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**Quote of the Month:** *“[Kids] don't remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are.” Jim Henson*

Welcome to January, this is the monthly newsletter of the Argyle School District and our intent is to provide information so that all stakeholders of the district are fully informed.  ***We hope you all have a terrific 2025!***

**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. Candidacy paperwork can be obtained in the District office and filed beginning December 1 and is due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 7, 2025 to the school district office. Both incumbents have filed paperwork to run again.

If a primary is needed (more than 4 candidates) it will be held on February 18 and 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.

**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**

The district will be conducting the annual Youth Risk Behavior Survey on February 20 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 February 13.

**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.

**Winter Athletics**

Winter athletics are all in progress at the high school levels. Schedules are posted on the website and on the school district app.

**Key Dates**

Wednesday January 8 School Board Meeting @ 6:00

Thursday January 16 2nd Quarter/First Semester Ends

Friday January 17 Professional Development Day

Monday January 20 Begin 3rd Quarter

Monday January 27 Six Rivers Conference Honors Band @ Albany

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

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