

January 2023

# THE BEACON

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Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
SCHOOL RESUMES!

Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
**NO SCHOOL** Martin Luther King  
Observance

February 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL-Presidents' Week

March 3  
Arena STEM/SCIENCE Fair

## Treasure Chest Recipients

These students are being recognized for showing great respect, responsibility, and safety at school during the months of December 2022. Congratulations! Around of applause for the following students:

### **Treasure Chest Recipients:**

Kindergarten: Natalie and Anthony  
First Grade: Aaron and Allisson  
Second Grade: Nathan and Jackie  
Third Grade: Alexis and Derek  
Fourth Grade: Isaiah and Sophia  
5th Grade: J.J. and Ana

## Student ID Cards for Sale

Student picture identification cards are available to purchase for grades preschool through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost is \$7.00 each. For our 8th grade students, picture ID cards are free of charge. Come to the school office and purchase or pick up yours today!

## 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/AUES2223>

Early Bird price until February 1, 2023

- \$27.00 Online purchase
- \$27.00 with student ID (in office only)
- \$30.00 without a Student ID Card (in office only)

February 2- May 27, 2023 price will increase

- \$35.00.
- No other discount will apply.

# Principal's Letter

1/3/23

Dear Arena Families,

Happy New Year and welcome to the second half of the school year. I hope the winter break was rejuvenating for you all. I would like to thank all of the parents who helped out with our December festivities, we really appreciate all the support and the time given to our students.

As we move forward, remember that attendance is essential for the academic success of your children. Poor attendance creates significant learning gaps. Chronic absenteeism will lead to frustration for the student. The more they miss, the more difficult it becomes to catch up. Remember to be at school on time, prepared and ready to learn. If your child is sick, please make sure to contact the school and make arrangements for teachers to provide work while your child/children are home. Assignments can also be completed upon return to school. Every student will have the opportunity to make up missed assignments.

As you all have noticed, we are now into the coldest part of the year and as a reminder, please make sure that your children come to school with the appropriate clothing for outside activities. January looks to be a very wet and rainy month. Please look for any Parent Square, One Call Now and social media communications from the school office regarding any flooding or power outage emergencies that may occur. Also, if there is an emergency which directly impacts the school day, our local radio stations will also be given important information to share with the community as well. These stations include: 88.3/KGUA, 95.3/KOZT, 90.7/KZYX, 100.5/KTDE.

The Department of Homeland Security's Ready.gov site offers a number of emergency resources, including [a list of items](#) that should be in a basic emergency kit. Among those suggested:

- 1 gallon of water per day per person for at least three days.
- At least a three-day supply of nonperishable food.
- A battery-powered or hand-crank radio, along with a NOAA weather radio that sends an automatic tone in case of an emergency alert.
- A flashlight and extra batteries.
- A cell phone with chargers and a backup battery.
- A whistle to signal for help.

Be well and stay safe.  
Michelle Egger



# Emergency School Day Procedures

In the event school closes while your child is on campus, the school will follow the protocol below.

An emergency is defined as a day on which students will be dismissed early due to any of the following emergencies:

1. Power outage of at least 90 minutes
2. Flood
3. Fire
4. Earthquake
5. Gas leak
6. Any other health-threatening situation

If the Superintendent declares an emergency the following procedure will be implemented:

1. A *One Call Now/Parent Square* will notify families of School Closure
2. District Office will be responsible to post on Social Media and notify radio stations
3. Buses will take students home
4. All 6 -12<sup>th</sup> grade bus students will be allowed to get off the bus
5. All PreK-5 grade students must be released to the custody of an adult (18 years or older), or a family member who is at least in 6<sup>th</sup> grade
6. Any PreK-5 grade student who cannot be left with a responsible adult or appropriate family member will be brought back to school and remain there until a parent picks him/her up

## Regarding the Garcia River and flooding

- If the district is notified of the closure of Highway 1 at the Garcia River, the District Superintendent will determine if a "Storm Day/School Closure" for all students is warranted. Parents will be notified of this via a *One Call Now /Parent Square* message, and radio stations will also be notified. A notice will be posted on Social Media.

These guidelines ensure a minimum number of problems on an emergency minimum day. Please understand the first priority is the safety of the students.



# Join ParentSquare Arena Union Elementary School District's Adopts new School to Home Communication

Dear Families,

We are excited to announce that our school district, and school site has adopted a new form of school-to-home communication called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with Arena Union Elementary School District, Arena Elementary-both K-5 and 6-8. It provides a safe way for district administrators, school principals, teachers, staff, and parents to:

- Send and receive school and class information
- Share pictures and files
- See calendar items
- Sign up to volunteer
- and much more . . . all in one centralized place!

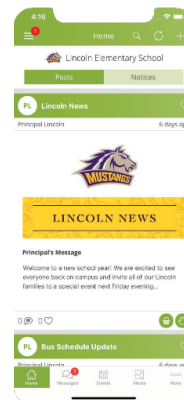


All district and school, grade level and classroom information will now be sent to your computer or phone via email and/or text. For even more convenience, download the ParentSquare app (available for free for iOS and Android devices). **Choose one: Arena Union Elementary School District for K-8 notices, OR Arena Elementary School & make a choice between K-5 or 6-8 grades for specific notices.**

You will receive a message to your email or text to your cellphone on how to connect to ParentSquare. You may visit parentsquare.com for a parent tutorial and discover how Parent Square links communication between parents, your child's teacher and our school.

