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**Quote of the Month:** *“May you always have enough happiness to keep you sweet; enough trials to keep you strong; enough success to keep you eager; enough faith to give you courage; and enough determination to make each day a good day.” Chinese Proverb*

Welcome to the February newsletter of the Argyle School District.

**Blood Drive:** The next blood drive is Tuesday, February 18th, from noon - 5 pm at Argyle High School. If you donate, you will get a coupon to Culvers in Monroe and a coupon to Kwik Trip. If you schedule your appointment using the app or website, you will be sent a $15 gift card as well.

**2025 School Board Election**

The 2025 School Board election will be for the seats now occupied by Board Clerk Kevin Slater and Board Treasurer Nicole Meinert. Both Nicole and Kevin are running again and no one filed paperwork to run against them. The general election is on April 1. All elected members must take the Oath of Office by April 28 which is also the official day that their 3-year term begins.

**Child Development Day:**

Argyle School District will be holding a Child Development Day for all pre-school children.

***WHEN:*** Friday, February 28, 2025 from 9 AM to 2 PM

 ***WHO:*** This is for children ages 2 ½ to 5 years’ old who are not currently attending school.

***WHERE:*** Argyle Schools 14665 State Rd. 78 Argyle

To make an appointment to have your child screen, please contact Ms. Kandy Wunschel at [kawunschel@argyle.k12.wi.us](kawunschel%40argyle.k12.wi.us)

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

**National Counselor Appreciation Week:** The week of February 3 is National School Counselor Appreciation Week. If you see Ms. Johnsen, please give her some props!

**National CTE Month:** February is National Career and Technical Education Month. We would like to thank our CTE teachers for the work they do with our students. Many thanks to Business and Technology teacher Carmen Montgomery, Agriculture teacher Kendahl Schlueter, and Technical Education teacher Jason Leopold. We are fortunate to have a wide variety of classes and options for our students to explore careers in these fields.

**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 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.

**Youth Risk Behavior Survey – Date Change**

The district will be conducting the annual Youth Risk Behavior Survey on Friday March 14 (Please note that this is a date change) for all middle school and high school students. This survey is a statewide collection of data related to students and risky behavior. Parents may opt their student out of this by sending an email to rarefsland@argyle.k12.wi.us by March 5 if you have not already done so.

**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 e-payment for this. Please remember that if your account is past due we may not allow your student to attend until the account is current.

**Athletics**

Winter athletics are all in progress at the high school levels. By the end of the month all teams will be involved in state tournament action. Schedules are posted on the website and on the school district app.

Spring sports will begin practices in mid-March with contests beginning in late March or early April.

**Key Upcoming Dates**

Wednesday February 12 Board Meeting @ 6:00

Tuesday February 18 Blood Drive 12:00-5:00

Thursday February 20 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday February 21 Professional Development Day

Friday February 28 Child Development Day

Tuesday March 11 ACT Test for all Grade 11 Students

Wednesday March 12 Board Meeting @ 6:00

Thursday March 20 End 3rd Quarter

Friday March 21 Professional Development Day

Monday March 24 4th Quarter Begins

Please feel free to contact me at 608-543-3318 ext. 304 or via email at rarefsland@argyle.k12.wi.us .