



April Newsletter

Greetings Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

I can't believe we are through three quarters of school already! Plans are being finalized for summer school, teacher budgets are being turned in for next year, students are getting geared up for spring field trips, and spring has sprung! The next two months will be very busy for your child, so please pay attention to their schedules and encourage them to finish the year strongly.

Four Year Old Preschool Program Registration: If you did not attend Child Development Days in February, you may register your four year old on Friday, April 14, 2017 (8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.). If you are interested in the program, then please call the Elementary office at 608-323-7500 or come into the office to register your child. You will need the following to complete registration:

- Birth or Baptismal certificate
- Immunization Record
- Completed Registration sheet

Please note that the Arcadia School District will again have **full day preschool program which will meet Monday-Thursday (7:55 AM -3:05 PM). Head Start will also be offered in Arcadia next year.

Tornado Drill: April 17-April 21, 2017 is Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in the state of Wisconsin. On Thursday, April 20, 2017, a statewide tornado drill is planned. Do you have a plan in the event of severe weather? Please prepare for the dangers from severe weather by learning the safest places to seek shelter. An insightful website to help you prepare is <http://www.readywisconsin.wi.gov/>.

FORWARD EXAM: From April 11- April 28 (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays) students in grades 3-4 will be taking the state's assessment called the Forward Exam. It is a summative measure which gauges your child's achievement compared to other students in the state and against students in state who use similar assessments. Also, it tells us how well students are mastering the Wisconsin College and Career Ready Standards in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. **This is an important test for our school.** Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and a good breakfast.

Great Opportunity - Parenting Night Offered to Latino families

The Power of Positive Parenting - **April 11, 2017 @ 6-8 PM**
Raising Confident, Competent Children – **April 18, 2017 @ 6-8 PM**
Raising Resilient Children – **April 25, 2017 @ 6-8 PM**

Where: Holy Family Catholic School
532 McKinley St
Arcadia, WI 54612

Limited childcare is available; register at least five days in advance.
Contact: **The Parenting Place** (608) 784-8125 ext 295 for questions or to register.

CULTURE OF READERS: We would like to strongly emphasize a “culture of readers” at Arcadia Elementary School. It is what we do! We expect your child to not only read at school every day, but also at home each night. The amount of time spent reading depends on the age of the student. Research says that the volume of reading will positively affect a child’s reading skills. Please encourage your child to read at home each night, preferably something that he or she enjoys reading. *Finally, I would like to start collecting pictures of your child reading somewhere other than school (ie. vacation, at a sporting event, waiting at the dentist or doctor, etc.) We would love to share the photos on a large bulletin board at school. Your pictures can be sent to halversonp@arcadia.k12.wi.us.*

Important dates to remember:

April 4	ELECTION DAY – School Board election – Please vote!
April 4	Bike Safety for Grades K-4
April 13	No school for 4K – 4K play date 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
April 14	No SCHOOL
April 17	No SCHOOL
April 17	School Board Meeting
April 20	State Wide Tornado Drill – 2:00 PM
April 21	Environmental Awareness Day
April 27	Gr. 2 & Gr. 3 Spring Concert - 6:30 PM H.S. auditorium
April 11 – April 28	Forward Exam (Grades 3-4)

Yours in Arcadia Education,

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