



Aragon Newsletter - October 2021



Dear Aragon Families,

We are looking forward to seeing you for Parent Teacher conferences this week! These meetings are wonderful opportunities to discuss student progress and answer any questions to ensure a successful partnership.

Aragon is excited to share that an after-school snack program will begin on Monday, October 18th.

- Every day each student will receive a snack.
- Snacks will include items such as cheese sticks, gold fish or graham crackers, and yogurt.
- Snacks will be delivered to the classrooms at 2:15.

It has been a wonderful first quarter and we have a lot of fun events for our community during the second quarter!

Proudly serving Aragon,

Mrs. Landrum

Aragon School Principal

***October 12 & 13 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - no students**

***October 14 & 15 - Fall Break - no students**

***October 18 - Beginning of 2nd Quarter**

***October 18 - PPLD Lightning Lesson 4th Grade**

***October 25 - 29 - Red Ribbon Week**

***October 27 - PPLD Lightning Lesson 5th Grade**

***October 29 - Trick or Treat at Aragon**

***November 4 - Student Picture Retake Day**



Book Fair

Book Fair dates Oct. 4-13

Oct. 4-13 shop online

Oct. 4-8 students only pay with cash or e-wallet

Oct. 12-13 Parents and students pay with cash, e-wallet, or credit card

website for bookfair preview, online shopping, and loading e-wallet:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/aragonelementaryschool>

Come to Our Book Fair!

Visit our school's homepage to hear the latest Book Fair news, RSVP for events, sign up to volunteer, and more!

www.scholastic.com

Kindergarten

Hi Kindergarten families! This month we are working on letters s, d, t, g, i, m, n, h. We are reviewing these sight words: the, can, I, see. We are learning the sight words: a, like, to. In writing we are working on writing sentences using the sight words we've learned.

In math we are reviewing numbers 1 through 5, and we are starting to learn our basic shapes. At home you can share a book with your child for 20 minutes, count to 100, and work on writing letters, numbers, or sight words with chalk!

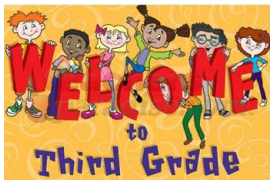


First Grade

It's hard to believe that it is already October. We have had a great time getting to know your kids so far this year. This month we are learning new letters and sounds, adding and subtracting through twenty, and reading different kinds of stories. We look forward to getting to talk to all of you at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Second Grade

October news! October will be a very busy month in second grade! We'll be starting a new unit in reading that continues expository text and we will be reading about baby animals. In math we move into adding two-digit numbers. Knowing math facts is very helpful! Reflex math is a great way to support this learning. Halloween is coming up! This year we will have a "Math or Treat" event. More information will come in Remind.



Third Grade

Happy October! This month in math, third grade will be working on subtraction. In reading, students will practice identifying the main idea of a nonfiction text and the theme of a fiction text. On October 8th, students will have the opportunity to experience the Birds of Prey at Aragon! We will end the month with a fun "Math-Or-Treat" event in third grade classrooms!

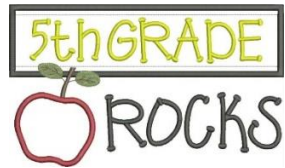
Fourth Grade

Welcome to the nice crisp mornings of fall 4th grade families!!! With that, don't forget to send your students with a sweater or jacket as the mornings get colder and the afternoons are either hot or cold. In reading we are starting realistic fiction, which the students are loving. This genre is fiction stories that could be real. The question we are asking is, how do our actions affect others? In math we are starting on multiplication!!!! We are learning strategies and how it works, but math fact practice/flash cards at home would be very helpful 😊. In social studies we are starting to learn about Colorado History.



Fifth Grade

Happy fall to all of our 5th grade families! October is an exciting month as we have the end of 1st quarter, Parent/Teacher conferences, Fall Break and Red Ribbon Week all mixed in! But don't you worry, we are still going to be doing a lot of learning. Your 5th graders will be diving into multiplication and division in math! During reading we are going to move into expository texts about the U.S. Constitution. To go along with these stories, students will also conduct another research project. This time it will be on one of our United States presidents. Please make sure to ask them all about the presidents they are researching. We look forward to seeing you all at conferences and discussing all of the wonderful accomplishments of each of your students!



