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## From the Superintendent

Parents and Patrons of the Arlington School District:

family, please call Jeani Vincent at 983-5597.

The school year is off and rolling! It is great to have all the students and teachers in the building. There are so many activities going on that there is a lot of hustle and bustle. Teaching and learning is in full swing and life could not be happier here at school. Teachers are refreshed and energized and students are getting used to their schedules and come prepared and ready to learn.

In other communication news, I would like to remind you that there is an excellent calendar feature posted on our school website. You can view this calendar for daily, weekly, or monthly activities. I want to remind you that our schedules are always changing and if you printed the calendar at the beginning of the year, there may have been several changes that have occurred so I strongly encourage you to view the calendar each week to see the upcoming events.

If you did not get a phone call from the school on Sunday, please contact us to make sure that you are on the School Messenger system. This is an important component for communication between the School and parents and community members. With the winter months coming, this becomes even more important as school may be cancelled or dismissed early for weather reasons. This will be the primary form of communication to make you aware of these changes. If there has been a mistake or you need to make an adjustment to the call and text settings for your

Speaking of the winter months coming, changes in the weather are already happening. We ask that you send your children to school with the proper clothing. Our elementary students will need proper clothing for playing at recess. This also goes for our junior high and high school students. We want them to be prepared for bad weather, especially those that participate in activities that travel.

Lastly I would like to remind everyone that the Arlington School Board Policy Manual is completely on line. You can find all School Board Policies at <http://cl017.k12.sd.us/board%20policy.htm>. At this place you will see all of the separate chapters and policies. Included in the manual is the Parent Involvement Policy, as required by the Title Program. Please take the time to view these policies at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Justin Downes  
Superintendent Arlington School

## Principal Greetings

The beginning of the 2016-2017 school year has been pleasant for staff and students. Getting ourselves into a routine has been good for all of us. Recently, we were acknowledged as having the 8th highest average ACT score in the state. I commend the students, teachers, and parents; we know that this success does not happen easily but rather as a result of years of commitment by everyone involved. Parent involvement is vital to creating success like these students have experienced. So what are some things that parents can do to assist their child in finding success?

- Parents, knowing how your child is doing academically is very important; consequently, I want to remind each of you to check your child's Wednesday folder for grade information. Nearly each week, a report card will be sent home. The only time a report card will not be sent home is at the beginning of the nine-week period; in that case, a note saying there is no report card will be in the folder.
- In order to better assist our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, we will continue with the plan that we adopted a few years ago. Any 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who is on the failing list for three consecutive weeks will be taken out of physical education and will then work on their academics in Mrs. Boeck's room. Parents who do not want to wait until their child is failing can contact their classroom teacher and have their child work in Mrs. Boeck's room during 7<sup>th</sup> period.
- In addition to the opportunity for junior high students to get assistance during 7<sup>th</sup> period, I would like to remind everyone that we do have an after school assistance program for our 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Any 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student who wants assistance after school is allowed to go to Mrs. Gilbertson's room from 3:15-4:00 to receive additional help with their classes. Both the elementary and secondary after school programs are offered each night of the week, except for the last day of the week. We strongly encourage parents to contact your child's teacher if you have specific questions. If you have questions concerning how the program works, please contact Dawn Taylor at 983-5741 ext 274.
- One of the most important ways for your child to be successful is to have them spend time reading. We realize that each parent and child is busy; however, increasing reading time may be the number one factor to increased success as students progress through their school years.
- Set and maintain high expectations in each area. We occasionally hear that there is too much homework or that with watching or participating in extra-curricular activities students cannot be expected to do their assignments and certainly cannot be expected to do extra such as AR reading. I am here to say that the Arlington District does challenge our students academically; I am also here to say that the great majority of our students leave here after graduation and do very well. If you want your child to do well, it will require a committed effort from everyone involved.

Finally, I truly encourage parents of elementary and junior high students to think about their child's future. Successful seniors are so because of what they have done previously.

