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ARBURY HILLS SCHOOL
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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Letter from the Principal

Dear Arbury Hills School Family:

Welcome autumn! As October begins I hope you and your children are enjoying the colorful sights of fall and are taking advantage of all that fall has to offer. This is a wonderful season to make family memories.

Students and teachers have been working very hard at Arbury Hills during the first quarter. Our goal is to challenge and enrich your child academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you for your time and support at home, too. Please continue to build independence in your child by overseeing homework time each night. Daily reading and math fact practice are also important for school success.

I hope you enjoy the October newsletter!

Sincerely,
John Snipes



UPCOMING DATES

- 9/29 – Clubs Begin
- 9/30 – Progress Reports in PowerSchool
- 10/1 – Fire Safety Presentations Begin
- 10/1 – STAR Assessment Results Sent Home (1st – 4th Graders)
- 10/3 – ISAT Results Sent Home (4th Graders)
- 10/6 – Tutoring Begins
- 10/7 – Picture Retakes
- 10/8 – School Board Meeting
- 10/9 – STARS Treat Day
- 10/10 – Early Dismissal (12:10)
- 10/13 – Columbus Day – No School
- 10/14 – STARS Meeting (3:30)
- 10/16 – STARS Hot Lunch
- 10/16 – LWN Joint Fall Concert
- 10/20 – Market Day Pickup
- 10/22 – Bookmobile
- 10/22 – School Board Meeting
- 10/28 – End of 1st Quarter
- 10/29 – PBIS Cart
- 10/31 – STARS Halloween Party (must have completed volunteer form to help)

Assessment Results

STAR assessment results will be sent home on October 1 for all students. Students will receive data in the areas of Reading / Early Literacy and Math. ISAT score reports will be sent home with our 4th graders on October 3.

Please contact your child's teacher with questions. You may wish to bring these documents with you to Parent / Teacher Conferences in November.

Outdoor Activity

Activity is an essential part of our day. We do go outside for recess daily. Students should wear safe shoes for outdoor play. Also, as the weather begins to cool, please be sure to send your child with a sweatshirt or light jacket.

District 161 Climate Survey

We are requesting your participation in a very important parent survey as the results will form our baseline for future progress. The survey includes questions about communication, safety, and academics. It is open now through October 10 and takes up to 10 minutes to complete. The survey can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D161ParentClimate>

STARS Update – Important News from our STARS SCO

Are you getting the weekly Volunteer opportunity emails from Wendy Gonzales on Monday? If not, maybe you missed filling out the volunteer form. STARS stills need VOLUNTEERS for the 2014-15 school year. You can easily sign up [HERE](#). Then you will be ready to help with activities like the Halloween Party at the end of the month. *(You will also need to complete the District Volunteer Form.)*

Our next STARS meeting will be Tuesday, October 14th at 3:30 in the library. Childcare will be provided.

Do you like to help plan student activities? Maybe your skills are organizational or you are good at bookkeeping. STARS needs to fill a few open positions. Contact [Wendy Gonzales](#) or [Rhiannon Kustak](#) if you are interested in helping with any of these areas.

Thank you for helping to sell the [KidStuff Coupon Book](#). We hope you enjoy using your coupons and your free Domino's pizza. Unfortunately, we did not make our goal of 500 books sold.

Check out the: [Arbury Hills School Calendar online!](#)

- Thursday, October 9- Treat Day
- Tuesday, October 14- STARS meeting at 3:30pm
- Thursday, October 16- 2nd Grade AVIC
- Thursday, October 16- Hot Lunch
- Thursday, October 16- Market Day orders due online by 11pm
- Friday, October 17- 1st Grade AVIC
- Monday, October 20- Market Day pickup 5:30-6:30pm
- Wednesday, October 29- Scholastic Book Fair Parent Breakfast Event (before school)
- Wednesday, October 29- Scholastic Book Fair with classes (during school)
- Wednesday, October 29- PBIS cart
- Thursday, October 30- Scholastic Book Fair with classes (during school)
- Friday, October 31- Halloween Parade and Party

STARS Continued...



Do you [Shoparoo](#)?

This is the easiest way to earn money for the students!

You do not need to buy certain brands or shop at certain places. The only requirement is a phone or tablet and your receipts. Download the [free app today](#) and help STARS fund the extra student clubs!



