



# Aragon Newsletter - November 2021



Dear Aragon Families,

It was great to see so many of you at our Trick-or-Treat event last Friday night! The turnout was one of the biggest we have had in several years! Thank you for coming to celebrate with us!

We are actively planning for our Winter Wonderland event in December and for the opportunity to engage with our community with many fun activities and crafts.

This month, Aragon will be highlighting classroom morning meetings that students participate in every day. A classroom morning meeting has four main components: greeting, share, activity, and message. Be watching on our social media outlets for videos showcasing our students! Follow us on Facebook (Facebook.com/AragonElementary) and Instagram (@aragonelementaryffc8).

Lastly, we will be having our "Great Coat Giveaway" tomorrow and are looking forward to helping our students pick a brand-new coat for the winter!

We are thankful you share your students with us every day!

Proudly serving Aragon,  
Mrs. Landrum  
Aragon School Principal

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

- \*November 4 - The Great Coat Giveaway
- \*November 4 - Picture Retake Day
- \*November 11 - Veterans Day (no students)
- \*November 18 - Thanksgiving Lunch for Students
- \*November 18 - FFC8 Turkey Giveaway
- \*November 22 thru 26 - Thanksgiving Break (no students)

# THE GREAT COAT GIVEAWAY!

## ARAGON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**ONE COAT  
FOR EVERY  
ARAGON  
STUDENT!**

**THURSDAY  
11/04/2021  
4:00-5:30pm**



Schedule:  
(by last name of students)

A-G	4:00
H-N	4:20
O-T	4:40
U-Z	5:00

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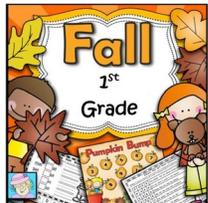
## FFC8's Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway

Join us for FFC8's Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway. It will be Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. at Welte Education Center (330 Lyckman Drive). Turkeys and baskets of canned goods are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis (one turkey per family). This will be curbside pickup and is limited to FFC8 families (students with ID).



### Kindergarten

We have enjoyed your incredible children during the first quarter! In writing we are working on our letters as well as what a sentence looks like (capital letter, punctuation and finger spaces). In reading we are identifying the physical parts of a book (spine, cover page, title page) and reading the words I, can, see, the, we, a, like and to. In math we are working on counting to 50 aloud and counting, writing and identifying numbers from 1 to 10. Since the weather is changing, please put your child's name in their coats as many students have the same coat. We are looking forward to another wonderful quarter!



### First Grade

Wow, it's already November! This month we will continue to work on letters and sounds. We will also be working on identifying the main topic and key details of a nonfiction text. In math we will continue working on adding and subtracting, as well as using doubles and near doubles to add and subtract. Beginning this month, we will start our science unit with experiments the last Friday of each month.

### Second Grade

We are looking forward to November for many reasons! In reading we will be learning about fables. These stories are great and they always have a moral revealed at the end! In math we will be practicing 2-digit addition!





### Third Grade

Happy November! This month third grade will be tackling multiplication using strategies such as equal groups, arrays, skip counting and repeated addition. In reading we will focus on poetry and identifying the author's perspective. We will also read expository text and practice identifying the main idea and key details.

### Fourth Grade

Happy fall fourth grade families!!! Thank you so much for coming to parent/teacher conferences! We enjoyed connecting with you and talking about all the fabulous ways your students have grown. We have been reading about animal and spider adaptations during the month of October. Now we are focusing our reading strategies on text features and how they help us better understand a story. We have also been working on main ideas and key details that support the main idea with summaries. In math we will start two factor double digit multiplication. We are teaching students how to multiply using the box method, expanded algorithm and the standard algorithm so they understand what the partial products are and that there are many ways to solve a problem. Fourth grade is not giving homework at this time. If you want to work with your child at home, please have them read 20 minutes a day, either on their own or with an adult, as well as working on memorizing multiplication facts.