I look forward to working with each of our students, staff, and community to make this another great year. Please know that you are always welcome to visit me. Specifically, as part of ESEA, each parent is given an opportunity to request information about the professional qualifications of our classroom teachers. If you are interested in this information, please feel free to visit with me.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Gross

PK-12 Principal

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## Counselor's Corner

Full article on next page...

If you have any questions for the Counseling Department you can contact Steve Gilbertson at 605-983-5598 ex. 258



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### "I'm 7 Please Go 15 For ME"

We have many younger students who walk to and from school each day. Please remember that the speed limit is 15 MPH before school, during recess, and after school. Please help each of our children stay safe.

32-25-14. Speed limit in school zones--Violation as misdemeanor. When passing a school during a school recess or while children are going to or leaving school during the opening or closing hours, the maximum lawful speed shall be fifteen miles per hour. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor



# Cardinal chronicle

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Career Cruising:

- Facilitates students' career exploration
- Explores education and training options
- Supplies students with comprehensive college, university, and financial aid information
- Contains an exceptional interest survey
- Provides in-depth occupational profiles
- Aids students in building a portfolio



To explore the career and education information available in Career

Cruising, and to view your child's work on their portfolio go to [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) and enter your student's username and password which they have been assigned.

## What is Career Cruising?



net-based career exploration and planning tool your child uses to explore career and college options and develop a career plan.

Career Cruising can be accessed from school, from home, or wherever your son or daughter has access to the Internet. Features of the program include:

### Interest and Skills Assessment

### Career Profiles

### Multimedia Interviews

The South Dakota My Portfolio is fully integrated with the Career Cruising career guidance system. Career Cruising is an Inter-

Career Cruising is an online program that students access through the website:  
[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

## Parents Can Help Their Student...

If your student is in 7th grade or older they have been embarking on career exploration! at Arlington Public Schools. Our goal is to help students identify a career and prepare for their future.

Career Cruising enables students to determine careers of interest, explore, and plan.

Career Cruising is an online tool that aids students in self exploration of personal interests, colleges/universities and careers.

In the Matchmaker zone, your student completes an assessment to find careers that correspond with their personal interests. This personalized feedback will provide a list of careers and profile information for your student.

Your student also completes and assessment of skills/abilities. This information, along with other tools provided by career cruising are used to create an extensive portfolio that will remain with the

student until graduation.

Career cruising is also designed to assist students in planning their education needed to be successful in their career of choice. Students explore colleges, universities, admissions, campus life, and financial aid.



## Title I News

Thank you to everyone who attended our curriculum parent meetings on September 15<sup>th</sup>. It was exciting to see all of you interested in your child's education. Parent involvement is an important factor in their success in the classroom.

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for October 27th. More information will be sent out as it approaches. We hope you will be able to join us. If you have concerns before then, please contact your child's teacher.

If you have any questions about the after school program, working with your child, or Title services, please contact Mrs. Dawn Taylor at 983-5741 ext. 274.

### **AdvancED School Improvement Goals:**

#### **ACADEMIC**

Students will demonstrate improvement in their skills in the following areas:

non-fiction reading  
common core math  
common core reading

#### **AFFECTIVE**

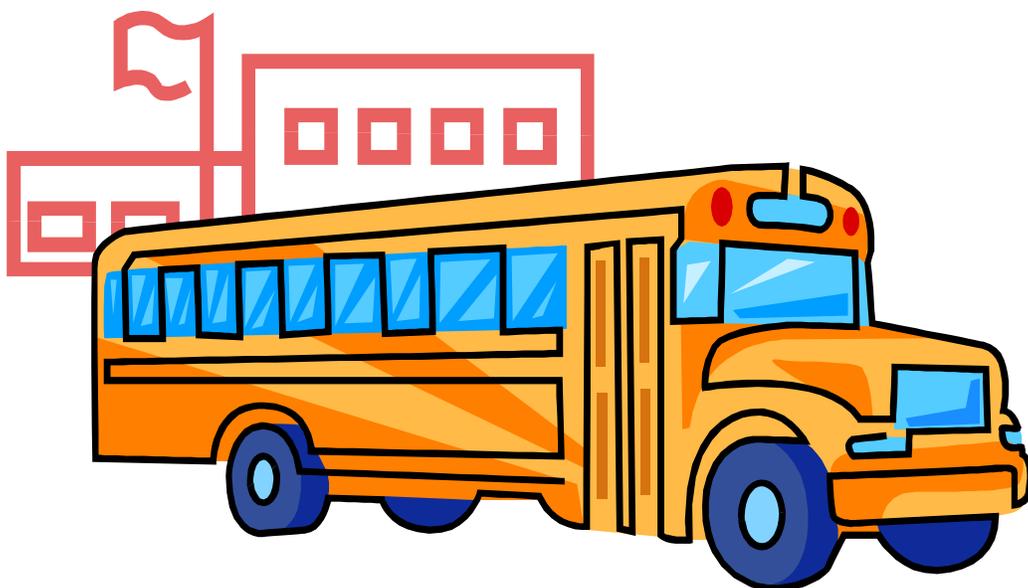
Students will demonstrate improvement in following school rules and policies and in their understanding of the rights, safety, feelings, and values of others.