## Download the ParentSquare mobile app today!

Send and receive school communications on the go. Stay involved with your student's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.





# JANUARY 2023 LUNCH MENU

Lunch includes:  
8oz fluid  
1% or Nonfat MILK

<p>2</p> <p>This intuition is an equal opportunity employer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pepperoni stuffed Hot pockets 40z Chips 1oz Apple 1cp Carrots sticks 1cp Ranch dressing 2oz 1%non Fat milk1c</p>	<p>4</p> <p>HOT DOGS 2oz French Fries 3oz Mixed Veggies1 cp Fresh Apple 1cp 1%nonfat Milk 1cp</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bean &amp; Cheese Burrito 3oz Tortilla chips 1oz Garden Salad 1cp Banana 1cp 1%nonfat milk1cp</p>	<p>6</p> <p>TURKEY SAND 2oz WW Bread 2oz Let, tom, pic, 1/8oz Celery sticks 1cp CHIPS 1oz Fresh Fruit 1oz 1 % nonfat milk 1cp</p>
<p>9</p> <p>HAM &amp; CHEESE SANDWICH 2oz WW BREAD 2 oz. Veggie sticks 3/4c Sun Chips 1oz Apple slices 3/4c Nonfat MILK 1C</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Chicken BBQ Sandwich 2oz WW bun 2oz French Fries 3/4c Cole slaw 1c Banana 3/4 c 1%nonfat milk 1cp</p>	<p>11</p> <p>SLOPPY JOE Sandwich 3oz WW bread 2oz C hips 1oz Jicama Sticks 1 c Fruit Cup 1c 1% nonfat Milk 1cp</p>	<p>12</p> <p>SALAMI SANDWICH 2oz WW bread 2oz let &amp; toms 1/8c Veggie sticks 3/4 c kettle Chips 1oz FRUIT CUP 1c Nonfat MILK 1C</p>	<p>13</p> <p>PBJ SANDWICH 2z WW Bread 2oz Yogurt cup 4oz Veggie sticks 3/4c Chex mix 1oz APPLE 3/4c Milk 1c</p>
<p>16</p> <p><b>MARTIN LUTHER KING OBSERVANCE</b></p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>CHICKEN SANDWICH 3oz let &amp; tom 1/8c WW bun 2oz TATOR TOTS 3oz VEGGIE 1cp Melon wedge 1c</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BEEF TAQUITOS 3oz Refried beans 3/4c Jicama sticks 1cp Orange slices 1cp  1% non-Fat Milk 1cp</p>	<p>19</p> <p>CHICKEN NUGGETS 3oz Oven fries 1/2c Caesar salad 1c Banana 1cp Nonfat MILK 1c</p>	<p>20</p> <p>CHEESE PIZZA 3oz Caesar Salad 1cp Fresh Fruit 1cp Cheese Sticks 1oz 1%nonfat Milk 1cp</p>
<p>23</p> <p>HAM &amp; CHEESE SANDWICH 2oz WW Bread 2oz Lettuce &amp; tomato 1/8 Mixed veggies 1c Chips 1oz Orange wedge 1cp 1%nonfat MILK 1c</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CHICKEN BURGER 3oz On ww bun 2oz Oven fries 1/2c Garden salad 1c Banana 1cp 1%nonfat MILK 1c</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CHEESE NACHOS Refried Beans 3oz Cucumber coins 3/4c Melon wedge 3/4c 1% nonfat MILK 1c</p>	<p>26</p> <p>TURKEY SANDWICH 2oz WW Bread 2oz Lettuce &amp; tomato 1/8 Sun Chips 1oz Carrot Sticks 1 c Fresh apple 1c 1%nonfat MILK 1c</p>	<p>27</p> <p>TUNA SANDWICH 3oz WW bread 2oz Carrot sticks 3/4c Sun Chip 1ozs Fruit Salad 1cp 1%nonfat MILK 1cp</p>
<p>30</p> <p>CORN DOG 3oz BAKED BEANS 3/4c FRUIT cup 3/4c CARROT Sticks 3/4c</p>	<p>31</p> <p>HAMBURGER 2oz WW bun 2oz Dorito Chips 1oz Confetti salad 1c Orange slices 3/4c MILK 1C</p>			<p>ALL MEALS MEET USDA CHILD NUTRITION STANDARDS</p>

## JANUARY 2023 WORD SEARCH



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

BLACK ICE  
COAT  
EVERGREENS  
FURNACE  
HIBERNATION  
MIST  
RAIN  
SNOW  
SWEATER  
WINTER

BLANKET  
COLD  
FIREPLACE  
GLOVES  
ICICLES  
NEW YEAR'S DAY  
RESOLUTION  
SOCKS  
WARM  
WOODSTOVE

BOOTS  
CRISP  
FREEZING RAIN  
HAT  
ICY  
PINE CONE  
SEASON  
SOUP  
WEATHER

CHILLY  
DRIZZLE  
FROST  
HEATER  
JANUARY  
POCKET  
SLIPPERY  
STORM  
WET