

ARROWHEAD CHRONICLES

September 2019



"Building Knowledge, Character & Community in Each Child"

Arrowhead Elementary School

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Billings, MT 59102
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September Events

- 5th-Open House, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 25th-Lifetouch Picture Day
- 28th-Saturday Live!

Arrowhead Enrollment 2019:

K - 80	1st - 65
2nd - 64	3rd - 66
4th - 69	5th - 77

Total = 421 (21 less than last year in August)

Arrowhead Apparel ordering will be coming soon! Stay tuned!

Principal's Message

Dear Arrowhead Families,
The new school year is off and running. If you are a new family to Arrowhead, the staff, PTA, and I welcome you. We encourage you to be involved within the school community and PTA helping in small or large ways.

SIGN UP for FreshSchools!! ALL newsletters, events, or emergency messages will be communicated via FreshSchools and the Arrowhead website.

Instead of paper copies, the Arrowhead Parent-Student Handbook is on the school website, along with the lunch schedule, calendar, and PTA info. I update the website frequently with all the latest news. Weebly is no longer used because it's not ADA compliant so view the new Arrowhead website at: [Arrowhead website](#) Check it out!

The "Manners and Respect" program will continue this year at Arrowhead. Every Monday, beginning on September 9, throughout the year during our morning announcements, a new manner of the week will be shared. Hopefully you see the results of this at home too.

The Arrowhead Open House is set for Thursday, September 5 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Teachers will share identical information at two separate sessions: 1) at 6:00pm; 2) at 6:30 p.m. Plan on attending one of the sessions that evening to gain knowledge about expectations for your child.

On Friday, September 6 at 8:45am the entire student body will be practicing our "evacuation to an alternate site" drill. We will walk to the Lillis Chapel at St. John's/Mission Ridge which is the site for any emergency if the school needs to be evacuated.

Kindly,

Mrs. Pam Meier



SATURDAY LIVE 2019

Coming to Pioneer Park on Saturday, September 28th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm is Billings' best - **Saturday Live!** Saturday Live is an outdoor, family-oriented carnival that benefits Billings Public Schools, the surrounding feeder schools, and the Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools. From face painting and dunking booths to haunted houses and inflatables, there is something for everyone.

In every corner of the park, a school has a booth with an entertaining game or delicious food. Tickets for the booths can be purchased (\$0.50 each) prior to Saturday Live from the local schools or at Pioneer Park the day of the event. All money that is raised from the event goes back to the school that sponsors the booth.

The day begins with the 2 mile Saturday Live Fun Run/100 yard Dash for all ages to participate in. Don't miss the warm-up at 8:45 at Wendy's Field in Daylis Stadium. The Fun Run will have a sports theme, so be sure to wear the colors or logo of your favorite sports team to celebrate fun and fitness. Don't forget to select your school affiliation when signing up for a chance for your school to win by having the highest percentage of student participants for your school's population! The cost for the fun run is \$10. Everyone will be included in the competitive timing and will receive a race shirt.

Register on-line at <https://www.efbps.org/saturday-live.html>.



There will be entertainment throughout the day on the Main Stage featuring local dance groups and choral ensembles. Zoo Montana will showcase some animal friends on stage at 11:30 am. At 12:30 pm, students from Senior, Skyview and West dig into pie in the annual pie eating contest, and at 2:30 pm will be the best kid's rock band in Billings, The ABC Band! Join us to dance in the grass. It will be messy, fast, and fun!

Don't worry about parking; we have two shuttle buses running to ease the congestion. One shuttle bus runs from the Billings Clinic lot at 9th Avenue and 30th Street (by the Riverstone Billings Inn). An additional shuttle bus runs from the Montana State University Billings parking lot on Rimrock and Virginia Lane. Both shuttle buses run every 15 -20 minutes with drop off/pick up at the Zimmerman Center.

For more information, visit our website at www.efbps.org or call the Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools at 245-4133.

A Message from the PTA.....



Welcome Back, Arrowhead Families!

I hope you all have enjoyed these first two weeks of school. Back to School can be so fun and also so tiring! Kids, teachers and parents are all adjusting to schedules and lists. Oh the lists! Activities are starting up while summer is winding down. I know everyone in our family has needed extra sleep.