### Fifth Grade

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, fifth grade families! This quarter we will dive deeper into long division. We will also move into multiplication and division of decimals. Remember to have your students use Aleks, Zearn, and/or Reflex for extra math support at home! During reading we will be working on determining the theme of stories, folktales and poems. We will continue to practice RACE responses and summaries! In addition to all of our learning we will take time to celebrate all of the wonderful holidays that come up during this quarter. What a great time of year to be an elementary student!!!



### Art

Students in grades Kinder, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> have artwork on display this month throughout the hallways! Their beautiful masterpieces are brightening our hallways with color and designs! I look forward to seeing what our Gator artists will create the rest of this year!



### Music

We are having a fantastic time in music. Fifth graders are finalizing their state drawings and will use technology to research state facts. Fourth graders are learning the patriotic song "What Did Delaware?" with a lot of energy and movement. Third grade is learning the song "Piñata." We will have a real piñata full of treats in class. Second grade is learning the song "You Can Count on Me" that is about being dependable and trustworthy. First graders are learning the "Number Eating Alligator" song that compares numbers that are greater than or less than. Kindergarteners are learning to identify fast and slow tempos and are playing instruments. All students continue to build and develop their musical skills. It is a joy to work with your students.



## P.E.

We will start the volleyball unit with all grade levels. We will be starting with the basic skills like setting, serving and different types of passes. Eventually we will be playing games as a class.



## School Nurse

Flu season is here, so it's time to start thinking about getting flu shots for your family. The number of COVID cases remains high in El Paso County, which is all the more reason to protect yourself and your children from the flu. Some simple steps you can take at home to help prevent the spread of the flu are:

- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after blowing your nose.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth - this is how germs spread.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces regularly around your home.



## Counselor's Corner

Greetings Aragon Families! Our wonderful Aragon Alligators are learning about good character through our new **Golden Gators** initiative. Each quarter students will learn about and practice positive character traits. At the end of each quarter, one student from each class who displays the quarterly character trait and consistently sets a positive example for their peers will be nominated by their teacher to be the classroom **Golden Gator**. The second quarter focus will be on **RESPECT**. Here are some simple ideas to generate discussion and learn more about **RESPECT** in your home with your child:

- ✓ Model respect - children learn by example. When correcting your children, do so respectfully.
- ✓ Praise and talk with your children when they demonstrate respect. Use kind words and good manners. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Listen to what others have to say. Follow the rules. Appreciate differences among people. Take care of other people's property at school, home, and in the community. Help others.
- ✓ Establish age-appropriate expectations and limits ahead of time.
- ✓ Ask your children to tell you about "affirmations" or "put-ups" at school.
- ✓ Teach your children to respect the differences and individualities of others. Learn about traditions from other cultures or families.
- ✓ Read about Respect
  - *Brave Highland Heart* by Heather Kellerhals-Stewart
  - *What Happened to Marion's Book* by Brook Berg
  - *Kaya's Hero: A Story of Giving* by Janet Shaw
  - *King of the Pond* by Carl Sommer

We appreciate all you do for your students and for our community!

The following students were nominated as the Golden Gators for Quarter 1 - Perseverance

<p><b>Kinder</b>          Fiore: Jay'Onna Gamble          Montoya: Lyden Gutierrez          Rodriguez: Maxsol Thibou</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>          Cox: Jack Guevara-Mendoza          Rambadt: Nevaeh Colvard          Schrepel: Dana Carrera Ramos          Wright: Rowan LaPenna</p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>          Edwards: Emma Giles          Govin: Angelikah Cepeda          Lewis: Sebastian Cruz-Colmenares</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>          Camacho: Rashard Turner          Greenberg: Zurisadai Urbina          Revering: Letcy Dykema</p>	<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>          Brink: Penelope Burns          Munger: Alicia Cochran          Sammon: Charlie McClain</p>	<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>          Koslosky: Jomaris Mendoza          West: Carlos Carrera Ramos</p>