Art

We are falling in love with fall this year! Grades K-5 are all completing fall projects for an anticipated hallway display that will be ready by the end of October! Keep an eye out for some colorful trees and a few pumpkins!



Music

The students are having a blast in music class. 5th grade is learning a song about the fifty states. They are excited about drawing their assigned states and giving two facts about how it may relate to music. Our 4th graders are learning a variety of patriotic songs and are sharing about how they became songs for our country. Third grade is learning multicultural songs and is sharing important facts about the diversity of countries. Second grade is learning songs about character - being responsible, respectful and safe. First grade is learning songs about math. One of the songs is called "Let's Count to Thirty" and other songs share how numbers relate to music. Kindergarten is learning to identify different types of sounds in music and rhyming words. Of course, as all the classes learn a variety of songs, they are learning how to keep a steady beat with the use of instruments.



P.E.

In P.E. we are conducting fitness tests and learning how to play flag football.





Nurse's Corner

Get some sleep! September 14-20 was Student Sleep Health Week, promoted by The American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM). Per AASM sleep is one of the three pillars of a healthy lifestyle, along with nutrition and exercise. It is critical to the health and well-being of students of all ages. Some tips from AASM for healthy sleep include:


- Ensure your child gets enough sleep for their age. That's 9-12 hours a night for school-aged children and 8-10 hours for teenagers.
- Keep regular **bedtimes** and wake times, even on weekends.
- Minimize screen time before bed and keep screens out of the sleep environment.
- Ensure regular schedules for activities and exercise and get outdoors when possible.
- Maintain regular meal times and encourage a healthy diet

FOUNTAIN-FORT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT 8 FOOD PANTRY

Through a combined effort with Care and Share, we are able to provide families in need with fresh produce, canned goods, and other food items. ALL D8 students, staff and families are welcome!



WHERE and WHEN

<p>AIM*</p> <p>10705 Trojan Point, Fountain</p> <p>Tuesday-Friday, 9am-2pm</p>	<p>Fountain YMCA</p> <p>326 West Alabama Avenue, Fountain</p> <p>Wednesdays, 4-6pm</p> 	<p>Welte Education Center</p> <p>330 Lyckman Drive, Fountain</p> <p>Thursdays, 3:30-5pm</p>
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*If accessing the AIM Pantry location please email: Evelyn Stewart, estewart@ffc8.org or Promis Bruno, pbruno@ffc8.org to coordinate a pickup time and guarantee staff availability. School pantry days of operation follow the school calendar.



Counselor's Corner

"Golden Gators" Character-Trait-of-the-Quarter Initiative

Dear Families,

We have started a new character-trait-of-the-quarter initiative called "Golden Gators." Each quarter, we will be highlighting one positive character trait, teaching students about what that character trait means, and encouraging discussions with students about the quarterly trait in their classrooms and beyond. Staff members will be looking for students who are demonstrating this character trait throughout the quarter. At the end of each quarter we will be showcasing a select number of students who have demonstrated the quarterly character trait on regular basis. These students will be recognized during morning announcements, have their picture displayed in the showcase, receive a special "Golden Gator" T-shirt and be invited to a special lunch with a member of the administration team. Below is a link for a helpful article about teaching *perseverance* to kids, our character trait for the first quarter. We encourage you to support your children by practicing our quarterly character traits at home too. We look forward to starting this new program and recognizing our amazing students for all of their hard work!

Ms. Ziemer, School Counselor

[Here's how to encourage young kids to persevere \(today.com\)](#)

Trick or Treat at Aragon on Friday, October 29th from 4:15 - 5 p.m.

Bring your family for this free event.

Wear family friendly costumes and bring a bag for treats.

Enter the school at the 1st Grade doors, southeast of the main entrance.



RED RIBBON WEEK **October 25th - 29th**

DETAILS COMING SOON!

We're excited to announce the 2021 National Red Ribbon Week Theme, Drug Free Looks Like Me, created by a 7th grader at Solon Middle School in Solon Ohio. the theme is a reminder that everyday Americans across the country make significant daily contributions to their communities by being the best they can be because they live Drug-Free!