Have you noticed the beautiful, refreshed gardens at the front entrance? Arrowhead School would like to thank the volunteers of King of Glory Lutheran Church along with PTA members and families! What an incredible accomplishment by many hands in just a few hours.

All of us at Arrowhead School thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone at the Back to School Ice Cream Social! What a spectacular evening and an easy dinner! Thank you to the volunteers who helped set up, handed out ice cream and shared information about the PTA and FreshSchools.

Thursday September 5th, we will have Open House here at Arrowhead. Look for our PTA table in the front where you can get signed up for PTA, get any help with Fresh schools you may need, and also sign up to be a school sponsor! We'd like to encourage all parents to join the PTA, even if you can't make the meetings or don't have the opportunity to volunteer. The PTA is a great resource to be involved and support your child's education. FreshSchools is the platform our school uses to communicate dates, activities, and information. Please take a moment to log in. We will be happy to walk you through it at the Open House.

Please join us Tuesday evening, September 10th at 6:00pm for an Arrowhead PTA meeting open to all parents, teachers, and family. You need not be a PTA member to come. Robin Cormier, a school district Behavioral Interventionist, will be speaking about our children and how to guide, teach and manage self-regulation. Looking forward to meeting new families and seeing Arrowhead regulars!

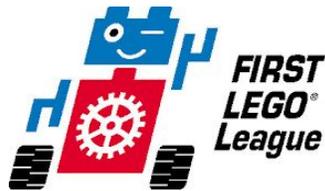
All of us on the PTA Executive Board and Committee chairs want to give a special welcome to all our new Kindergarten families. We welcome any suggestions or comments,

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Sending a SHOUT OUT to King of Glory Church and families who graciously pulled weeds, trimmed bushes, spread bark, painted, and enhanced the landscaping around the front of the school. THANK YOU Boeschen, Edwards, Feeley, Finnegan, McKenzie, Peterson, Quanbeck, Schwanke, and Woodyatt families along with Sharisse Williams !!!

LEGO ROBOTICS INFORMATION MEETING



Do you love Building?

Are you interested in robotics?

Are you in the third through fifth grade?

Then you may be interested in creating or joining an Arrowhead robotics team. This meeting is intended to spread the word about the First Lego robotics program. Mr. Casey provides weekly guidance and administrative support and helps make team introductions. Lego robotics works best when teams work cohesively. Parental involvement is extremely important. Many times, teams will choose to work additional hours at team member homes; often on weekends.

Monday, September 9th

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY

6:30 to 7:30 PM

For more information: Don Casey 406.281.6408 or caseyd@billingssschools.org

September Manners of the Week:

9th: Greet everyone with a smile, look them in the eye, and say "Hello"

16th: Say "please" to ask for something, "thank you" when something is received, and "excuse me"

23rd: Follow lunchroom guidelines

- Hands and food to yourself
- Focus on eating
- Clean up your area, even if it isn't yours

30th: Quietly walk in a line on the right side of the hallway, keeping hands at your side, and walk around people when they are talking. Practice how to walk around people who are talking and not in between them.

Tidbits...

Dogs/Animals on School Property

Kids and dogs are like magnets but can lead to safety concerns when brought to the school grounds during drop off and pick up. We have kids allergic to dogs and a few are very scared of dogs. Please refrain from bringing dogs, cats, etc. on school property. Thank you.



Website Change

Previous years we have used Weebly for our Arrowhead school website. This year all schools are required to use another website format that is **ADA compliant** (weebly wasn't). You can access the Arrowhead website via the BPS website. K-2 will use SeeSaw to communicate with parents directly and 3-5 will use their websites at: [Arrowhead website](#)

Eagle Eye



The Arrowhead staff is recognizing kids who are being EXTRA kind and helpful to the adults and other students at school. If they are caught going above and beyond with kindness and respect they will be given an "Eagle Eye" card to share with you! Your support with modeling how to be respectful to adults at home makes a difference at school.

Drop off and Pick up

Please park along 38th St. or in the baseball field parking lot to drop off and pick up your kids. **DO NOT drive or park in the front driveway/loop or park in the parking spots in front of the school to wait for your children.** Buses and daycare vans use this area and children run in between these vehicles if you are parked in the parking spots. Safety is a concern when these rules aren't followed. Also, inform anyone who picks up your children of this guideline. Thank you!!



