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Makinzie Gregory: Miss Nebraska



By: TyLee Smith, APS Sophomore

ARNOLD: On February 26th, Miss Nebraska, Makinzie Gregory, visited the school for most of the day.

“Miss Nebraska reached out to us and asked if we would be willing to host her for an assembly,

and she explained why she really wanted to reach as many districts as possible, especially those in smaller communities. Overall, I think today’s assembly with Miss Nebraska 2025, Makinzie Gregory, was a very positive assembly. I am hopeful that students took a lot away today from her presentation, positive energy, and enthusiasm for leadership and success.

I appreciated how she spoke on leadership, character, hard work, dedication, and the importance of being kind and how we treat others. In her acronym for CROWN: Character, Responsibility, Others First, Work Ethic, and N never stop growing, I felt that she really related to the students, and they were able to walk away with a lot of positive advice,” said Principal Mrs. Ali Goodenow.

As a dancer, she enjoyed kicking off the morning with a dance party during morning meeting.

Then on to a visit with the preschool to read a book by Tom Osborne.

She came back for a session with all the K-12 students about leadership.

The students got to ask questions at the end, and she gave out little trinkets to everyone who asked a question. She even had a bucket of popcorn sponsored by Teamates for Eli Rogers because he had the best question.

“What makes you get out of bed every day, and what made you feel like you had a successful day?” asked Eli.

At 9:45, Anselmo-Merna 5-6 grade girls were here for the girls-only assembly, where Miss Nebraska spoke about confidence, strengths, and weaknesses.

After she finished her speech, the students asked questions and received a handout of her autograph and a brochure about Miss Nebraska and Miss Nebraska’s Teen Opportunities.

When Anselmo-Merna left, Arnold’s 4th grade through 12th grade girls headed down to the Methodist church, where the Rotary Club catered lunch from the newly opened Highlanders.

The students got to eat the Highlander’s homemade subs, and then had some time to take photos with Miss Nebraska before heading back to the school.





Paxton Bierman

1. **What is your go-to tv show or movie?** *Napoleon Dynamite*
2. **What song was on repeat during your morning commute?** "Demons" - by Josiah Queen
3. **What three words best describe you?** Hungry, Funny, Happy
4. **What is your favorite school lunch?** Tacos
5. **What extracurricular activity are you most proud of?** Wrestling
6. **What are your plans after graduation?** Go to Bible college and become a missionary in the mission field.
7. **Which event did you most look forward to this year?** State Wrestling
8. **What do you want to be remembered for at this school?** Being a light for the gospel in our schools.
9. **What is the biggest lesson you learned in high school?** Do the work when it needs done; don't wait.
10. **What are you looking forward to most next year?** Getting to learn lots and make new friends at Bible college.

Crew Witthuhn

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is your go-to tv show or movie? Documentary's on historical events 2. What song was on repeat during your morning commute? "Santa Monica" - Everclear 3. What three words best describe you? Hardworking, Kind, Calm 4. What is your favorite school lunch? Not a lunch, but a breakfast- Tornados 5. What extracurricular activity are you most proud of? Basketball 6. What are your plans after | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> graduation? Eventually to come back and ranch. 7. Which event did you most look forward to this year? Golf meets 8. What do you want to be remembered for at this school? Being a good guy. 9. What is the biggest lesson you learned in high school? Do what you are supposed to. 10. What are you looking forward to most next year? Working, learning more. |
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Madelyn LOGSDON

1. What is your go-to tv show or movie? *The Bear*
2. What song was on repeat during your morning commute? "Paper Rings" by Taylor Swift
3. What three words best describe you? Creative, kind, outgoing
4. What is your favorite school lunch? Macaroni and cheese
5. What extracurricular activity are you most proud of? Speech
6. What are your plans after graduation? Attend Doane..
7. Which event did you most look forward to this year? Prom
8. What do you want to be remembered for at this school? How much I did in such a short amount of time.
9. What is the biggest lesson you learned in high school? Having a good group of friends is better than having a large group of friends.
10. What are you looking forward to most next year? Meeting new people.

