

# A R E N A   E L E M E N T A R Y   S C H O O L

FEBRUARY 2023



# THE BEACON

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## Mark Your Calendar!

FEBRUARY 10  
Grs. 678 Valentine's Dance

FEBRUARY 14  
VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 20-25  
NO SCHOOL  
President's Week Holiday

MARCH 3  
Science/STEM Fair

## Lost and Found

Is your son or daughter missing a jacket, a lunchbox, or backpack? Please remind your child to check the "lost and found" in the main building hallway 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.

## Yearbooks On Sale! Early Bird Offer Extended

We are currently making our 2022/2023 Arena Elementary yearbook.

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=57843](https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/YearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook_id=57843)

### **We are extending the Early Bird price until February 28, 2023**

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

March 1- May 27, 2023 price will increase

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

## Arena Elementary Treasure Chest Winners

These students are being recognized for showing great respect, responsibility, and safety at school during the months of January 2023. Congratulations! Around of applause for the following students:

### **JANUARY**

#### **Treasure Chest Recipients:**

Kindergarten: Jr. R, Lily, and Dante

First Grade: Angel, Raul, Kibrian

Second Grade: Ezra, Aleida, and Manny

Third Grade: Elise, Johvany, and Flabio

Fourth Grade: Mickey, Dael, and Dakota

5th Grade: Noel, Scarlett and J.J.



## Principal's Letter

2/2/23

Arena Families,

It finally feels like we are up and running smoothly after days and days of bad weather in January. The daffodils are starting to bloom and once again, Arena Elementary is the place to be. Middle School basketball teams have been practicing and playing hard. Ramona Mariscal rehearses with her Folkloric Dancers a couple times a week after school, the After School Program has exciting activities like Homework Help, Art, Minecraft, choir, and sports opportunities. We also have a new cheerleading squad coached by Micheline Kirby, Allision Barnes and Leah Kirby.

In regards to academics, grades 3-8 just finished up with taking their Winter MAP Assessments in Reading, Language conventions, Math, (and in grades 5- 8) Science. Children learn better—and faster—when teachers have a clear picture of what students know and how they are growing academically. That's why we give these assessments. MAP Assessments are a computer adaptive test which measures what students know. Most importantly, it allows teachers to track growth over time. With progress monitoring, teachers have the ability to create learning opportunities and to provide intervention support for struggling students. It is our goal to help every child learn and grow into a confident, productive human.

Families of 3rd - 8th grade students, please be on the lookout for the MAP Student Report in the mail. It will be sent out by next week. This document will provide information on how your child is performing in the core academic areas. Also included, you will find a MAP Goal Score Chart. There you can locate your child's score and it will identify at what grade level they are performing at. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or come into the office and I will be happy to assist you.

Remember to be patient and kind.

Michelle Egger  
Principal





## Notes from the Library Author of the Month and Book Challenge

Our school Library Media Tech, JoAnn Enos will feature an Author of the Month in the library and highlight their books to be checked out and read.

Authors featured during the month of February are:

- Peggy Parish, author of Amelia Bedelia books
- Annie Barrows, author of Ivy & Bean books
- Eric Litwin, James and Kim Dean, authors of Pete the Cat books

The Book Club Challenge is for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades students. If you join the book club and read a specific amount of books from any the highlighted authors, you are entitled to receive a free book from the private library book collection.

Enjoy your time reading some great books!

## Random Acts of Kindness

What is the meaning of "Kindness"? Kindness means being considerate, courteous, helpful, and understanding of others. Showing care, compassion, friendship, and generosity to others is a wonderful way express kindness. We all feel good when we do something nice for someone when it is unexpected, and brings happiness and joy to another person.

Although there is one week in the year dedicated to random acts of kindness, it should be an everyday event.

- Acts can be informal and simple. Share a smile, say hello, open a door for someone, and paying it forward.
- Acts can benefit one person, a larger group like your peers, neighbors, family or the whole community.

Look and find opportunities to share kindness, care and compassion. NO ACT OF KINDESS IS TOO SMALL!

## 2022-23 Arena Middle School Basketball Schedule:

Updated 1/20/23 - subject to change

### February:

4	Saturday	A Boys	@ Anderson Valley	TBA
11	Saturday	Girls A & B	@ Covelo	12:00, 1:00
		Boys A	@ Mendocino	TBA
15	Wednesday	8th grade boys	@ PA vs. Del Mar	4:00 p.m.

