

The A List

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The Giving Tree

"The Giving Tree" will be located at Mills Hardware from the day after Thanksgiving until December 17th.

By: Shavonne Schacher

This is the second annual year for the PTA to be organizing the Giving Tree for the teachers and staff at Arnold Public School. The tree will be set up at Mills Hardware the day after Thanksgiving and will stay there until Thursday, December 17th. Many of these items can be purchased locally and if they need to be ordered there will be a website to order it.

How it work... First the tree will be filled with colored tags with wishes from teachers and staff. (The Elementary teachers will be Red Tags, Secondary Teachers will be Green Tags, and the other staff members will be Gray/Silver). Once you find the



tags will include teachers name and gift item wanted and will have instructions on it. Then wrap your gift and bring it with the tag attached to the school or to Mills Hardware by December 17th. And on December 18th we will sort all of the gifts and deliver them to the staff and teachers so they may open them with

tree look over the tags and pick one, two, three, or more tags that you wish to grant.

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their students when they have their class party.

The tree will be set up at the school during the K-12 Music Program on Friday, December 11th. Last year we had such a great outcome, every teacher and staff member received a wish on their list. This is a great opportunity to shop for that special teacher or staff member for something that can benefit them in or out of the classroom. The PTA also wants to thank all of you for being so supportive of our school, teachers, and staff members! If you have any questions please feel free to call Shavonne Schacher at 308-636-6017 or Jessica Tickle at 308-520-5597.

Red Ribbon Week Fun

By Jasmine Nelson, Junior

For the week of October 26th through October 29th, the elementary had quite the blast with the annual Red Ribbon Week festivities. The week started off with pyjama day, a big hit with students elementary through high school.

The second day was full of #twinning as most of the school participated in Twin Day. Everyone was seeing doubles! Wednesday was Backwards (otherwise known as Gender Swap) Day, where many girls dressed as boys and vice versa. Some kids took it literally and actually wore their clothes backwards. Talk about dedication!

The fourth and final day (due to the Fall Break making Friday a day of no school) Character Day. There was everything from Minions to classic ideas such as the tooth fairy. Throughout the week there were fun activities for elementary, and on Thursday they went around the school and trick-or-treated around the high school. All in all, it was a great week for everyone involved.



Above: Some of the signs in the hallways throughout the week, made by elementary students.



Above: Kindergarteners celebrate "Twin Day" with excellent style.

Senior Parents... Get Your Taxes Done Early!

A FAFSA information night was held to give parents more information to start planning for the time when the FAFSA will need to be filled out.

The sooner you get your taxes done, the more money you will get. The faster that you get your taxes done and submitted, the more money there will be.

For help filling out the FAFSA, Education-Quest.com is a free service. You can also set up a free appointment to meet with someone in Kearney and get the FAFSA filled out with a worker there.

The deadline will be coming up faster than you think... For more info visit <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Veterans Day Moments

Arnold students took time to honor and remember...



The Kindergarten class sing "Oh I Love America". Pictured from left to right, Alexis Stutzman, JuanPablo Zuniga, Maryah Lamphear, Rae Hagler, Callan Witthuhn, Tre Fortune, Austin Davenport, Adalei Tullis, Brody Green, Anna Coleman, Hidden- Delanie Weinman, TyLee Smith, Shane Gibson, Tysen Shacher, Gone-Dwayne Barraza.



Kevin Kennedy delivered a heart-warming speech about Vietnam memorial and about his experience while fighting in Vietnam.



Jesse Connell reads his essay that he wrote at the Veterans day program.



Kirby Corfield and Kylie Lehmkuhler, 7th graders, prepared speeches on Veterans Day. The 7th grade class wrote essays to present to those in attendance at the program.

How to Cook a Turkey?

With the holiday season coming up, we were wondering how to cook a turkey. The Kindergarten Class helped us out.

Anna Coleman

First, my dad hunt'd they trcke.
Next, my dad cut it.
Last, my mom back'd it in they cichin.