Serenity BORAH



1. What is your go-to tv show or movie? *Scream*
2. What song was on repeat during your morning commute? "Runaway Baby" by Bruno Mars
3. What three words best describe you? The awesome sauce
4. What is your favorite school lunch? Nachos
5. What extracurricular activity are you most proud of? One Act
6. What are your plans after graduation? Work
7. Which event did you most look forward to this year? Graduation
8. What do you want to be remembered for at this school? Bending the rules
9. What is the biggest lesson you learned in high school? Nobody cares what you do, just do what you want.
10. What are you looking forward to most next year? Exploring the world.

Eli Rogers



1. **What is your go-to tv show or movie?** *Golden Girls* or *The Carol Burnett Show*
2. **What song was on repeat during your morning commute?** "Don't Slip On the Ice!" or "Don't get hit by a car!" My commute was not very long
3. **What three words best describe you?** Forgetful, Talkative, did I say...forgetful? And talkative
4. **What is your favorite school lunch?** Not sure, but I know my favorite breakfast was tornados
5. **What extracurricular activity are you most proud of?** Interact/Rotary because it has opened the most doors in my life
6. **What are your plans after graduation?** Go to UNL for an agriculture business degree.
7. **Which event did you most look forward to this year?** Graduation. It's been fun but I am ready to move on
8. **What do you want to be remembered for at this school?** Being effervescent.
9. **What is the biggest lesson you learned in high school?** You'd better master the art of selective hearing. Or... Not everyone's opinion deserves storage space in your brain. Thick skin and short memory.
10. **What are you looking forward to most next year?** Networking.

Haydn Stretesky

1. **What is your go-to tv show or movie?** *Rick and Morty*
2. **What song was on repeat during your morning commute?** "Nutshell" by Alice in Chains
3. **What three words best describe you?** Hardworking, driven, reliable
4. **What is your favorite school lunch?** leaving
5. **What extracurricular activity are you most proud of?** One Acts
6. **What are your plans after graduation?** Joining the work force.
7. **Which event did you most look forward to this year?** Graduation
8. **What do you want to be remembered for at this school?** Humor
9. **What is the biggest lesson you learned in high school?** There's a lot of terrible people out there.
10. **What are you looking forward to most next year?** Making money.



summer MORASH



1. What is your go-to tv show or movie? *Pulp Fiction*
2. What song was on repeat during your morning commute? "Blind" - Korn
3. What three words best describe you? Christian, Conservative, Clumsy
4. What is your favorite school lunch? Whatever Mr. Morgan grills
5. What extracurricular activity are you most proud of? One Acts
6. What are your plans after graduation? Go to Mid-Plains to complete my Associate's, and continue my education at Wayne State
7. Which event did you most look forward to this year? Graduation
8. What do you want to be remembered for at this school? Academics.
9. What is the biggest lesson you learned in high

school? Focus on yourself.

10. What are you looking forward to most next year? Graduating College early.



LUKE TULLIS

1. What is your go-to tv show or movie? *Better Call Saul*
2. What song was on repeat during your morning commute? "The Stranger" - Billy Joel
3. What three words best describe you? Ginger, Chef, Funny
4. What is your favorite school lunch? When Mr. Morgan grilled ribeye steak that one time.
5. What extracurricular activity are you most proud of? One Acts and Speech
6. What are your plans after graduation? Get a Bachelor's Business Administration Degree starting with Mid-Plains Community College.
7. Which event did you look forward to most this year? Winning State Speech!!
8. What do you want to be remembered for at this school? Wayne's World
9. What is the biggest lesson you learned in high school? Procrastination only makes things more stressful and harder than they need to be.
10. What are you looking forward to most next year? Learning more about the business world.

Hayden Myers

1. **What is your go-to tv show or movie?** *Better Call Saul*
2. **What song was on repeat during your morning commute?** My alarm clock
3. **What three words best describe you?** Great, Awesome, Humble
4. **What is your favorite school lunch?** When they have Dr. Pepper Cherry in the vending machine
5. **What extracurricular activity are you most proud of?** Speech (Wayne's World)
6. **What are your plans after graduation?** College
7. **Which event did you look forward to most this year?** Graduation!!