\*Must have a Sports physical to participate

### Practice Schedule:

Girls - Weds., Fridays 4:00 - 5:30 (Arena MPR), Sundays 9 - 11:00 (HS gym)

Boys - Weds. 2:00 - 4:00, Thurs. 3:30 - 5:30 (Arena MPR), Sundays 11:00 - 1:00 (HS gym)

### Coaches:

Girls - Victor Aparacio

Boys - Josh Oropeza, Ross Woodward, Ricky Stultz





## Ready for Seventh Grade in 2023-2024?

**For entry to 7th grade next school year 2023-2024, the following vaccines are required.**

- 1 dose of whooping cough booster Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)
- 2 doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)
- 2 doses of Varicella (Chicken Pox) for all children entering the 7th grade who have not already received it.

California law requires all students to be fully immunized before they start school.

**Please contact your child's health care provider to talk about which vaccines your child may need and schedule an appointment to receive these vaccines.**

Please remember to **ask your health care provider for a copy of your child's immunization (shot) record.** The school office requires a recent immunization record to update your child school health record.



## Arena Science & Engineering Fair March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our local science and engineering fair will be held on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Arena Elementary School.

For grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category and section of our local science fair will also be eligible to display their projects and compete for ribbons/medals at the Mendocino County Science Fair, which will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

If your child is in middle school, they are required to complete either a STEM project OR a research paper. If your child decides to do a project, I urge you to support and encourage this endeavor. It is acceptable for you to assist your child with his or her project, but keep in mind that it must be primarily his or her own work. Judges will be looking at the amount of student involvement and effort in a project. A science journal should accompany each project.

Researching and displaying a science fair project gives students the opportunity to engage in scientific inquiry, maintain accurate records, and apply the skills and processes of a scientist. We also hope that it will stimulate an interest in science and encourage students to apply creative and critical thought to the solution of science problems. Additionally, we believe it is important to give public recognition to talented students for the work they have done.

For more dates, times and judging information, please refer to the flyer on page 5.

Please contact Middle School Science Teacher, Cristin Allen if you have any questions at [callen@aesfamily.org](mailto:callen@aesfamily.org).



# Arena Elementary Science & Engineering Fair!



**[March 3rd, 2023]**

**[Arena Elementary MPR]**

Judging will take place in person on March 3rd, 2023.

Public may browse projects on **Friday after school (3:15-6pm)**  
and **Saturday (9am-12pm)**

There will be six sections:

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| 1. 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Experiment    | 4. 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Experiment    |
| 2. 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Demonstration | 5. 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Demonstration |
| 3. 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Engineering   | 6. 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Engineering   |

For more information:  
Call, text, or email Cristin Allen  
[callen@aesfamily.org](mailto:callen@aesfamily.org) 707-495-4669



## Arena Elementary School Color and Bubble Run Fundraiser



**Save the Date!** We are planning a student schoolwide Color & Bubble fun run fundraiser on **April 7, 2023**. The Friday before Spring Break. The fun run will be on school campus on a designated course set out for students, with color and Bubble stations throughout the course.

We are looking for parent volunteers to assist in the stations on the course which include start and end time & lap keepers, clappers and cheer crew, first aid crew, water & snack crew, all who will disperse bubbles and colored powder stations during the event.

Our goal is to raise funds for class activities and events while having a little fun! More information will come when in the March Beacon and on ParentSquare.

Join the fun by volunteering some time with us! If you are interested, please contact your child's teacher.

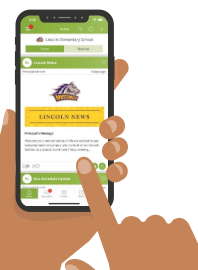
## Join ParentSquare Our School District Adopts new Communication

Our school district, and school has adopted a new form of school-to-home communication called ParentSquare. Designed to keep parents informed and connect with Arena Elementary. It provides a safe way for school principals, teachers, staff, and parents to: Send and receive school and class information, See calendar items. Sign up to volunteer, and much more . . . all in one centralized place!

All district, and school, and classroom information will now be sent to your computer or phone via email and/or text. **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.**

### 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.







**FEBRUARY WORD SEARCH**

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

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

AMETHYST  
 FOOTBALL  
 GROUDHOG  
 LEAP YEAR  
 POEMS  
 RED  
 SUPER BOWL  
 VIOLET

BLACK HISTORY  
 FRIENDS  
 HEARTS  
 LINCOLN  
 PRESIDENTS DAY  
 SHADOW  
 SUSAN B ANTHONY  
 WASHINGTON

COLD  
 FULL SNOW MOON  
 KINDNESS  
 PINK  
 PRIMROSE  
 SHORTEST MONTH  
 VALENTINE  
 WEATHER