Rae Hagler

First, I get the trce at str.
Next, I put the trce in ovin.
Last, I bac it in ovin fr 5 minits.

JuanPablo Zuniga

First, I ontd the trce in the wuds.
Next, I scind the trce.
Last, I cwt the trce un the griw.

Austin Davenport

First, I hont'd the trke n forast.
Next, I korzd the trke.
Last, I kookt it in ze kit-gin at 5 o klok.

Alexsis Stutzman

First, I fand trke in pastr.
Next, I hinted it.
Last, I kokd it n zi ovin fr 5 minits.

Callan Witthuhn

First, I hunt'd the trke in the tre ro.
Next, I skind the trke.
Last, I smokd the trke atsid for a nit and da.

Maryah Lamphear

First, I got the trke from ve frm.
Next, I brot it hom.
Last, I kokd it on ve stov.

Shane Gibson

First, I got ve trce frum ve frst.
Next, I hant'd ve trce.
Last, I cucd ve trce n ve uvin.

TyLee Smith

First, I git ve trke frhm ve frm.
Next, I skind ve trke.
Last, I krzd it in ve uvin fr 15 minits.

Tre Fortune

First, I kot the trke from the yuds.
Next, I kut it.
Last, I kikd it in the fir.

Brody Green

First, I kot the trke atsid.
Next, I shav'd the fathrs of.
Last, I kot'd et n the stov.

Adalei Tullis

First, I got the trke frm yolmort.
Next, grandma put it in a boyl.
Last, I kukd it in the stov.

Delanie Weinman

First, I hunt'd the trce atsid.
Next, I scind the trce.
Last, I bac'd it in the crocpot.

Tysen Schacher

First, I kop ve trkw from ve vrm.
Next, I krzd yt.
Last, I kwtd ve trke in ve fir.

How to Cook a Turkey?

First Graders: How to Cook a Turkey

Gracee Downing

Do you need to no how to cooka Turkey. First, you go to the womort. You bie the turkey fowr ten cins. Next, you take it home. You git the turkey in the hows and put it in the frigradr. Then, you put the turkey in the senk. You wosh it with colde wotr. Last, you cook the turkey in the uvin for five awrs and five hojrd to de-gres. Clearly, do you need to no how to cook a turkey.

Sofie Lewis

Cooking a turkey is ysy as one two three. First, you hunt it and bring it home. li will by bludy and fevry. Next, you wosh the turkey with a scrunj. Mace shr the scrunj is clyn. Then, you can cut the turkey

up. You can us a bu- chr nife. Last, you can cook it on a pan in the uvin. You can set the timer for twenty minits. As you can see, cook-ing a turkey is ysy as one two three.

Walter Bierman

Do you no haw to cook a turkey? First, you hont the turkey. You hont the turkey in the feld with a bowan eraw. Next, you pluk it and skin it. You pluk it biy poleng the fethr awt with your hand. Then, you kut it with sisrs. You get rile blute. Last, you skin it open and pink strop. You kook it in the uven for fix me-netis. As you can see, it is ese to kook the turkey.

Miranda Tucker

Do you noe how to cook a trucke? First, you hunt the trucke. You look for the turcey

in the corn feeld. Next, you pluck the turkey. You taec the fethrs oof with are hans. Then you gril the turkey for many minits. You cut the turkey on the gril to see if it was dun. Last, you carv the turkey. Put it on the plate. You eet it with carn and flam-lee. Clearly heer is a good waey to cook a turkey.

Piper Strasburg

This is how to cook a turkey. First, you go to the stor. Go to the meet iyl and look for turkey. Next you take the turkey home. Put it in the bak av the car. Then, you cook the turkey. Put it in the uvin for two awrs. Last, you eat the turkey at the tabll. Make shr you cut it bee for you eat it. As you can see, a turkey is ese to cook.

