



Argonia U.S.D. #359 September 2017 Newsletter

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Lisa Pipkin
JH Reading/HS Speech/
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I am married, have two grown children, SIX grandchildren ranging from the age of four through 17, and enjoy quality family time. I have many hobbies and interests especially when they involve the outdoors, being active, and competing! These include golfing, hunting, fishing, surfing, horseback riding, working out, hiking, gardening, & traveling but I also enjoy reading, cooking, & sewing as well. My educational experiences have included not only teaching K-12 Gifted, elementary, and middle school but also almost every subject especially at the middle school level. My husband and I make our home near Milton with our three Labrador dogs and I look forward to this upcoming school year!

Beth Strickland PAT (Parents as Teachers) Parent Educator



My name is Beth Strickland and I'm the new Parent Educator for the Parents As Teachers Program. I grew up in Oxford KS. I graduated from Wichita State University in 2006. My husband Jason and I have been married for 12 years and have two children. We live in South Haven with our daughter Avery, a third grader and son Owen, a Preschooler. I enjoy reading, woodworking, DIY projects and spending time with my family. I look forward to working with families and instilling an early love of education with children.

My name is Craig Baldwin. I just moved from Plainville, Kansas to Clearwater. I was a para at Sacred Heart Catholic School for 4 years. I am not married, nor have any children. My hobbies include programming and gaming. I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone and working with the students!



Craig Baldwin
IRC Para

Staff Changes in 17-18

Natalie Shirley is now teaching K-12 Vocal and Band.

Lisa Pipkin is taking over Mrs. Shirley's classes teaching 7th and 8th grade Reading, FACS, and HS Speech.

Beth Strickland is the new Parents as Teachers Parent Educator serving Argonia and Caldwell.

Craig Baldwin is a new para at the high school.

PTO MEETING



THE NEXT PTO MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH**
AT **7:00 PM** IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA. WE WILL BE GETTING
READY FOR THE SOUP SUPPER.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PTO AND
WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS!

District Information such as the 17-18 Calendar and monthly
activity calendars can all be accessed on our webpage at

www.argonia359.org

You can also check out our **Facebook** page for updates on events.
and activities.



New Meal Charging Policy

Students are only allowed to charge up to five meals (breakfast and/or lunch). Once the account reaches that threshold, the student may not eat a school meal until they bring the account up to balance or bring money for the meal. Reminder notices will be sent to parents when student meal account balances are low.

If certain income guidelines are met, school-age children may qualify for free or reduced price meals. Contact either school office for more information. Your inquiry and meal status will be handled in the strictest confidence.

HELP WANTED!

Argonia USD 359 is now hiring for the position of school cook. Training will be provided. To obtain an application or details about the job, please call the district office at 620-435-6311.