8. **What do you want to be remembered for at this school?** Wayne's World
9. **What is the biggest lesson you learned in high school?** Don't focus on other people's opinions
10. **What are you looking forward to most next year?** Living on my own



Jami Lamphear

1. **What is your go-to tv show or movie?** *Stranger Things*
2. **What song was on repeat during your morning commute?** "IloveitIloveitIloveit" -Bella Kay
3. **What three words best describe you?** Loud, talkative, nice
4. **What is your favorite school lunch?** When there is tacos
5. **What extracurricular activity are you most proud of?** One Act
6. **What are your plans after graduation?** Northeast Community College
7. **Which event did you look forward to most this year?** Graduation!!
8. **What do you want to be remembered for at this school?** Exceeding expectations
9. **What is the biggest lesson you learned in high school?** If you quit, you will have the opportunity to do it better.
10. **What are you looking forward to most next year?** Expanding my social circle

BROOK Bierman

1. **What is your go-to tv show or movie?** Old Car-
toons from the 1900's - lol
2. **What song was on repeat during your morning
commute?** "Dog Days are Over"
3. **What three words best describe you?** Kind,
Funny, Respectful
4. **What is your favorite school lunch?** Tacos
5. **What extracurricular activity are you most
proud of?** One Act
6. **What are your plans after graduation?** College
7. **Which event did you look forward to most this
year?** Track and Field
8. **What do you want to be remembered for at this
school?** My kindness and respect
9. **What is the biggest lesson you learned in high
school?** You can ask for help any time and be hon-
est.
10. **What are you looking forward to most next year?**
Just going into a new part of my life.



ELI HUNT

1. **What is your go-to tv show or movie?** *Fantastic
Mr. Fox*
2. **What song was on repeat during your morning
commute?** "Broken Window Serenade"
3. **What three words best describe you?** caring,
hardworking, soft-hearted
4. **What is your favorite school lunch?** Nachos
5. **What extracurricular activity are you most
proud of?** Track
6. **What are your plans after graduation?** Weld
and make money.
7. **Which event did you most look forward to this
year?** Graduation
8. **What do you want to be remembered for at this
school?** Being friendly.
9. **What is the biggest lesson you learned in high
school?** That even if your down at your lowest
you can still get to where you want to be.
10. **What are you looking forward to most next
year?** Work.



Speaking Up & Standing Out: Arnold's Road to District Gold

By Danielle Burd APS Sophomore



Medalists at the MNAC meet in Brady. Back R to L: Adalei Tullis, Angel Mills, Madelyn Logsdon, Piper Strasburg, Summer Morash, Danielle Burd. Front R to L: Jaden Baker, Noah Anderson, Eli Rogers, Braxton Cozad, Luke Tullis, and Hayden Myers.

February 7:

GOTHENBURG: The first speech meet of the season took place in Gothenburg. It was the largest meet, with the greatest number of people, making the competition tough. Only one medal was awarded to Arnold. Angel Mills won fifth place in novice Serious Prose.

"I think the meet went very well considering it was our first meet and probably the biggest of the season. There is a lot more to improve on," said Angel Mills

February 14:

BURWELL: Burwell was the place of the second speech meet. There were quite a few medalists and Arnold as a team got 3rd. Eli Rogers placed 5th, Madie Logsdon made 6th, Noah Anderson got 3rd place twice, Jaden Baker won 6th place in varsity as a novice competitor, The "Rainman" duet (by Luke Tullis and Haden Myers) won 2nd.

"It was fun to meet new people," said Jaden Baker

February 21:

ELM CREEK: Arnold as an overall team placed 4th in the Elm Creek meet. In varsity informative, Adalei Tullis got 4th. In exempt, Eli Rogers got 3rd and Noah Anderson got 6th. In Entertainment, Piper Strasburg made 3rd and Noah Anderson won 1st. Maddie Logsdon got 6th in varsity serious and in novice serious Angel Mills won 2nd. Danielle Burd won 1st in novice humorous.