Wacey Schultz

Are you kookyg a trke? First, you rid on the bac of the chrck. You hunt the trke. Next, you pick the trke. You uz hif. Then you hag the trke. You let it sta up thar for a awr and 10 minits. Last, cooc the trke. You poot it on the gril for an awr and 99 minits. As you can see you are kookyg a trke.

Elijah Cool
This is how you cook a turkey. First, you go to the groeshree store. You drive in a car to mane street in Arnald. Next, you buy it in the store. You beter hav inof mone to buy the turkey beck kos it is 24 \$. Then, you take the turkey home. You poot the turkey in the frig for 5 days. Last, you cook it in the uvin for 8 minits. Wen the turkey is don it smels dlishis. Clearly, turkeys are ese to make.

Josie Christensen
My steps to coock a turkey are esea. First,

you hunt the turkey. You have to go in the yard to fined a turkey. Next, you have to pool the fethrs out. You use your hands and throw the fethrs oway. Then, you coock the turkey for ten minits. You now the turkey is done when the oven rings. Last, you have to eat the turkey in the kinchin. You eat it with core and salid. Clearly, my steps are esea to coock a turkey.

Malachi Neth
Doo you noe hou to coo a trke? First, you run to the stor. You fined the turkey and bie it. Next, you poot it en the fridge for 5 das. The turkey will tha oot in the fridges. Then, you pot oil on the turkey. The turkey fels wet. Last, you poot the turkey on the grill. You grill it oll dae. Clearly, doo you noe how too cook a thrke.

Josie Lehmkuhler
Do you no haw to cook

a trke? First, you go to the stor. You bi a fosin turkey. Next, you wosh the turkey in the sink. You run whotr ovr the turkey two minise. Then, you cook the turkey in the uvin four 20 mins. Whin the uvin bees its redee. Last, you eat it in the cichin. The turkey is varee dlishis. Clearly, you no haw to cook a trike.

Jade Bierman
This is haw you make a terkee. First, you go to the stor. You go to the freezer and get the turkey out. Next, you bring the trkee home. You un thaw it by banging it on the ckounter. Then, you cut the turkey with sis-ers. It needs to bee in meny peeses to fix in the pot. Last, you cook the turkey on the stove for 29 minits. Wen the ovin beeps it is dun. Clearly as you can see, turkeys are easy to make.

From the Principal's Desk



The winter season has arrived. It is hard to believe the first semester has gone by so fast and it is already December. As the temperatures turn cold, students in grades K-5 will continue to go outside for recess as the weather permits. Please make sure your child has gloves, stocking caps, and coats to be prepared for colder conditions.

School closings and late start announcements will be communicated via phone call, text message, and email from our Blackboard Connect system once again this year. Please be sure Penny has your most current contact information. Some messages have already been sent through Blackboard Connect this year, so if you have not received any messages,

please let us know. School closing information will also be posted through local stations as well.

If your child is going to absent for any reason, please make sure you notify the office as soon as possible. If your child needs to leave during the school day for any reason, the school needs to be notified and students need to check with the office before they leave school grounds.

As we finish up this first semester, I want to let everyone know how much I am enjoying my new position as Principal here at Arnold Public Schools. I have really enjoyed getting to know the students and staff more and more everyday. I am very proud of their hard work on a daily basis. I hope we continue to make you proud of Arnold Public Schools. I also would like to thank the community of Arnold for being so welcoming and friendly to my family and I. It has been greatly appreciated and we absolutely love being a part of Arnold.

Congratulations Football Players

Blake Schwarz and Sully Lewis were honored by the D1-8 District coaches as Second Team Offensive players. Schwarz was honored as a running back, and Lewis as a offensive lineman.

Get Rewarded With Coke

By Jasmine Nelson, Junior

It's the most wonderful time of the year-and no, I don't mean Christmas (although there's about a month until break)! I mean that the My Coke Rewards are starting up again. My Coke Rewards is when you have a code at the bottom of your lid of any coke rewards. When entering this code online, you can see that it will give you about three points for each cap. Once you reach 75 points in a day, you can donate these points for real cash. Seems fake to you? I know, but for every 75 points, that's \$1.13. With thousands of points, the school can get things such as VCRs, cameras, etc.

