## Argonia U.S.D. #359 November, 2015 Newsletter



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King Dalton Good and Queen Kelsey Robinson Attendants Tanner McCurley and Lindsay Coleman

## SUCCESSFUL SPIRIT WEEK - by Marlee Gaddie

The Argonia High students celebrated homecoming week with many festivities starting September 28<sup>th</sup>-October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Homecoming started with spirit week and ended it with a Titan win on Pinkout Night.

Homecoming began with spirit week, which gave all the students a chance to show their Raider/Titan pride! The students dressed up as many different things, ranging from Disney characters, to rednecks, to senior citizens. Spirit week ended on Friday with the students painting main street, and eating pizza provided by the Argonia Chamber of Commerce.

Friday night's football game was Pinkout themed to support the fight against breast cancer. The school sold pink t-shirts for \$5 so that everyone could show their support, the Titan way. The Titans defeated the Caldwell Bluejays 59-0.

The homecoming ceremony was held at halftime of the game. The senior king candidates were Aaron Harsh, Dalton Good, and Evan Dolley. The queen candidates were Madison Streif, Kelsey Robinson and Victoria Jordan. The fall 2015 homecoming king was Dalton Good and the queen was Kelsey Robinson.

Argonia High School had a very successful fall homecoming. Thanks for coming out and showing your support for the Titans, and for the fight against breast cancer!

## **USD 359 WELCOMES 3 NEW STAFF**

## **Melissa Hurley - School Counselor**

by Madison Streif, Victoria Jordan & Myleigh Kingsley

One of Argonia newest staff members is Mrs. Melissa Hurley. Mrs. Hurley has been married for twenty two years to Michael Hurley. They have three girls, Kayla, Kassandra, and Rebekah, and one boy, Matthew. Mrs. Hurley majored in Liberal Arts and Social Work at Wichita State University. Mrs. Hurley said "she was influenced to become a counselor because she likes working with children and sometimes children do not always get the best treatment from the adults in their lives, so she wanted to help make that change." Mrs. Hurley also said she likes Argonia, because she gets to work with children of all ages. When asked what her favorite thing about working at Argonia High School, she answered that she likes working with Juniors



and Seniors, getting them ready for the next step in life, whether that be college or career.

## Hannah Hemberger - Special Education Teacher

by Amber Jones, Kaycee Brower, & Courtney Larson



Argonia Elementary received an alumni member as their new special education teacher. Hannah Hemberger graduated from Bethany College and then transferred to K-State to continue her education. After graduating she taught at Fort Riley for 2 years then found an open job at Argonia, where she hopes to teach for many more years. She loves to teach math and always having the interaction with the kids. When Ms. Hemberger is not at the school teaching children, she is working out, hanging out with friends, or out shopping. When asked, "What is one thing that you want to see happen in this school?" She replied, "To see more parent and community involvement around the whole school." She loves being back home around her family, friends

and community, where she grew up as a kid.

## **Marcus Neal- Science Teacher**

by Haily Gaddis, Jordan Thompson & Marlee Gaddie

This year, we have got the pleasure to have Mr. Marcus Neal as our new science teacher. Mr. Neal taught in Caldwell before he decided to join Argonia. At Caldwell he taught middle school science, biology, and earth science. Mr. Neal's favorite classes to teach are biology, chemistry, and anatomy and physiology. Mr. Neal has been teaching for twenty years. He is happily married to his wife Melinda and has been for 15 years. We are very happy that Mr. Neal has decided to come and join us here at Argonia.