Parking Spots

Have you noticed reserved parking for Nursing Staff and Itinerant Teacher in the front of the school and wondered the purpose of these spots? Our nursing staff are in and out of the school frequently on a daily basis and need quick access to the front door. Also, we have specialist teachers who come and go during the day and haul their materials from their cars.

Having easy access to the front door helps them transition between schools quickly.

A graphic titled "Attendance Matters" in green. Below the title is a key with the number "3" on it. The text says "The key is only 3 absences or tardies per trimester". Below this are three apples: a green apple with a smiley face labeled "Missing less than 9 days", a yellow apple with a sad face labeled "Missing 10-17 days", and a red apple with a sad face labeled "Missing 18+ days". At the bottom right is the "United Way of Yellowstone County" logo.

Watches

A friendly note about technology and student watches. These nifty devices are like a phone and we ask students to not use them during the day to check messages or texts. We treat them like a cell phone - off and in the backpack during the day. If there is an emergency, please call the office and we are certain to give your child the message.

CROSSWALK SAFETY



The list of reminders below is to assist the crossing guard, you, and your children to get to school and on their way home safely. Please go over this information with your child. We must work together as a team to keep all children safe.

- 1). If your child needs to cross the street to get to or come from school, please use the marked crosswalk area for the safety of your child.
- 2). Please do not park in the yellow areas near the crosswalk. It interferes with other drivers ability to see the children.
- 3). Please do not drop your children off on the street side (drivers side) of your vehicle. Have them leave and enter your vehicle on the curb/sidewalk side, protecting them from oncoming traffic.
- 4). If you park in the middle of the block, please walk to the crosswalk and don't cross the street in the middle of the block.
- 5). The crossing guard at Arrowhead School will instruct your child every day, at every shift, to wait at the sidewalk, until she is in the middle of the street, and CALLS your children out, that is safe to cross the street. If your child rushes out before instructed, he or she will likely be sent back to sidewalk for further instruction on safe crossing. It's important that they wait until called out, as other children will automatically follow the other child into the street out of impulse. Safety, safety, safety is always first.
- 6). Children should always cross in the crosswalk, between the cones, and in front of the crossing guard, Never behind her.
- 7). To prevent falls in the street, please walk in the crosswalk. No running.
- 8). Please expect delayed crossing during winter and hard rain. It takes longer for vehicles to stop and your crossing guard will be making sure all cars are able to stop, all the way down the line.... we don't want the immediate car stopped being hit from behind and pushed through the crosswalk.
- 9). As a driver, please do not stop in the middle of the crosswalk. Obey speed limits and pedestrian laws, and watch for children for several blocks.
- 10). Teach your child to look LEFT, RIGHT, AND LEFT again.

STOP (at the curb), WAIT (for the crossing guard), LISTEN (to the crossing guard for instructions)

Every day is a PRACTICE run between your crossing guard and your children, so that when your crossing guard senses a dangerous situation, the children will respond immediately. Thank you for reviewing these safety rules with your child, and for following them yourself when your child is with you. If you support the crosswalk rules, so will your child.

Here's to a safe and happy school year at Arrowhead School,

Mrs. B (crossing guard on 38th St.)

Walk/Bike to School Safety:

With construction and traffic changes, the start of school is a perfect time to remind kids and parents the rules that will help keep kids safe on their route to school.

Kids:

- ★ Cross with the crossing guard or at designated school crossings - make sure to WALK!
- ★ Ride/walk on the sidewalk (NOT in the STREET)
- ★ Keep your eyes and ears aware of your surroundings (watch for cars)

Parents:

- ★ Slow Down (remind family and friends to drive slowly around the school)
- ★ Please do not stop on bridge or in street to drop off or pick up kids. Park along the street or park a few blocks away and walk (gets kids wiggles out and cuts down on congestion around school)

After School Arrangements

Please make your after school arrangements in the morning before your child arrives at school. We are unable to guarantee that messages received during the daytime will get to your student.

Phone Messages from School

If you see Arrowhead School on your caller ID, PLEASE listen to the message before calling the school. We encourage all children to leave a message when calling home so you know exactly the reason for the call and to avoid a redundancy of phone calls. Thanks for your help!

Helpful Hints About our Security Camera

After pressing the bell, please remain facing the camera until you hear the door click. After the click, please enter the building. Thank you!

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