In addition to these, rewards, the students will get to feel apart of something big. They can contribute to the addition of many improvements to their school.

To help, save up all of your coke caps that you get. Once you have a decent amount, you can donate them to the school, or you can log on and do it yourself. To do this, log onto www.mycokerewards.com and make an account. Once you have that, there is a "Donate" button, where you enter the code, and it gives you three points. Once you have 75, you click the "causes" tab on the site, You click the first tab, "Learn More", and then enter our zip code (69120). You can either select Elementary or high School. It shows you how to do it.

Thank you in advance from the students/faculty of Arnold Public Schools!

Seniors Attend County Government Day

By: Tristan Johnson, Senior

Every year the senior class attends County Government Day in Broken Bow. First meeting at the municipal hall, seniors from the surrounding area listen to a speaker about how vital county governments are in Nebraska and the whole nation.

After the speaker, the attendees then split off into different groups that will learn about a specific office held in county government.

It was a great day that was full of interesting and educational experiences. The seniors learned how vital of a role county government plays in everyday life.

Daily Announcements

The daily announcements can be found on the school web page announcement's tab every morning. Mr. Morgan updates those announcements with corrections, additions to the calendar, and reminders of upcoming events. Please check the school web page often for new information.

Operation Christmas Child Packing party a success!



Meeting in the old gym, 334 shoe boxes were packed in the all-school "packing party" for Operation Christmas Child.



The seventh grade class smiles with their boxes. Pictured in the back from from left to right are Alex Streit, Saffron Phillips, Drew Vickers, Jesse Connell, Brett Halstead, Sam Cool, Logan Peterson, Kirby Corfield, and in the front are Aaron Edwards, Kylee Lehmkuhler, Kacee Dvorak, Bryn Schwarz, Colby Streit, Landyn Cole, Cooper Atkins, and Eli Taylor.

Renaissance Home Connect

Watch Your Child's Progress in AR and

see their testing scores for STAR, Sign Up Now

Dear Parents,

Your student uses Accelerated Reader, also known as Renaissance Place, at school. This program has a new feature called Renaissance Home connect, which the student and the parent can access outside of class with an Internet connection. Renaissance Home Connect is fun and easy to use. It allows the teacher, the parent and the student to share information about your student's progress in Accelerated Reader.

Be watching a letter to come home on the first day of school with instructions of how to login and how to use the program. You can also set up automatic emails when your student takes tests over books or takes the STAR test.

Please contact me if you have any questions,

Nicole Badgley

Coke Cap Collection

You can help our the school by collecting your Coke product bottle caps. Those you get from convenience stores, the grocery stores, vending machines, at ball games, and other places may all have the promotional codes on them. Coca-cola is refreshing its commitment to supporting education by enabling schools to collect donated points and then redeem them for a variety of school rewards including play-ground equipment, supplies, classroom materials, cameras, sound equipment, and more.

You can send your Coke caps (and other Coke products) to the school office and they will redeem them. For more information, you can go to the <http://www.mycokerewards.com/schools>. Thank you for your support.

Box Tops

Arnold Schools will again be collecting box tops for education with a goal of earning \$500 to purchase items for class-rooms. In the past, a Smartboard was purchased and some other equipment. The Box Tops campaign is a school fund-raising program started by General Mills in 1996. To date, Box Tops has raised over \$200 million to help purchase school supplies, playground equipment, technology items, and so much more. You can support our school by saving box tops and sending them with your student to the school, take them to Finch Memorial Library, or to Reed's Food Center. Thank you for your support.

Capri Sun Bags

Mrs. Crow is collecting Capri Sun bags again this year to help fund classroom projects. Please save those bags and send them to school with your student.