## **NOVEMBER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Date	Event	Time
November 02	Argonia Skate Night @ Harper	6:00-8:00pm
November 03	HS Football - Bi-Districts @ Argonia	7:00pm
November 07	HS Football - Regionals @ TBD	TBD
November 09	Board of Education Meeting	7:00pm
November 10	HS Math Relays @ Dexter	4:30-8:00pm
November 11	Veteran's Day Program in Elementary Gym	9:30am
	Early Dismissal	12:35pm
November 12	Red Cross Blood Drive in HS Gym	12:00pm
	HS Scholar's Bowl @ Central	4:30pm
November 13	HS Football - Sub-State @ TBD	TBD
November 16	First Day of HS BBall Practice	
November 17	HS Scholar's Bowl @ Sedan	4:30pm
November 19	JH Basketball vs. Oxford @ Home	TBD
November 21	HS Football - State Championship @ Newton	TBD
November 23	HS Scholars Bowl @ Flinthills	4:30pm
	JH Basketball vs. Caldwell @ Home	TBD
November 25	Thanksgiving Break - No School	
November 26	Thanksgiving Break - No School	
November 27	Thanksgiving Break - No School	
November 30	HS Scholars Bowl @ Argonia	4:30pm

#### HONOR ROLL STUDENTS 1st Nine Weeks

#### A Honor Roll (3.7-4.0)

- 6th Grade Chelsea Coleman, Jadyn Gallardo, Lucas Schulte
- **7th Grade -** Ross Carter, Shelby Handlin, Aubreigh Haxton, Karrlea Hessman, Emma Huntley, Hannah Newberry, Noah Phillips, Alexis Vineyard
- 8th Grade Griffin Brown, Hope Casner
- **9th Grade -** Baylee Booker, Moriah Carter, Brant Cotta, Makayla Derixson, Amelia Kollmeyer, Kaylee Lacey, Cydney Larson, Loren Marshall, Cora Vineyard
- 10th Grade Alyssa Hammond, Caitlyn Hammond, Autumn Morin, Madalynn Rhea, Kaylee Schulte
- 11th Grade Marlee Gaddie, Haily Gaddis, Seth Hemberger, Jesse Tracy
- 12th Grade Evan Dolley, Dalton Good, Kolten Koerner, Ann-Sophie Schneck, Madison Streif, Camilla Tabasso

#### B Honor Roll (3.0-3.69)

- 6th Grade Alyssa Martin, Allie McCurley, Victoria Sandoval
- **7th Grade -** Destiny Baker, Sydney Boese, Cynthia Derixson, Gage Dewlen, Kaden Dickerson, Riley Fisher, Judd Griffith, Brayden Pierce, Savannah Shively
- 8th Grade Isaiah Lacey, Creek Love, Mariah Newberry, Taylor Schulte
- 9th Grade Orion Gentry, Zachariah Haxton, Jonathan Head, Christian Kiser
- **10th Grade -** Shania Barry, Cassidy Boese, Kamry Garibaldo, Anthony Handlin, Giovanni Hernandez, Trevor Pierce
- 11th Grade Courtney Larson, Kelly Mosher, Jordan Thompson
- **12th Grade -** Aaron Harsh, Jason Hess, Amber Jones, Victoria Jordan, Myleigh Kingsley, Kelsey Robinson, Brice Sellers, Mark Sprague-Spear

## RECIPES

It's that time of the year when the leaves start falling, the air becomes crisper and cooler, and we start thinking about pumpkins. What fun it is to visit the pumpkin patches, pick out the best pumpkin to carve, and then use the pumpkin to make some delicious pumpkin breakfast treats.

The Wellness Committee will be publishing healthy recipes in the newsletter to help give you some great ideas on yummy, good for you things to eat.

#### Start your morning off with LOW FAT PUMPKIN CRANBERRY MUFFINS Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ginger
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1 cup nonfat milk
- 1 cup fresh cranberries, chopped
- Prep Time: 10 minutes
- Cook Time: 25 minutes Total Time: 35 minutes

#### Preparation

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a muffin pan with <u>nonstick cooking spray</u>. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, <u>baking soda</u>, salt, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg. Combine pumpkin, beaten egg, oil and milk in a medium bowl. Make a well in dry ingredients; add pumpkin mixture and stir until just combined. Fold in chopped cranberries. Fill muffin cups and bake for 22-25 minutes.