"It's always fun to wake up in the morning and bring home medals," said Eli Rogers

February 28:

HOLDREGE: At Holdridge, Arnold got 4th place as a team overall. The first performance of the novice OID, including Jaden Baker, Summer Morash, Danielle Burd, Angel Mills, and Adalei Tullis, won 2nd place. In novice serious, Angel Mills got 4th. In novice POI, Braxton Cozad got 5th and Jaden Baker got 4th. Jaden Baker also got 3rd in novice persuasive. Adalei Tullis got 11th in informative. Noah Anderson got 12th in entertainment. Summer Morash got 12th in persuasive. In exempt, Eli Rogers got 11th and Noah Anderson got 10th.

March 9:

BRADY: The Speech team had their MNAC meet in Brady. The team placed 3rd! In exempt Noah Anderson got 6th and Eli Rogers got 4th. In persuasive Jaden Baker got 6th. In entertainment Piper Strasburg got 6th and Noah Anderson won 1st. In serious Angel Mills won 1st and Madie Logsdon made 2nd. In humorous Luke Tullis got 5th and Danielle Burd got 6th. In duet Piper Strasburg & Adalei Tullis made 3rd and Hayden Myers & Luke Tullis won 1st. In OID 9 to 5, containing Danielle Burd, Angel Mills, Summer Morash, Adalei Tullis, & Jaden Baker, got 4th and Newsies, containing Madie Logsdon, Eli Rogers, Braxton Cozad, Luke Tullis, & Hayden Myers, won 2nd.



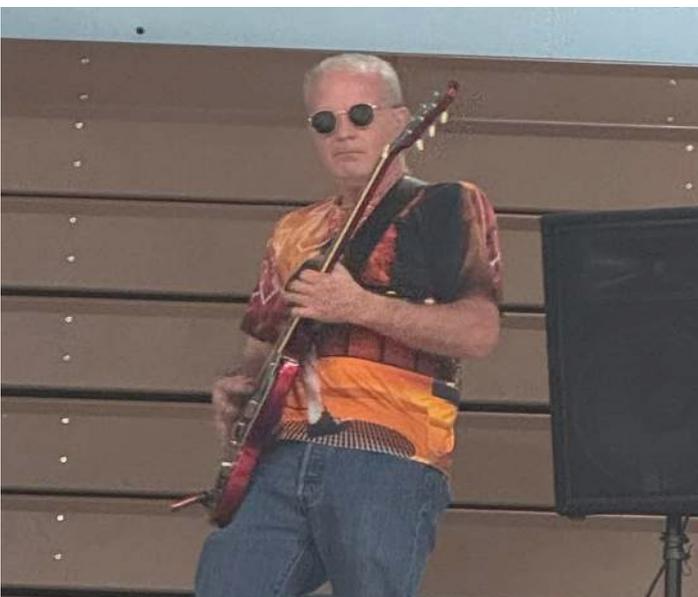
Custodian By Day... Rock Star... By... Day also!

Custodian Craig Furne did his own “Behind the Music” story about how music shapes his life. He also came to show the 4th graders about how to play the guitar and how fun it can be.

This then turned into a rock concert in which the junior high kids, and many other elementary students joined in... eventually the entire school ended up in there!

There were concert fliers hung around the building, screaming fans, paparazzi, and even autograph requests!

Thank you for sharing your talents!



Activity Calendar

You can find the school’s activity calendar:

- <https://www.midnebraskaactivities-conference.org/public/genie/1009/school/1359/#>
- arnoldpublicschool.org
- Activity Scheduler under Arnold Public Schools.

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Custer County Spellers Shine in Arnold

By: Sophia Gronseth, APS sophomore

ARNOLD: Congratulations to the winner of the Custer County Spelling Bee, Evan Sughayar, from Broken Bow. His winning word was “compadre.” He qualified for the Regional Spelling Bee on March 14th, in Omaha.

Our second place winner, Issac Jarmin, 7th grader from Arnold who did a fantastic job, stumbled on the word “homonym.”