Student Absences and Notes

In an effort to be sure every student is taken care of, please be sure that you talk voice-to-voice to someone when you really need the school to know important information about your student, or if you need important information passed on to your student.

E-mail has been slow lately and if someone is gone for a meeting, then may not get to their voice mail messages until the next day. We appreciate your help.

- The Office

Upcoming ACT

Test Dates:

- **Test Date: December 12, 2015**
- Registration Deadline: November 6, 2015
- **Test Date: February 6, 2016**
- Registration Deadline: January 8, 2016
- **Test Date: April 9, 2016**
- Registration Deadline: March 4, 2016
- **Test Date: June 11, 2016**
- Registration Deadline: May 6, 2016

Family Lunch Balances Online

Parents will now have online access to the balance of the family lunch and breakfast accounts! This new feature of Wordware just came out this year.

The first day of school, the oldest or the only student in the family will be given a letter explaining about the new lunch program. This feature will eventually be included in your PowerSchool Access.

Please be looking for this letter to come home on the first day of school.

LOCK IN A SUCCESS

By Jasmine Nelson, Junior

On November 6th, the National Honor Society put on a little bit of a party for the high school students that involved a giant game of “Clue” followed by a scary movie, *The Lazarus Effect*. The event went from 7pm to about 10:30 pm, and there was students from every grade in attendance.

First, the students were divided into teams (they wanted to be separated according to classes) and had a competition in the game of “Clue”. The NHS had adult sponsors be the people distributing the clues. The game lasted about an hour and a half, even with everyone sprinting around the dark school. With no surprise, the Seniors topped out as far as solving the clues first. Then came the Freshmen/Sophomores, and the Juniors turned out last. Don’t worry, guys, there’s always next year.

After a very eventful game, the students settled down enough to watch a horror movie, with snacks provided by Mrs. Moninger. There were screams to be heard around Arnold. All in all, it was a good turnout for the NHS.



Weather Closings

School weather cancellation information will be available in the following stations: Television, KHAS, KOLN/KGIN, NTV, and Radio-KX104, KRVNM KODY, KCNI-KBBN. The closing information will also be posted on the Announcement page of the school website, <http://blog.arnold.k12.ne.us/>. Please refer to these sources when inclement weather is upon us. When possible, the decision made to cancel school will be made by 6:00 am.

Students Sent to MNAC Choral Clinic

By Jasmine Nelson, Junior

On October 26th, the seven students and instructor Ms. Bailey traveled to Anselmo-Merna High School for the Mid Nebraska Activities Conference Choral Clinic. The students spent the day perfecting the seven songs that they were given. Five of which were for both men and women, with a song for women and a song for men.

Starting the day, the six seniors Morgan Eggleston, Sully Lewis, Sadie Christensen, Bobbi Barnes, Olivia Furne, and Haley Reed and the lone junior, Jennifer Barraza, were sent to sit with other students from the west side of the MNAC division to perfect some of the songs. Throughout the day, they worked with Mrs. Angela Wright, a teacher from Kearney Public Schools as the clinician.

They students had already organized the music before they arrived and then polished it at the conference. They had already been working since the middle of September on these pieces.

“I think they enjoyed working with Angela Wright. She got them to work hard and got some good sounds from them, which is what we all hope for,” says Ms. Bailey.

After a full day of practicing, there was a performance open to the public at 6:30 for everyone to see.



Sully Lewis, Morgan Eggleston, Jennifer Barraza, Bobbi Barnes, Sadie Christensen, Haley Reed, Olivia Furne, and Ms. Bailey.

School Calendar Subscription - NEW!

If you are interested in subscribing to the school calendar on your phone or computer, there is a new address to use. (Last year’s calendar run’s out very soon.)

Type in the following address, or copy and paste the address from the announcement tab on the school web.