Makes 12 muffins

**Per Muffin:** Calories 193, Calories from Fat 48, Total Fat 5.2g (sat 0.4g), Cholesterol 18mg, Sodium 171mg, Carbohydrate 32.6, Fiber 1.7g, Protein 3.6g

#### While those are baking in the oven whip up some **<u>PUMPKIN OATMEAL</u>**

- 2 cups quick or old-fashioned oats 3 cups fat-free milk 1/2 cup pumpkin
- 1/4 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tbsp raisins

Brown sugar to taste

#### Preparation

Place oatmeal in a microwave-safe bowl and stir in milk. Microwave on high for 2-3 minutes. Remove from microwave and stir in <u>pumpkin puree</u>, spice and cinnamon. Heat for 40-60 seconds, or until heated through. Stir in raisins. Sweeten with brown sugar if necessary and enjoy.

#### Stovetop method

Bring milk to a boil in a medium saucepan. Stir in oats and cook on a medium heat for about 5 minutes. Add pumpkin and spices and stir until heated through.

Stir in raisins just before serving.

Serves 4.

**Per Serving:** Calories 242, Calories from Fat 47, Total Fat 2.9g (sat 0.6g), Cholesterol 3mg, Sodium 99mg, Carbohydrate 40.5g, Fiber 5.3g, Protein 13.2g

#### Now that you have some new recipes to try, get your family out to the Pumpkin Patch, pick out your pumpkin, and get to cooking!

## **OCTOBER RAIDER OF THE MONTH - by Robert Almanza**



Chelsea

Chelsea Coleman, a 6<sup>th</sup> Grader at AJS, became the next "Raider of the Month" for October, 2015. The Activities/Athletics Department of Argonia High School has decided to recognize one student a month who has demonstrated exceptional pride and integrity while competing in athletics or activities. Students are nominated by coaches and sponsors and, once a month, a student is chosen as "Raider of the Month."

Chelsea was chosen for the month of October after being nominated by Mrs. Paxson. She had this to say about Chelsea:

"I would like to nominate Chelsea Coleman for Raider of the Month. Chelsea always has a big smile on her face and is quick to lend a helping hand. She has a genuine caring spirit for other people and puts forth all the effort she can muster into her academics and activities. She is quick to learn from her mistakes and offers to help others work through theirs as well. Chelsea definitely has RAIDER PRIDE."

The "Raider of the Month" is part of a renewed effort to build school pride. The student selected has their picture on a bulletin board along with comments from the coach or sponsor who nominated him or her. Look for a new student in November!!

#### LOCAL SPELLERS COMPETE AT SUMNER COUNTY SPELLING BEE by Kayla Paxson

On October 8th, 2015, 8th Grader Hope Casner and 7th Grader Shelby Handlin competed in the Sumner County Spelling Bee held at Wellington Middle School. The contestants were anxiously waiting on stage for the Spelling Bee to begin when it was noticed that there was a minor error on some of the advertisements for the time that the event was to take place. So, Hope and Shelby were forced to wait another half hour for it to finally begin so that the missing contestants could arrive. They handled their nervousness well and seemed ready to go by the time it got started.

The competition was filled with plenty of complicated words: mussed, ritziness, stalwart, wraith, celestial, gambol, paunch, etc. Shelby was able to make it to Round 2 by spelling "puppy" correctly in Round 1, but then received a word that she was unfamiliar with - "snide." Unfortunately for her, the English language is cruel and forces us to choose between "-ied" and "-ide" suffixes. Hope found herself hanging in there throughout the competition, correctly spelling the following words: green, friend, goblet, neigh, faculty, miniscule, and berserk. It was in Round 8 that she tied for 3rd, misspelling the word "debilitate."



Shelby and Hope

Like always, both contestants learned a great deal and will never forget how to spell "snide" or "debilitate" for the rest of their lives. Life's funny that way. Be sure to give them a high five or a pat on the back for a job well done the next time you see them! Great job, girls!

## A&A TITANS KEEP ROLLING - by Marlee Gaddie

The Argonia/Attica Titans are having another great season, rolling through the competitors as they did last year. But as they get closer to the end of the season, the main focus of the A&A Titans is making the playoffs and advancing. The A&A Titans are 8-0, and are hoping to continue on with that winning streak and maybe get a second chance at the state title.