“I was really nervous, and I had to restart spelling a few of the words, but I am happy I got 2nd place,” said Isaac Jarmin.

In third place, Leif Gabrielson from Sargent also did amazing, and the word that he got incorrect was “suave.”

The day began with 66 students participating in round one. The students spelled 20 words, the sheets were picked up to be scored, and then they spelled 20 more.

At the beginning of round two, the field of student spellers was narrowed down to approximately 30 people.

When the scores were released after round three, the students began spelling aloud.

“There were more participants than usual who did so well, so thirteen people made the cut rather than the usual ten, to make it fair,” said Mrs. Badgley, spelling bee coordinator.



County Champions: 1st Place Evan Sughayar of Broken Bow, 2nd Place Isaac Jarmin of Arnold, and Leif Gabrielson of Sargent.

In the end, the Custer County Spelling Bee took seven rounds to find the champion, Evan Sughayar.

The competitors in this Bee participated in classroom bees and their school spelling bee to qualify.

InterHigh Day Profitable for Two

By: Walter Bierman, Junior

NORTH PLATTE: Arnold High School students went to Inter-High Day in North Platte on Tuesday March 3rd, with Mrs. Nansel and Mr. Phelps.

Inter-High Day is an opportunity for the students to compete and try to win a scholarship at the Mid-Plains Community College.

Madelyn Logsdon received an award and scholarship for \$500. “I didn’t really believe that I won at first, but I was very grateful for the chance to participate!”

Josie Christensen who received an award and scholarship for \$100. “It was very rewarding and reassuring to receive 3rd place in my event. Biology is a subject that I am passionate about and would be interested in pursuing in the future.”

The students that placed were senior Madelyn

Logsdon, who placed 1st in Sociology out of 25 students, and junior Josie Christensen who placed 3rd in Biology out of 27 students.

The rest of the senior and junior class went as well as a couple sophomore and one freshman.

During the sessions when the students weren’t in a test, they played games including dodgeball and knockout, in the gym for prizes.



From the Superintendent's Desk

It is hard to believe that we find ourselves in the last quarter of the school year. We will assume winter is behind us, even though it was a mild one. With Easter Break and multiple activities scheduled, we will find ourselves at the end of the year before we know it.

I would like to thank everyone for their support of the school and their willingness to engage in direct communication when thoughts, questions, or concerns arise. I feel great things are accomplished with active communication and involvement. I would encourage anyone to come stop in at the office and talk with us to learn about the great things we are accomplishing here on daily basis.

With spring events coming I encourage you get out and catch a track meet, golf meet, spring concert, and other events open to the public along the way. Please look for our weekly posts on activities as there may be additions and changes along the way. It will certainly be busy!

As we wrap up the last quarter, we will finish the year strong then gear up for summer projects in order to be ready for the 26-27 school year. We have plans to replace elementary classroom carpets and we will also be replacing the larger windows along the south and east side of the 1962 building.



Previous Newsletters

- Link to the school newsletter: <http://www.arnoldpublicschools.org/journalism>
- Links to newsletters prior to the 2015-2016 school year: <https://sites.google.com/a/esu10.org/mrs-badgley/schoolnewsletters>
- Links to historical and alumni newsletters: <https://sites.google.com/a/esu10.org/mrs-badgley/alumninewsletters>

Please give us your feedback by contacting Nicole Badgley at nicole.badgley@arnoldpublicschools.org.

Happy 100 Days!

By: Sophia Gronseth, APS Sophomore

January 29th, 2026 was the day our education system celebrated 100 days in school!

Younger grades bustling with activity, such as making hats and glasses to celebrate the occasion.

Many of the students dressed as if they were a 100 years old, and some had special t-shirts.



Oliana Goodenow and Loxley Berglund wearing their 100 day shirts.

Ms. Stelling had multiple activities planned out, using glow sticks and black lighting. The kindergarten got to make glasses and enjoying snacks throughout the day.



Quilt for a Cause

By: Walter Bierman, APS Junior

The fourth grade class welcomed Deb Bryner, Linda Bomberger, Em Jorgenson, and Teri Buhlmann into their classroom on February 10th to learn about quilt making.