October's [Market Day](#) pickup is Monday the 20th from 5:30-6:30pm in the multi-purpose (lunch) room. Place your order online before 11pm on Thursday, October 16th for the Arbury Hills SCO, #3148 pickup location. Make sure you enter the school at [Door 18](#) for pickup.



Keep clipping and turning in your [Box Tops](#), [Labels for Education](#) and [Tyson labels](#) to your teachers.

The Arbury Hills Boxtopoly game has started. Ask your child how his/her class is doing.

Did you know? Labels for Education will give us the point value stated on the clipped Label. The teachers can use the points to buy stuff for their classroom.

Any High School Students needing community service hours can [email Wendy](#) for more service hour opportunity information.

Like STARS on [Facebook](#) to stay informed.

You can also visit the [STARS webpage](#) if you have any questions.

Tech Bytes



Students have been busy in Technology class already this year. First and second grade students have been using Pixie. Pixie is a software program where students can share their creations using a combination of text, images, and original artwork. Third and fourth grade students have been working with Microsoft Word. They are editing work to highlight text, change font, text size and colors, as well as utilizing bold, italics, and underlining. They are also learning shortcuts to use superscript, subscript, and strikethrough text.

Third and fourth grade students have also begun using our keyboarding program at school. Type to Learn 4 is a web-based program available for you to download for home use as well. Please encourage them to practice their keyboarding skills at home. Information was sent home last week with instructions for downloading, along with your child's username and password.

Student password information packets (pink cover sheet) for each student were sent home last week to keep near your computer. Included are instructions for accessing Think Central/Go Math (Science and Math resources), Study Island (academic practice lessons/games), and Type to Learn 4 (keyboarding). Your child's username and password for each website are listed with each page. **THINK CENTRAL/GO MATH WORKS BEST WITH GOOGLE CHROME OR FIREFOX** (*Internet Explorer does not allow certain features to work*). If you have questions about your child's access to one of these web-based programs, please feel free to email me at chudziak@summithill.org.

Finally, most of our students are very quick to swipe a cell phone, iPad, or tablet screen to manipulate a computer program these days. However, working on fine motor control skills to use a mouse will benefit our students as well. Any practice on a computer at home with a mouse would greatly help them also.



First grader Zoe Dore (Mrs. Wojcik's class) is busy illustrating the sentence she typed using the Pixie program.



From the Nurse's Office***Keeping Healthy Classrooms***

In order to provide as healthy a school environment as possible for students and staff, please use the following guidelines to assist you with decisions relating to your child's health and school attendance. Upon making the decision to keep your child home, please notify the school before 9:00 A.M. that the student will be absent.

Common Cold – Irritated throat, clear or whitish discharge from nose and eyes, sneezing, chills, cough, and general body discomfort. Your child should remain home if symptoms are serious enough to interfere with his/her ability to learn. Medical care should be obtained if symptoms persist beyond 7-10 day, if fever greater than 100°F develops, or if discharge becomes yellow or green.

Fever – If a child's temperature is 100°F or greater, he/she should remain at home until they have been without a fever for a full 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Remember that fever is a symptom indicating the presence of an illness.

Flu – Sudden onset of fever, chills, headache and sore muscles. Runny nose, sore throat and cough are common. Your child should remain home until symptoms are gone and the child is without fever for a full 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

Head Lice – Your child may return to school after completion of recommended treatment and when ALL nits (eggs) have been removed. A doctor's note will be needed to return to school.

Pink Eye – Redness and swelling of the membranes of one or both eyes with burning or itching, discharge, or crusted eyelids. Your child should remain home until receiving a full 24 hours of antibiotic therapy and when discharge from the eyes has stopped.

Skin Rashes – A physician should evaluate skin rashes of unknown origin before your child is sent to school. A child having any rash of unknown origin will be sent home until cleared by a doctor.

Strep Throat – Begins with fever, sore, red throat, pus spots on the back of the throat, and tender swollen glands in the neck. High fever, nausea and vomiting also may occur. Your child should remain home until he/she has received a full 24 hours of antibiotic therapy and until he/she has been without vomiting and fever for a full 24 hours without the aid of medication.

Feeling ill – (Stomachache, cramping, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, headache, all associated with body aches). Your child should remain at home until he/she has had none of the above noted symptoms for a full 24 hours.

