

Quote of the Month: "Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." John Wooden

Welcome to the April 2025 newsletter of the Argyle Wisconsin School District.

Congratulations Part 1: The Argyle American Legion would like to share that they received many nominations for the Argyle Educator of the Year. Ms. Susie Mathys (Elementary) and Ms. Carmen Montgomery (Secondary) were selected as Educators of the Year for 2025. Both will receive donations to their departments from the American Legion. Award plaques will be presented at the Legions Memorial Day Ceremony with a meal to follow.

Congratulations Part 2: We would like to congratulate Middle School Math Teacher Jolene Slater for being nominated as one of the top math teachers in southwest Wisconsin. Jolene was nominated for her excellent work in the classroom and her many contributions to the school and community.

Advancing Argyle: Advancing Argyle is a community group working to develop ways to grow the Argyle community. Their first meeting was in February and they have developed some working groups to look at certain issues. Please watch the newspaper for announcements regarding upcoming meetings.

State Testing: We are in the middle of state testing season. Students in grades 3-8 are taking the Wisconsin Forward exams with the testing end date being April 25, although we hope to complete testing prior to spring break. Students in grades 9 and 10 are taking the Pre-ACT on Tuesday April 15 and grade 10 students will also be taking the Forward Exam Social Studies test in April. Grade 11 students took the ACT test in March.

We would ask that you please make sure your student eats a good breakfast and gets enough sleep in preparation not only for the testing but any day of school.

Statewide Tornado Drill: The state tornado drill will be held on Thursday April 10 beginning at 1:45. There will also be a drill at 6:45 that same evening.

Open Enrollment: The open enrollment regular application period begins at midnight on Monday, February 3rd and continues until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday April 30. The Argyle

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School District welcomes new applications into the district for the 2025-2026 school year. We have put a couple of limits on open enrollment into the district. We will not accept open enrollment applications for students with existing IEP's (unless they already have siblings enrolled in the district.), additionally, we have a limit on the number of incoming grade 4 students due to our enrollment in that grade level.

Blood Drive: There will be a blood drive on Tuesday April 15 from 12:00-5:00 in the cafetorium at school.

DPI Federal Funding Map: Below is a link to a DPI site where you can take a look at how much federal funding a school district receives. You simply put in the name of the school district and it will pop up. A quick note that the data is from 2023-2024. Our current number is about \$280,000.

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Spring Election: Tuesday April 1 is the Spring Election. State Supreme Court, State Superintendent of Schools and local races including school board are on the ballot.

Spelling Bee: The school Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday April 8 at 9:15.

Wires and Fires: We have Alliant Energy scheduled to come to our school on Wednesday, April 16, to give their "Wires and Fires" presentation to students in grades 6-12. They will begin at 8:15 a.m. and should wrap up around 9 a.m., just in time for our students to get on the buses for the Brewers game.

State Forensics Meet: We have a large group of students who will be competing at the State Forensics Meet on Friday April 11.

Spring Break: Our Spring Break is from Thursday April 17 through Monday April 21.

Summer School: The district sponsors a summer school program that will run Monday – Thursday the weeks of June 9 and 16. Summer school runs from 8:00-3:30 on those eight days. Enrollment paperwork and class options will be coming home soon.

High School Graduation: The Class of 2025 will be graduating on Saturday May 24 at 11:00. (*Please note the time change from previous years.*) Please come and support our sixteen graduates.

School District App: The district has an app that has been in place since last school year. If you have not downloaded it yet we would encourage you to do so. Lunch menus, school activities, and school updates are all on the app.

School Closures: All school closures due to severe weather or other causes will be posted on the school app, school webpage, and Facebook. Additionally, we use the traditional Madison TV

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stations and local radio stations. Radio stations include WEKZ 1260/93.7 and WDMP 810/99.3. TV stations are WISC Channel 3, WMTV Channel 15, and WKOW Channel 27.

Food and After School Care Accounts: Please keep your food accounts up to date, you can check online and you can make e-payments. Students whose breakfast/lunch accounts are in the negative will be provided with a basic meal but are not able to get extra food. Students who are on Free and Reduced meals will still be provided the normal breakfast or lunch but will NOT be able to receive extra food until accounts are brought up to date. Extra food is not covered by the free and reduced program.

The After School Program also needs to be maintained and up to date. You may also use epayment for this. Please remember that if your account is past due we may not allow your student to attend until the account is current.

Key Upcoming Dates

Tuesday April 1 Spring Election

Thursday April 3 Board of Canvassers meet @ 10:00 a.m. District office

Tuesday April 8 School Spelling Bee

Wednesday April 9 Board Meeting @ 5:30 (Note the time change.)

Wednesday April 9 FFA Banquet @ 7:00

Thursday April 10 Statewide Tornado Drill @ 1:45

Friday April 11 State Forensics Meet

Tuesday April 15 Pre-ACT Test for all students in grades 9 and 10

Tuesday April 15 Blood Drive 12:00-5:00

Wednesday April 16 Secondary Incentive Trip to the Brewers game

Thursday-Monday April 17-21 Spring Break

Tuesday April 22 School Resumes

Saturday April 26 State Solo and Ensemble

Saturday May 3 Prom

Wednesday May 14 School Board Meeting @ 6:00

Friday May 23 Seniors Final Day

Saturday May 24 Graduation Day @ 11:00

Monday May 26 Memorial Day – No School

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Thursday May 29 Final Day of School

Friday May 30 Teacher Work Day

Monday June 9 Summer School Begins

Wednesday June 11 School Board Meeting @ 6:00

Thursday June 19 Summer School Ends

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