They started out learning about quilt making and shaping, where the ladies showed them the steps on making the patterns that would be used on the quilts. They colored papers to make a big paper quilt that they then glued together to make one big quilt that is hanging in the hallway.

“I liked coloring the picture for the big paper quilt before they hung it up,” said Julieauna Hunt.

They learned the different stitching techniques and different designs that they could use to make the quilts.

“I liked when they taught us how they made the quilts with the different designs and stitches,” said Kenna Baldwin.



Clockwise starting with: Mrs. Goodenow, Karson Welch, Klara Baldwin, Harley Payne, Carter Nansel, Jerzi Sumpter, Julieanna Hunt, Kowen Dalrymple, Beckett Preston, Colter Dailey, Brody Blowers, Daneo Urbanovsky, and Bo Bennett.

The biggest and most favorite part of the day for the fourth grade class was giving Mrs. Goodenow her quilt that Deb, Linda, Em, and Teri stitched together before they came. They gave the quilt to Mrs.

Goodenow because her house burnt down. “I liked giving their big quilt that they made to Mrs. Goodenow,” said Kowen Dalrymple.



Back to front left to right: Sadie Rotherham, Teri Buhlmann, Em Jorgenson, Harley Payne, Bo Bennett, Carter Nansel, Brody Blowers, Beckett Preston, Karson Welch, Bo Dailey, Kowen Dalrymple, Linda Bomberger, Deb Bryner, Klara Baldwin, Jerzi Sumpter, Juleianna Hunt, and Daneo Urbanovsky.



State Trooper Tim Flick talking to the student body about Human Trafficking and Internet Safety.

You Win or You Learn

By Walter Bierman, Junior

ARNOLD: On March 18, the 6th through 12th grade students at-

tended a school assembly with State Trooper Tim Flick.

Trooper Flick is a long-time



educator for the state patrol and feels passionately about keeping our teens safe in a tough world.

He talked about why being on the internet so much can be bad for our physical health, our mental health, our sleep patterns, our safety..

He pointed out specific apps that leave the user the most in danger, and talked about how images don't disappear just because you deleted them. Someone else could have easily saved the photo, and then sold it to make money.

Trooper Tim talked about how there are places on the internet that can help take down bad photos or something that could affect our future life and careers.

The three websites that he said were takeitdown.ncmec.org, Cybertipline.com, and NetReputation.org.

Using his ongoing theme of sports, he explained that in life either "You win or you learn, you never lose. You have to keep trying," said Flick

"The world has enough bad people in it. Be better than someone else and own your mistakes. Help others and do the right thing because that is what you can do to better the world," said Trooper Flick.

After the assembly the K-12 took Dixie cups with red sand to pour the sand in the cracks of the sidewalk to represent people who have fallen through the cracks of society and that have been caught in human trafficking.

Handing out the red sand in Dixie cups: Clockwise starting at 6: Katie Blowers, Kay Lohmiller, Nicole Badgley, and Eli Rogers.

Making Music, Making Us Proud!

8th Grade Honor Choir

By TyLee Smith, APS Sophomore

NORTH PLATTE: On Saturday, January 24th, These six Arnold Band musicians got up early and headed to North Platte.

They got to participate in the North Platte Junior High Honor Band. The group spent the day rehearsing with the clinicians perform a concert that evening.



L-R Back: Berklee Preston, Jesnson Kulp, Makena Weinman Front: Avery Corbin, Paytin Dailey, Addison Dalrymple

Kearney Underclassmen Honor Band

By: TyLee Smith, APS Sophomore

KEARNEY: On Monday, January 19th, three of our outstanding Arnold Band musicians participated in the Kearney Underclassmen Honor Band hosted by Kearney High School in their beautiful performing arts venue. This event is for freshman and sophomore instrumentalists and is designed to help

L-R: Kora Dailey, Delaine Weinman, Jaden Baker

musicians build confidence and readiness for future upper-level honor band experiences. The group spent the day rehearsing with a guest clinician and performed a concert that evening.