If your child had any of the above symptoms over night, he/she should not be sent to school the following day; even if the child reports feeling “fine” in the morning.

Recommendations* to protect your family from respiratory illness include:

If you or a family member are experiencing cold-like symptoms with wheezing or difficulty breathing, contact your physician immediately to arrange for appropriate testing and care.

- To prevent spread of respiratory illness due to enterovirus, influenza, and other infections in the school and work settings, we recommend that ill persons stay home if experiencing respiratory illness symptoms (such as fever, cough, sore throat, and wheezing).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs and toys, especially if someone is sick.
- To protect against influenza, get yourself and your family vaccinated against seasonal flu. Vaccination is recommended yearly for everyone 6 months and older.

*** Will County Epidemiology & Communicable Disease Program**

Mr. Snipes visits Mrs. Baker's classroom to read an apple tree book aloud.



Summit Hill Hilda Walker Athletic Boosters

PRESENTS

BIDDY BALL

Do you love basketball? Do you like to play with your friends?
Are you a 1st through 4th grade student?

Sign up today to be a part of the fun!

Registration deadline is Friday, October 24.

Biddy Ball practices will be scheduled for one hour
on Saturday, November 8, between 8:00 a.m.–noon

Biddy Ball Games will be held Friday, November 14, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

THE SUMMIT HILL BASKETBALL TEAMS WILL BE COACHING THE TEAMS

Cost per child is \$15.00 (includes a t-shirt*)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) of child (children) _____

Elementary School _____

Grade _____

Parents Name(s) _____

E-mail address _____

Phone Number _____

Shirt Size YS YM YL YXL AS AM

I am registering _____ child(ren)

x \$ 15 _____

Total \$ _____

The booster club is always looking for help!
if you are interested in joining or can help
with the event please check the box(es) below.

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Registration Concessions

Please submit this registration form with a check (made payable to SHHWAB)
to the office of your elementary school.

If your registration is not received by the deadline date, you are not guaranteed a t-shirt.



Second Graders are Sprouting

Things are really growing in Mrs. Ervick's second grade classroom! In Science class, students learned about living and nonliving things. They studied animals and plants, and learned about their needs. As a culminating activity, students planted bean seeds in clear cups. They watched the germination begin, and studied roots, stems, and leaves and the purposes of each. We are having a "blooming" good time! Back row from left to right are Shawn Kriepps, Casey Keblusek, Shayla Kim, Shawn Rogers. Front row is Daniel Sinde, Jacob Purpura, Hannah Marsh, and Sicily Burriss.



Friendship Fruit Salad

The third graders in Mrs. Schimke, Mrs. Cissell, and Mrs. Delegatto's classes started the year with a special Friendship Fruit Salad. After getting to know each other and learning about cooperation and working together, the students brought in different types of fruit and mixed it together for a delicious beginning of the year treat!



New Math Resource: Go Math! published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is a new resource being utilized at Arbury Hills School to help students meet the Common Core / Illinois Learning Standards. Pictured left to right are second graders Dylan Vladika and Matthew Ni playing a mathematical game developed to help students master the skills of even and odd numbers.



Mrs. Wojcik's 1st grade class and Mrs. Schimke's 3rd grade class are Pen Pals this year. They will get together for special projects all year long. This is the first time the classes got together. They got to know each other outside at a fun recess.





Summit Hill School District 161

Arbury Hills School ▪ Frankfort Square School ▪ Indian Trail School
Dr. Julian Rogus School ▪ Walker Intermediate School ▪ Summit Hill Jr. High

Volunteers will complete this form one time each school year.

(Please print)

Name _____
Last First Middle Cell

Address _____
Street City Zip

Signature of Volunteer _____ Date _____

For School Use:

General description of assignment(s):

- Supervising students as needed by a teacher
- Supervising students during a regularly scheduled activity
- Assisting with academic programs
- Assisting at the resource center or main office
- Assisting in the cafeteria
- Other _____

Name of supervising staff member _____

Illinois Sex Offender Database Registry, www.isp.state.il.us/sor/

Registry checked by: _____ Date: _____

Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry, www.isp.state.il.us/cmvo/

Registry checked by: _____ Date: _____

Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW), www.nsopr.gov

NSOPW checked by: _____ Date: _____