As the calendar is updated, your calendar should too!

webcal://ical.schedulestar.com/iCalNOW.cfm?i=E9D12603-ED44-7F66-6F137F7809514F80

PowerSchool

Passwords

As in past years, the school will be using PowerSchool to share student grades with their parents. If you already have the ability to login and check your child’s grades, then nothing has changed. Simply login to <https://arnold.powerschool.com/public/>. If you don’t have a log in, forgot your password, or would like some help, please contact Nicole Badgley, nbadgley@esu10.org or Penny Allen pallen@esu10.org, or call either of them at the school 308-848-2226.

Volleyball Firsts

New firsts for the Lady Bobcats



- **They won the Brady invite which was the first volleyball tournament South Loup has ever won.**
- **They placed 3rd at the 7 valleys volleyball tournament which is the highest they have ever placed in our own tournament.**
- **They are MNAC conference runners up.**
- **The girls have never even made it to the semi finals before. Last year they placed 5th and that was the highest we had placed before. Several match records have been broken (more than once).**
- **Emma now holds the record for most kills in a match with 21. Shae-lynn had broken it earlier with 19 and Emma had broken it before that with 15.**
- **Olivia, Vayle and Avery have tied the record for ace serves in a match with 8.**
- **Avery has broken the record for assists in a match 3 times now. The first time was with 32, then 35, then 52, and finally her latest at 55. The record was set by her last year with 31.**
- **First-time subdistrict Champions**
- **First Time to be seated number one and going into districts**
- **First-time district runner-ups.**

From the Superintendent's Desk

Thank you to everyone who has expressed well wishes to me during the time I was preparing to defend my dissertation. It is now finished, and has been accepted! I will participate in the hooding ceremony for my doctoral degree on December 18.

There will be a joint meeting of the school board on December 1 to negotiate the Superintendent Contract for the 2016-17 School Year. Also on the agenda will be discussion of FFA in our schools. This meeting will be held in Arnold at 7:00 pm in the Elementary Resource Room.

Students in both football and volleyball should be proud of themselves for their positive conduct on and off the playing field this year. I appreciate the many positive comments I received from other communities regarding the dignity with which our student athletes conducted themselves, and it makes me proud to represent South Loup and both schools.



Fourth Grade Throws Halloween Party



By Charli, Trey, Tahanna, and Marianna

Sit Pole Pul is a game Native Americans played. It is like tug of war. It is a giant pole with tape on it to mark the middle and the edges. To go you would say "Blong" and to stop "doogan". If it got chest and up on their body we would have to say cougan. We kept score by coup. The kids we taught pulled so hard. All the kids loved Sit Pole Pull.

By Gracie, Grace, and Rio.

Gracie Neth, Grace Bierman, and Rio Remund taught the North American games Buffalo Robe and Skunk Pelt to K-2nd graders. It was a fun and awesome experience for Gracie, Grace, Rio, and all the kids they taught. Buffalo Robe is sort-of like tug of war. You make a circle around a blanket and hold hands. Then when someone says blong, you start pulling. You try to pull someone on to the blanket. If you touch the blanket you're out. When someone gets out someone yells kinken, you stop. Skunk Pelt is similar only it's done with two people. Gracie said, "It was an amazing experience for all of us."

By Elizabeth and Alivia

In Gauntlet you need seven people Lie up so three people are on each side. Make five feet inside the two lines. Pretend one of the people got kicked out of the tribe. Put that pens on in between the two lines of people. Pretend that the two lines of people are two tribes. Those tribes are the Pawnee and the Araphaho. That person is a great warrior. The person has to walk down the middle of the people. The tribe down the middle of the people. the tribe who lost the warrior downs not want him back. The other tribe wants the warrior. That tribe tries to make him smile. If the people make him smile they get the warrior.

By Arena, Brendan, and Macy.

