



STINGER NEWS

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Welcome Back to School!

A Word from Mrs. Wade

Welcome to Arnoldsburg Elementary! I am looking forward to an AWESOME school year. The staff has worked very hard over the summer in preparation for the students. Although we did not meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) last year, we are very excited about the educational opportunities planned for the 2011-2012 school year.

When I received the WESTEST 2 scores and confirmation that we missed AYP for the first time in six years, the staff and I worked tirelessly analyzing data to determine what changes would be implemented this year to ensure AES makes AYP. Our analysis showed that if 6% more students were at mastery, we would have made AYP. Therefore, all teachers and staff have an action plan to work with our students and implement additional learning strategies.

One of our main focuses is on literacy. Our literacy initiative will put more books in the hands of students. Teachers received training in Strategic Teaching for Literacy and will utilize Kansas Writing and various other instructional strategies to provide a high quality curriculum for all students.

AES values parental involvement and recognizes its importance to the success of our students. We ask that you partner with us to help accomplish our goal of making AYP this year. Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Wade, Principal



Parent Pick-Up

Afternoon parent pick-up is in the gym/multi-purpose room at 3:15. Due to gym classes, the doors will remain locked until 3:15.

Lunch Bills

Calhoun County Schools has begun using a new lunch billing system this school year. AES will no longer be accepting payments for your child(ren)'s lunch bills. Please do not send in lunch bill money with your child(ren). Payments are to be sent to the address enclosed in your bill. Bills will be sent to your home address.

Thank You...

...to the PTO for sponsoring the backpack drawing at our Open House and purchasing prizes for the students who participated in the summer reading program.

The staff would also like to thank the PTO for providing Back to School Boxes containing much needed classroom supplies.

Staff Changes

You may have noticed a few changes to our staff.

Mrs. Hupp - 1st grade

Mrs. Summers - 2nd grade

Mrs. Freed - 4th grade

Miss Sampson - 4th grade

Holly Miller - Paraprofessional

Shelly Mace - Paraprofessional

Amanda Morris - Academic Coach

PTO News

Molasses Festival King and Queen Contest

Coronation: Thurs., Sept. 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Float with the Royal Court: Sat., Sept. 24

Please help the candidates raise money for our school. All monies collected help the PTO provide extra activities for the students at AES.

PTO Officers this year are –

President: Lorie Bailey

Vice-President: Stephanie Allen

Secretary: Judy Sampson

Treasurer: Cathy Hall

The next PTO meeting will be held on September 7th at 8:30 a.m. at AES.

All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Congratulations!

Jarrett Allen and Lacy Whytsell were the winners of the backpack drawing sponsored by the PTO.

Prize Winners for the summer reading program:

Claire Boggs

Jaelyn Jett

Kyla Lovejoy

Gracie Carper

Upcoming Events-September

1: Parent Volunteer Training

5: Labor Day – No School

6: First Day of School for Preschool

7: PTO Meeting – 8:30 a.m.

20: King/Queen Money due

21: First grading period ends

22: Individual Student Picture Day

26: Progress Reports

30: Parent Workshop – 2:15 – 3:15

Title I News

AES recognizes the importance of involving parents/guardians in their child's education. If you would like to become a school volunteer, please fill out and return the Parent Volunteer Survey that was sent home with your child or contact the school office.

Parent Volunteer Training will be held Thursday, September 1st, at 8:30 am at AES.

Our annual Open House was once again a big success. One hundred thirty-five parents, relatives, students, and staff members were in attendance.

Book Club orders are due on September 16th. You may order online at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs and use the activation code GNR82.

We welcome you to review our 5 Year Strategic Plan at any time. It can be found on our website or in the Welcome Center at the school.

Our first workshop will be Friday, September 30, from 2:15 – 3:15 at AES. We welcome parents/guardians to attend this workshop. We will be giving you information about Title I, student assessments, and our 5 Year Strategic Plan.