UNK Honor Choir

By: TyLee Smith, APS Sophomore

KEARNEY: On Monday, January 26th, APS Music wrapped up their honor band and choir events at the UNK Honor Choir Clinic in Kearney. This audition-only event is for 10th-12th graders and hosts over 600 high school students from across the state. There are five ensembles: honor band, festival band, treble choir, festival choir, and honor choir. Congratulations to our musicians who were accepted and participated! We had students in each of the three choirs!



L-R: Eli Rogers, Luke Tullis, Adalei Tullis, Madelyn Logsdon



Sharing the Love

By: Tylee Smith APS Sophomore

For Valentine's Day, the National Honor Society had a new idea. In the past years, the National Honor Society had a \$1 for donut fundraiser. This year, they came up with a new idea to give back to the community.

Outside of Mrs. Morgan's classroom was a stack of paper if you wanted to make a card or a drawing for the senior citizens in Callaway Good Life and Arnold Riverview.

All of the elementary and 32 of the high school students made cards or colored pages for the citizens.

Mrs. Morgan made 288 sugar cookies by hand. Each kid who made something got one cookie, and the rest of the cookies were put in goodie baskets and given to businesses in the community as a thank you from APS for helping the school community out.

From the Principal's Desk

Hello APS friends, family and community! As we move further into the spring months, it's hard to believe how quickly this school year has gone by. This time of year is always filled with a wide variety of activities, events, and excitement for our students. While these opportunities are important and enjoyable, it is equally important that students remain focused on their academic responsibilities.

We ask for your continued support in encouraging your child to stay on top of their schoolwork, complete assignments on time, and communicate regularly with their teachers. When students are absent, it is their responsibility to make up any missed work.

As a reminder, students have two full school days to complete and turn in assignments following an absence. If your child knows they will be gone ahead of time, we strongly encourage them to speak with their teachers in advance to gather assignments and stay on track.

With the arrival of nicer weather, many students will begin riding bikes and scooters to school. Please take a moment to review safety expectations with your child. Students should always stop at stop signs, look both ways before crossing streets, use sidewalks whenever



possible, and slow down while carefully checking for traffic at intersections. These simple precautions help ensure everyone arrives safely.

We also encourage families to regularly check the school's online calendar. Throughout the remainder of the year, updates, date changes, and additional activities are frequently added, and staying informed will help you and your child plan accordingly.

Please note that Elementary Field Day for grades K-6 has been moved to Friday, May 15th. Our National Honor Society students will be organizing and running the track and field activities. Lunch will be provided for all students and their families, and we look forward to a fun and active day together.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to finish the school year strong.

Testing, Building, and Competing in Science Olympiad

By Danielle Burd, APS Sophomore

At the start of the semester, students began working on their events for Science Olympiad.

Events are chosen by seniority—students who went to state the previous year get to pick first, followed by the rest based on class. Next year, there will be a limit on how many students can take the class, because so many students wanted to participate.

Once someone from our school qualifies for state, whichever team places higher at either the Kearney meet or the Ogallala meet, advances to state.

At the Kearney meet, teams must place 4th or higher, while at Ogallala, they must place 3rd or higher. Each student can compete in a maximum of 4 events, and everyone is in about 3 or 4 events each.

So far, the 4 state-qualifiers are Walter Bierman, Josie Christensen, Elijah Cool, and Jade Bierman.

Josie Christensen and Elijah Cool placed 2nd in Anatomy and Physiology test.

There are 2 different types of competitions: tests and builds. For example, in Entomology (the study of insects), students have 50 minutes to complete a test. They are allowed to use a binder of notes that they prepare ahead of time and are given a list of topics to study. Tylee Smith said that the test was “easy to do

well if you prepare a lot.”

Delanie Weinman, Kamryn Kramer, and Asa Starr placed 6th in experimental design.

Jade and Walter Bierman placed 3rd in helicopter.

Haydn Stretesky and Paxton Bierman placed 6th in boomilever.