When asked if Coach Greenwood was pleased with the team's success so far this year, he said, "Yes, we've done some good things so far this year." When asked what he expects from this football season, he replied, "To make the playoffs and have a chance to advance deep into the playoffs." He said that he thinks the strengths of this year's team are speed, and the ability to adapt. When asked how our own Argonia players are contributing to the team's success, he said, "Defensively, Aaron and Kolten do a good job pressuring the guarterback. Seth has done a good job at linebacker opposite of Alec McDaniel, giving us extra weapons on the offensive side." Coach Greenwood enlightened us on the Titan's goal for the season which would be "To improve on last year's success".

Good luck to the A&A Titans as they advance further into the season. With the support of the two communities behind the Titans, they are capable of meeting their goal. We will be rooting for a championship!

## **UNDEFEATED SEASON FOR JV TITANS - by Courtney Larson**

The Titans junior varsity team finished their season with a perfect record of 5-0. The A&A Titans JV team members were Trevor Pierce at guarterback and defensive back, Kamden Basinger at center and defensive line, Evan Dolley at tight end and defensive end, Anthony Handlin at guard and linebacker, and Zach Haxton at tight end and defensive end. When Coach Haxton was asked how the season been going, he responded, "The boys have made tremendous improvement since the first week of practice, and their hard work has really helped pushed our varsity players in practice."

In October, the JV Titans defeated Wichita Homeschool 48-0, defeated South Central 26-14, and finished off their perfect record with a 52-0 shutout vs. Pretty Prairie. Many of these boys will be asked to step in and contribute next year on varsity.

## **BULLPUPS FINISH SEASON 8-0** – by Coach Vineyard

On 9/24/15 the Attica/Argonia Bullpups traveled to Pretty Prairie to face the Bulldogs. The Bullpups came prepared and dominated from the opening kickoff. Defensively the Bullpups only gave up 6 points and the offense put up 48. A very good night on both sides of the ball. The final score 48-6. We would then host Burrton in Argonia. The boys again played a very good game defeating Burrton 44 -16. The next game against Central Christian



League Champions

was forfeited due to them not having enough players.

On 10/15/15 the undefeated Bullpups would travel to Fairfield to take on the Falcons for the league championship. The first time these two teams met was the second game of the season. Attica/Argonia controlled the first game and won 46-18. This game would prove to be a little different. Fairfield was prepared and ready to play. In the third quarter the Bullpups found themselves behind a touchdown. This would be the first time this season we were on the bottom side of the score. The Bullpups came together to score back to back touchdowns, and defensively shut down Fairfield, to come out on top and win the HOPL league championship for the second year in a row. This would be the second season in a row that the Bullpups have not lost a game. The last game they have lost was the second week in September, 2013. They are on a 19 game winning streak. Congrats to all the boys for a perfect season!

## VARSITY VB SEASON COMES TO AN END - by Kaycee Brower

The Lady Raider Volleyball team searched for their third win as the season came to an end. The girls had a rebuilding year, as they lost three of their seniors and they had two freshmen that stepped up to the plate to fill in. This year's varsity squad consisted of Kaycee Brower, Marlee Gaddie, Jesse Tracy, Jordan Thompson, Leah Fitch, Alyssa Hammond, Catie Hammond, Kayleee Schulte, Cassidy Boese, Cora Vineyard and Baylee Booker.

Improvement was made throughout the season, especially in the Central Burden game. The Lady Raiders took them to three sets, with scores of 23-25, 27-25, and 25-27, but could not finish with a win. The girls had to play the play-in games for the league tournament. They played Cedar Vale-Dexter (23-25 and 22-25). They also played West Elk and had a great comeback from 15 points down to make it 24-26 in the second set after losing the first set, 20-25. The girls finally got a second win underneath their belt against Oxford, beating



them 25-19, 25-14.

They continue to see many improvements in many aspects of every game they play. The trick is to just put it all together to finish with a win. As the season came to end, they had the Sub-State tournament in Attica. Argonia was seeded number 6 and had to play number 3 seed Norwich. The girls lost both sets 25-14.