This game is called Kahn-ideh. It is a game where you knock out villages. There are rivers between villages. There are rivers between villages. There can be up to four players. We roll three wood blocks with Native American markings. The players used wood blocks because there were no dice then. We roll (otherwise known as drop) the blocks on a tile. The players used all natural resources. Dice were called patrol sticks. We used pieces of corn that were colored white, black, blue, and red. The game needed 20 circular pieces of wood. Between each river there were five circular wood pieces cut from 3'4" tree branches.

By Madison, Isaac, and Bryn

We taught Rattlesnake and Medicine Man to K-2 grades in P.E. class. We are going to describe these Indian games we taught them. The first indian game we are going to describe is Rattlesnake. First, you make a big circle the you blindfold a person from the circle. Next you pick another person and give them a shaker. These two people stand inside the circle and when the blindfolded person says shake the person with the shaker shakes it. When the blindfolded person touches the person with the shaker, they have been bit. Medicine Man set up is quite similar to Rattlesnake except that you choose one person from the circle and they sit down in the middle of the circle. They have three sticks in front of them.

Vets Essay Winners

By Anthony Olson, 8th Grade

When you look up in the dictionary of the meaning of freedom, you get so many different examples, but they all have something in common; they all include, “unrestricted, not being held.” But freedom could mean very different to a persons own preference. Whenever I think about the meaning of freedom, in my head it always attaches to the United States and its history. I always think about the Revolutionary War. Colonists under British control wanting freedom and independence from the British, because of the British’s restrictions on taxation, not being allowed to expand and restricting local governments. I always think about the Civil War, the Union fighting for the freedom of the slaves and bringing about the meaning the every man is created equal to reality.

I always think about World War II, where the United States joined the war, liberated Europe and, freed Europe, from the Third Reich’s control. So Europe was not restricted under one totalitarian government.



I constantly think about that saying that everyone knows, “Fighting for Freedom” The United States in its history, has always fought for the freedom of its enemies. Freedom for its people and the purpose of freedom. Will freedom still mean the same in the future to me? It is a question that I can’t answer correctly, but just think about it: with different presidents, changing culture and the way the world works, technology making us more connected, yet causing conflict, because everybody knows everything instantly. Will the future world be more restricted due to technology? I hope that the people will think that freedom means the same in the future, I hope it still remains a thought to every man and women about what it means to them, or do they require it.

So, when somebody asks me what freedom means to me? I will respond that it means the ability to be unrestricted and if he asks me why I think that, I will explain to him/her what the United States has done in its history. That is what freedom means to me.

By Jace Connell, 8th Grade

It’s leaving your family. It’s going through pain and suffering to protect your country. It’s fighting and training everyday to protect the land that you love. That is bravery, that is daring, that is loving, that is caring, that is the life of an American soldier.

Freedoms are the rights given to us by the brave, daring, loving, and caring soldiers that fight for us. These people risk their life and leave the people that they love so that we may have our freedoms. That is the love of an American soldier.

Freedom is a luxury. Freedom can be taken from us. Our soldiers must fight for our freedoms. That is putting your life on the line for others; that is being brave. Thousands of people have

lost their lives to protect what is ours. These men and women have fought vigorously for us. They go days without sleep; they don’t get hot meals everyday to come back to. They suffer through this for us. That is the caring of the soldiers that fight for us. Freedom is what made our country. Freedom brought many people from all around the world to America. When all these people came to America they all wanted tolerance and freedom. America and its leaders create a refuge for these different peoples. Throughout the years, our leaders have up this idea that is why we still have freedom.

To me, freedom is the hard work of our ancestors working for independence from Britain. Freedom is working for tolerance of races and religions. Freedom is voting for government leaders. Freedom is children going to school. Freedom is no taxation without representation. Freedom is speaking without fear of being arresting. Freedom is bearing arms. Freedom is the stars and stripes. Freedom is the sound of fireworks on Independence Day. Freedom is the love of our military. Freedom is the brave men and women of our military fighting for us.

Without the brave, daring, loving, and caring people of our military, we would have nothing; we wouldn’t be free. This the “home of the free because of the brave.”



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