE TAQUITO REFRIED BEANS Jicama sticks Ranch dressing2oz FRUIT CUP 1%or No fat milk	30 CHICKEN PATTIE WW Bun Let, toms, veggies orange Dorito chips 1% or no fat milk		



APRIL 2025
WORDSEARCH

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M O S S O L B L I Z A R D I B E L A
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Find the words in the puzzle. In any direction and words may share letters.

APRIL
BASEBALL
BUTTERFLY
FLOWER
GREEN
HOT DOGS
PLANTING
SEED
SPRING
TESTING
YEARBOOK

ARBOR DAY
BEAUTY
CLEATS
GARDEN
GROWTH
LIZARD
RAINBOW
SOCCER
SPOUT
TREES

BARK
BLOSSOM
COMMUNICATION
GOALS
HOMERUN
NATURE
RECOGNITION
SPORTS
SUNSHINE
TWO TAILS