The Lady Raiders look forward to improving with the same team next year, as they will not have any gaps to fill from losing seniors. The players will have more experience and hopefully improve even more from where they left off this year.

Coach Greenwood offering some advice

## **ENDING THE JV SEASON WITH A BANG!** - by Amber Jones

Argonia High JV Volleyball wrapped up their season with a win over Wichita Homeschool. With consistent serving, finishing out their bad balls and better hits, the girls improved tremendously. When they won their match against Sedan, they played their best game of the season by working together. Coach Paxson said that their most exciting wins this year were their first win of the season over Sedan and their very last win against the Homeschool team. The JV volleyball team consisted of one freshman, five sophomores, and two seniors. The seniors were the foreign exchange students who got to experience an awesome team and an awesome year in America. Coach Paxson is looking forward to more kills and better passing in the future.

## THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5TH WAS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - by Mrs. Stow

The Preschool and Kindergarten classes visited the fire station. The kids were so excited to see the fire trucks and Fire Pup! The students got to practice how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothes should catch on fire. The firemen talked about how important it is to have smoke alarms in your house and to plan an escape route if you should have a fire.

A fireman dressed up in his gear with his air mask so the kids would know what to expect to see if they needed to be saved in a fire. All the students got to take turns spraying the water hose from the fire truck. This was very exciting to them!



Then each class loaded up on the fire truck and got to ride back to school with Fire Pup.

We would like to thank the fire station for the bag of goodies that they gave each student.

## LADY INDIANS FINISH 3<sup>RD</sup> IN LEAGUE TOURNAMENT - by Coach Shirley

Our junior high volleyball teams finished the season with a winning record of 7-5 and claimed a third place league plaque to add to the many accomplishments of Argonia Junior High. Heading into the tournament, our Lady Indians faced tough competition from three very strong, agile teams. The first of the trio was Pretty Prairie, played on their home court. Our team played hard and strong but the passing percentage suffered for the first time since the start of the season and the Indians took a lost with scores of 20-25 and 15-25.

Not to be kept down, the Indians went back to practice with determination and mindful reflection. Passing was emphasized, along with serving, spike recovery, and intuitive play. The girls faced Burrton on our home court, of only one game played in Argonia. They had a taste for a home victory and the determination to make it happen. Burrton came to play with greater skill than in past competition and gave the Lady Indians a tough match. To say the least, it was an exciting game not only to play in but to watch from the stands. The girls lost the first match 23-25 with a 19 point rally to almost take Burrton. The girls refused to back down and won the second set 25-21. You could feel the electricity and excitement in the gymnasium! The third set was fought hard and strong straight through the end where victory was almost ours, losing the set 13-15. This was truly one of the hardest fought games our Indians have ever played. The momentum of determination only roared louder for the girls as we headed into our last regular season game against Central Christian. The level of competition would not falter, but our ladies didn't flinch. We took a little bit to warm our engines up as we lost the first set 14-25. Primed and ready, the second set shifted our way with a score of 25-20. The girls were not going to let this game slip from their grasp and finished out the third set with a thundering 15-4.

The league tournament is always a bag of surprises for our team because we are back in Argonia's league, facing teams that we haven't seen at all throughout the season. We were seeded 3<sup>rd</sup> in our pool and had to place first or second to make it to Championship play the following Monday. The first team was South Haven, seeded 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our girls were pumped and ready, with 84% and 94% successful serving. We collected our first win 25-1- and 25-17. Next was #1 Udall. We kept our



Lady Indian 3rd Place Team

strong serving percentages, but during the second set we lost our momentum and didn't make it back to victory lane. We were defeated 25-11, 23-25, 20-25. This was a huge blow to morale as the girls knew they could've outplayed Udall. Spirits were down and fatigue started to set in, creating an uncomfortable game against #5 Caldwell, though still bringing a victory 25-22, 20-25, 25-20. Luckily, our second wind came breezing in and the Indians took down #4 Oxford with serving success of 92% and 100% ending in scores of 25-21 and 25-7. We were headed to championship play at Flinthills.