Elijah Cool and Paxton Bierman placed 5th in electric car

A good example of a build event is Experimental Design. Students are given materials and asked to build something—in this case, a paper airplane. The goal is for the airplane to fly as far as possible and in a direction that keeps it from hitting the ground too quickly. Students work in groups of 3, with 30 minutes to build and 20 minutes to test, evaluate and their results and rebuild if necessary.

Angel Mills said she chose this event because “I enjoy hands-on activities more. Other events are just research tests.”

Junior high students Parker Neth and Clara Baldwin placed 2nd in Boomilever; Sophia Cool and Paisley Whitthun placed 5th in Helicopter; and Makenna Weinman and Sophia Cool placed 1st in Metric Mastery.



Medal winners front L-R: Klara Baldwin, Kamryn Kramer, Delanie Weinman, Asa Starr, Josie Christensen, Jade Bierman, and Parker Neth. Back: Makenna Weinman, Sophia Cool, Paisley Witthuhn, Hadyn Stretesky, Walter Bierman, Paxton Bierman, and Elijah Cool.



From L to R top: Elijah Cool, Callan Witthuhn, Crew Witthuhn, Eli Rogers, Luke Tullis. Bottom L to R: Summer Morash, Piper Strasburg, Josie Christensen, Madelyn Logsdon, Danielle Burd.

High School Quiz Bowl

By: Danielle Burd, Sophomore
January 28

MERNA: For the Anselmo-Merna Quiz Bowl meet, there were seven rounds. Arnold brought two separate teams with them. One team made it to finals and the team that didn't was one question away from making it as well.

Mrs. Sandager, who went to her first meet as a coaching assistant, said "it was really fun. I learned a lot from being there."

February 3 Duel

GOTHENBURG: Arnold's two teams went to Gothenburg for a duel. A duel is an informal match between two teams. It was a good opportunity to practice with other teams.

February 18

GOTHENBURG: At the Gothenburg meet Arnold's quizbowl team made it to finals but sadly lost in

the first round of finals. Some highschoolers were gone for basketball so some 8th graders came to the meet as well to fill in for them.

February 25

BROKEN BOW: During the Quizbowl meet in Broken Bow 95.3 radio station aired the meet live. Arnold's team didn't lose a SINGLE match and ended up winning the meet.

"We won!" -Mrs. Moninger

March 3

STAPLETON: Arnold's high school quizbowl team went to Stapleton for a meet. They were there along with quite a few other teams. Arnold won every match they were in, and had tons of fun while they were at it.

"It went good. I was locked in, but also had some fun giggles. Oh yeah, we also went undefeated," said Piper Strasburg

Junior High Quiz Bowl



Back (L to R): Jensen Kulp, Dagen Fletcher, Scout Evans, Sophia Cool, Makenna Weinman, Paisley Wittuhn, Ruby Hagler, Jael Logsdon. Middle: Bo Dailey, Weston McMichael, Kenzie Connelly, Klara Baldwin. Front: Ava Bierman, Cora Leetch, Aubrey Corbin, Parker Strasburg, and Parker Neth.

By Danielle Burd, APS Sophomore

Meet #1

MERNA: Junior High's quiz bowl team had their first meet on Wednesday the 21st of January.

"This one went pretty well. The team did not make it to finals but we were one question away from finals," said Mrs. Moninger.

They would have made it if they had gotten one question during their match with Merna's team by a tie breaker, because they beat one of the other teams that made it to finals.

Meet #2

BROKEN BOW: The sec-

ond meet of Junior High Quiz Bowl (JHQB) took place in Broken Bow. Broken Bow's team is mainly made up of experienced players, making them a difficult team to beat.

Arnold's team won 3 and lost 4 matches. Two of the losses were very close and two of the wins were tied until the very end with Arnold's team making it to the top.

A few of the main members were missing, so some of the newer people got to participate more, which is good. Aubry Corbin says, "I really like it!"

JUST THE STATS:

- Coach: Mrs. Debby Moninger
- Team Captain: Parker Strasburg
- First Lieutenant: Makenna Weinman is first lieutenant.
- There are 8 sixth graders new to the team
- 19 kids total in quiz bowl.



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