Students will help to maintain a clean, safe, and pleasant environment.

## Absence & Attendance Issues

Please contact Jeani at ext. 221 between 8 and 8:30 with any absence or attendance issues. If Jeani doesn't answer, please leave a message. All messages will get heard. Do not call your child's teacher if they are going to be gone.

You may also request homework if your child is absent. The homework is to be picked up in Jeani's office after 2:30pm, or you can request another student to pick it up.



## Bus Drop Off & Pick Up Location

**Students will be dropped off by the elementary doors and picked up on the curb side by the playground. Parents may drop off and pick up their children by the elementary doors. Please remember for the safety of the children, parents should NOT pick up their children on the opposite side of the street.**

## Time to buy your yearbook!

**\$35** early bird sale runs from

**October 1<sup>st</sup>–October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Put your order in your child's Wednesday folder or see Mrs. Vostad.

### **Fall 2016 Lifetouch Pictures**

Parents,

On Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> all PK-12 students will be taking their fall pictures. As these pictures are used for the annual, even students not purchasing a packet will have their pictures taken. Within the last year it has worked well to also have our senior class take pictures through Lifetouch in case they are unable to provide a picture for the yearbook or other publications.

Each PK-12 student will receive an order form in their Wednesday Folder prior to picture day. Only return the order form in their Wednesday folder if you intend to purchase pictures. Please return these order forms by Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. In order to assist Lifetouch, they would ask that each child has a check to cover their individual pictures.

Children who do not attend school are able to take pictures at 8:00 am in the lobby of the big gym. There will be order forms on that day in the lobby.

Once the pictures are returned to the school, they will be sent home in the Wednesday. If parents would like pictures re-taken, they should return them in the Wednesday folder. Retakes will be taken from 8:00am-10:00am on November 21<sup>st</sup> only. Preschool students they will need to be brought in by their parents.

At some point during the year, class composites will be sent home with each student. There is no cost to the parents for this composite. It is a program that Lifetouch supports for our district. Please do not send these back; rather keep them for your child.

Thank you for your assistance with ensuring that each child has an opportunity to be in the Arlington school annual.

Respectfully,

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## Find Us Online!

<https://arlington.k12.sd.us>

### Wednesday Folders

Every Wednesday, your child will bring home a Wednesday folder filled with information intended for parents. This folder and any forms completed should be returned to your Study Time teacher with your signature on Thursday. If a student was absent on Wednesday, the folder needs to be returned the day after they received it. If the folder was not returned to the Study Time teacher on Thursday (or the day after it was received it), it must be back to Erin by Tuesday morning. Please take care of each Wednesday folder!



### Meal Balances

Meal balances are available online by logging into Campus! You are able to access your current account information online-anytime. Families must know their account ID and PIN to access family account information. To be included in the parent portal in Campus, please contact Mr. Parry at ext. 245. This will allow you to log in and check your real time balance anytime you would like! If you have any other questions, please direct them to Erin Larsen at the above listed number, or stop by and talk directly to Erin.

**November Newsletter Deadline:**

October 18th