This was the first time the Indians had made it to championship games since the restructuring of the league tournament into pool play. We were to face #1 Flinthills for our first match. I'll be honest, it was a rough match for us. Overwhelmed by the setting and facing extremely tough talent, our girls could not defeat the undefeated Flinthills. We were now looking at the consolation game of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place against Cedar Vale/Dexter. Bound and determined to not walk away empty-handed, the Indians buckled down and delivered a hard earned victory 25-19, 22-25, 25-21. I couldn't have been more pleased with how these ladies banded together as a team and fought their hearts out.

Congratulations, Lady Indians! It was an entertaining and exciting season. We will miss our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Hope Casner, Taylor Schulte, and Mariah Newberry.

# **KNOW THE SCHOLARSHIP BASICS**

## Facts to help you focus your scholarship search

Scholarships are known as gift aid because they generally don't have to be repaid. If you're looking for ways to pay for a degree or certificate, consider scholarships and grants first. Not only will scholarships save you money, but they look great as a mark of distinction in the "awards" area of your academic or work resume.

#### What kinds of scholarships are available?

There are two types of scholarships, one awarded by colleges and universities and the other provided by companies and other organizations in the private sector.

**Institutional scholarships.** Colleges and Universities award institutional scholarships. The amount awarded is often based on academic merit, athletic abilities, and need. These can include scholarships for band, dance, cheerleading, journalism (school newspaper), etc... Apply to college of choice and fill out scholarship applications.

#### Things to know or do: Contact colleges and universities for specific scholarships offered.

**Private sector scholarships.** Private foundations, companies, and service groups award scholarships to students based on a variety of eligibility criteria. There are thousands of such scholarships available and the amount awarded varies widely depending on the provider. Private scholarships can be payable to the student, the college, or both.

There are many unique scholarships offered by a variety of sources that may want to invest in your higher education. Many scholarships are merit based, meaning a student's academic achievement determines eligibility. But there are scholarships awarded to students based on many other factors, including:

Cultural background Athletic ability Professional interest, e.g., business, legal, etc. Artistic talent Hobby Geographic location Family History Ethnic Background AND MANY MORE!

#### Where can I find scholarships?

If you're looking for scholarships, consider these sources as you conduct your search:

Fastweb.com Scholarship.com Your parents' employers Local civic organizations such as the Rotary or Lion's Club High school honors organizations Your chosen career may have scholarships such as Nursing Scholarships and Grants awarded through various organizations

Information taken from Adventures in Education, FastWeb, and Scholarship.com. <u>Counselors Calendar</u>

November 2,-Northwestern Technical College Rep. Visit

November 8-Last day to register for the December ACT (All Juniors have a onetime voucher for the ACT paid for the Kansas Star Casino)

November 10- Kansas State University Rep Visit

November 13-Career Fair for all Junior High and High School Students at Chaparral High School

November 19-Fort Hays State University Visit

### SIXTH GRADE MAKES READING CONNECTIONS AROUND THE WORLD by Mrs. Paxson

What could be better than reading an engaging book? Reading it with thousands of kids around the world. That's exactly what we're doing in our sixth grade classroom and it's just getting better with each chapter. As part of a Global Read Aloud initiative started by Pernille Ripp in 2010, over half a million students from 60 different countries are choosing to read a specific novel or picture book over a certain period of the school year. The goal is to not only read new books, but to make connections with other students and authors. We have chosen to read <u>Fish in a Tree</u> by Lynda Mullaly Hunt, author of the 2014-15 William Allen White winner <u>One for the Murphys</u>.

So far, we have participated in a Mystery Skype to guess the location of a class near San Francisco and discussed



our favorite parts and questions about the book with two other classes from California and New Jersey (who told us a lot about how the droughts of California and Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey is affecting their lives). We have also received many responses to our class Twitter posts revolving around the events of the novel. You can check them out by looking up our class Twitter handle or hashtag - @paxsonedu and #359sixth. One response even came from an American International class located in Dubai of the United Arab Emirates! A final surprise for the readers of Fish in a Tree is that the author records video messages for the readers in which she reads several of the chapters and answers reader questions that she's received. We're looking forward to finding out how the book comes to a close in the next couple weeks, as well as making a few more connections with kids from around the globe before the Global Read Aloud comes to a close.

## FIRST GRADERS TRIP TO THE FIRE STATION - by Mrs. Dunn



The Argonia 1st graders walked down to the fire station in town to learn about fire safety. Garred Sellers and Jon Layton talked to the students about fire prevention week and what it means. The firemen showed the students a smoke alarm and what it sounds like if there should be a fire in their homes. They discussed matches, lighters and what to do if they should find these items.

The kids had the chance to demonstrate stop, drop, and roll with the firemen. They did an excellent job. Jon showed the students what a fireman looks like in his fire suit. The firemen talked to the students about not being scared when a fire fighter comes in to save them during a fire.

The kids were excited when they had the chance to spray the fire hose and then ride the fire truck back to the school. Firemen Sellers and Layton handed out fire prevention coloring books, pencils and bracelets. You are Awesome! Thank you for your time.

## EXPLORING SHOP WITH MR. DICKERSON - by Madison Streif & Mr. Dickerson

Mr. Dickerson has the students exploring many different avenues in his classes which consist of an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Introduction to Technology class, where they explore different aspects of welding and cutting for the first semester; then proceed to Wood Technology the second semester. He also teaches a Drafting/(CAD) Computer Aide Drafting class. The first semester is usually mechanical drawing and the second semester is an Intro to CAD. Mr. Dickerson's classroom has been experimenting with a new 3D printer this year thanks to the Casino. The Kansas Star Casino bought every school district in Sumner Co. a 3D printer and various colors of the filament that the objects are constructed from. This has been an eye catcher, and a very cool learning process.

There are more classes being taught on the woods side of the lab area where there are several projects being constructed. One class is the Furniture and Cabinet Making I & II and also a Residential Carpentry class.

On the Metals side of the lab is where Production Welding I & II are covered. There are students that are learning the basics of Mig (METAL INERT GAS) Welding, Stick (SHIELDED METAL ARC) Welding, Brazing, Soldering, also learning how to set up the cutting torch, and later on this quarter students will be introduced to the plasma cutter. Students are responsible for various lab exercises from making simple joints to complex figurations. The students are also responsible for their own house cleaning, everything has a place and when it's not being used it should be in its respective place.

Mr. Dickerson said "the students are working hard this year so far and he is very proud of the efforts from all his students and wants to continue to encourage them to keep raising the bar on what can be accomplished in his corner of the school building." Also he encourages even more students to try out his classes in the future.



Cassidy dealing with difficult customers

## WHAT'S COOKING IN MRS. SHIRLEY'S ROOM? - by Haily Gaddis

First year FACS teacher, Natalie Shirley, is spicing things up in her food classes. This year they have already made and sold food and drinks to the students. At the first of the year, one of her FACS classes baked banana bread and sold it to the students during lunch time. They most recently made Orange Julius' to also sell to the students after lunch.

Right now in the FACS room, the students are interpreting a restaurant. They have set up a restaurant in the classroom and will be cooking a meal for it. Mrs. Shirley will have the freshmen gym class come in during their restaurant hours to act like the customers. Each student will have a part to act and there will be different scenarios that their staff will have to deal with.

In the near future, the classes will be doing projects for Christmas. The students will be making cookie platters to sell to the students. This is going to be a good year for the FACS class with many projects and really getting the students involved in real-life situations.

## KEEPING THE BEAT - by Tori Jordan

High school vocal has been getting ready for Honors Choir and the Christmas Concert this time of the year. Honors Choir was held on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in Winfield at Southwestern College. The band has been doing great playing for our Titans at every home football game, cheering them on as they go undefeated. The band is also preparing for the Christmas concert. The Christmas concert will be on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Argonaires are preparing to sing at the Community Building for Thanksgiving later this month.

#### STUCO GETTING THINGS DONE - by Jordan Thompson

The AHS Stuco has been very busy as of late. They recently attended the Regional Leadership Conference at Campus HS. Stuco put together homecoming activities and many of the student games. They have been planning to do several events in November. Keep your eyes open for those upcoming events. The Argonia High School Student Council members include 2 members from every class. Those 8 students elect a president and vice president and they also elect 2 more students. This year, the AHS Stuco includes: (Fr) Cora Vineyard & Amelia Kollmeyer, (So) Trevor Pierce & Kamden Basinger, (Jr) Jordan Thompson, Kaycee Brower, Jesse Tracy (Vice President), & Marlee Gaddie (President), and (Sr) Brice Sellers & Aaron Harsh.

## K.A.Y. TAKING THE LEAD - by Myleigh Kingsley

K.A.Y. (Kansas Association for Youth) is an organization that provides learning experiences for Argonia High School students. This year, K.A.Y. is having a Blood Drive on November 12. They also hosted a pumpkin painting contest before Halloween. Last year, K.A.Y. did Crush Pop and Slacker Stacker. Co-President Kelsey Robinson said, "I enjoy the projects and helping people. Joining KAY is a good opportunity and is fun." K.A.Y. Appreciation Week is in January. Co-President Kaycee Brower said that KAY provides leadership opportunities. She said, "It's a really fun club to be in and I've learned a lot of new things. You meet a lot of people and get new ideas and an appreciation for others." The sponsors are Mr. Mead and Mrs. Greenwood. The Vice President is Jesse Tracy, Secretary is Catie Hammond, and the Freshmen Rep is Cora Vineyard.

#### SCI-FRIGHT NIGHT - by Kayla Paxson

The students of sixth grade and their families enjoyed a "wicked" night of science in preparation of the upcoming Halloween holiday. Several families were able to attend the family science night as an extension of our Friology events on Fridays. There was jack-o-lantern carvings and scooping out pumpkin guts, but the oozing pumpkin experiment with hydrogen peroxide and potassium iodide ended up dead in the water with failed chemistry. However, the



dry ice "boo bubbles" were a big hit. By forcing the fog of dry ice through tubing dipped in bubble or soap liquid, you can create white fog bubbles that look like ghosts! Families were treated to



some fluorescent drinks that glowed under black lights due to the quinine ice cubes in their drinks. It was also fun to see our Friology mascot brought to life and make a surprise appearance at the end of the night! The class is looking forward to having another "SCI-FRI" night in the future!

# **November 2015 MENU**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Yo- gurt or String Cheese, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk	<b>3</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> French Toast Sticks or Cereal, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk	<b>4</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Yo- gurt or String Cheese, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk	5 Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk	<b>6</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Yo- gurt or String Cheese, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk
<b>Lunch:</b> Pork Rib-on-a- Bun	Lunch: Taco Soup	Lunch: Corn Dog	Lunch: Chicken Quesadil- la	Lunch: Cowboy Cavatini
<b>9</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Yo- gurt or String Cheese, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Hamburger-on-a -Bun	10 Breakfast: Pancakes or Cereal, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk Lunch: Chili	11 Breakfast: Cereal, Yo- gurt or String Cheese, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk Lunch: Chicken Nuggets	12 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk Lunch: Baked Ham	13 Breakfast: Cereal, Yo- gurt or String Cheese, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese & Meatballs
16 Breakfast: Cereal, Yo- gurt or String Cheese, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk Lunch: Ham & Cheese -on-a-Bun	17 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks or Cereal, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza	18 Breakfast: Cereal, Yo- gurt or String Cheese, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk Lunch: Taco Burger-on -a-Bun	19 Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk Lunch: Lasagna	20 Breakfast: Cereal, Yo- gurt or String Cheese, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk Lunch: Chicken Patty
23 Breakfast: Cereal, Yo- gurt or String Cheese, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk Lunch: Super Nachos	24 Breakfast: Pancakes or Cereal, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk Lunch: Thanksgiving Meal	25 No School	<sup>26</sup> No School	<sup>27</sup> No School
<b>30</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Yo- gurt or String Cheese, Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Tetrazzini				

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