

Dear Arrowhead Families,

Welcome to Arrowhead Elementary School, where we are educating the students for what lies ahead. I am excited to be part of a very dedicated team of teachers and support staff who are committed to excellence in learning and education. As such, we have the highest expectations for our students and ourselves. Our common core standards based classrooms, partnered with skill development in curricular areas, helps to prepare our students for greater success. Together, we strive to create a nurturing classroom environment that enhances self-esteem, increases student achievement, and promotes enthusiasm in learning. At Arrowhead, we are proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff as we work together in a warm and nurturing school environment. We are dedicated to educating the whole child.

Our energetic Arrowhead Home and School Association provides many activities and programs for students and families. Together, we work hand-in-hand with our Home and School Association, developing partnerships with our families and community. Our families share in the success of children through various activities, involvement, and by helping with homework. We encourage parents to contact their child/children's teacher anytime they have a concern, question or even a compliment that they would like to share.

We, the staff of Arrowhead, are looking forward to the new school year. Our 2019-2020 school theme is Be the one...to Encourage, to Empower, to Inspire. As such, we will work together throughout the school year to encourage and support each other as we learn, grow, and achieve. An emphasis will be placed on fostering a nurturing school community through teamwork in a safe, respectful, and responsible school environment. Thank you for visiting our addendum.

Sincerely,

Dr. Aaron Roberts

Principal

General Information

Click on the following links to learn more about Arrowhead.

[Arrowhead Home and School](#)

[Welcome to AHAS](#)

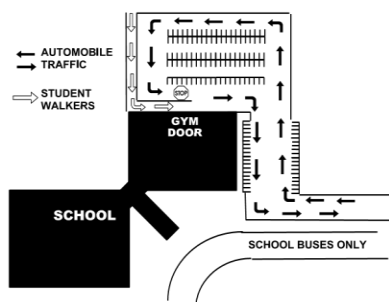
[AHAS Calendar of Events](#)

Driving, Walking and Parking

It is imperative that our front driveway — and our side parking lot — remain open at all times! When buses are loading or unloading in the front, cars may not enter the traffic circle.

We ask your cooperation in using the parking areas located at the rear of the building. Please observe that there are areas where no stopping is allowed, such as in the line of traffic at the side parking lot. Also, there are two handicapped parking areas in the side parking lot. Please respect the handicapped parking spaces, and use them only if you have a handicapped license.

When dropping students off before school or picking students up after school, drivers must follow the white arrows around the rear parking lot. All students must enter the building via the rear driveway entrance to the gym. This includes walkers, who will follow a protected path along the edge of the parking lot to the gym door.



Leaving School

Going Home with Another Child

If your child is to go home with another child after school, two notes are required, one from you and one from the parent of the other child. We will not grant permission for a child to go home with another child without the two notes.

Early Pickup of Children

If you must pick up your child during the school day, come to the office and we will call the child from class while you sign them out. Families who have unusual custodial situations are to inform the office in writing. This information will be kept confidential and shared with office staff and homeroom teacher.

Field Trip Medication Procedures

If your child currently takes any type of medication and plans to attend a class field trip, one of the following rules will be followed:

1. Time of dispensing the medication will be adjusted.
2. Medication will be dispensed by the principal's designee. (The nurse will package and label it with the appropriate information: name of student, name of medication, dosage, and time to be administered).
3. The student's parent may be asked to accompany the child on the trip.
4. The school nurse may determine that a nurse should dispense the medication. If a nurse is needed, arrangements will be made to have a nurse accompany the student on the field trip for the purpose of dispensing the medication only.
5. If a nurse or parent is unable to accompany the student, the matter will be referred to the principal for final disposition.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

An afternoon sports program for 4th graders, which runs from November to April. The After School Sports program at Arrowhead provides a variety of sports. The focus of this program concentrates on student participation with a fun and relaxing atmosphere rather than on winning and losing games.

ORCHESTRA, CHORUS AND BAND

All of these programs meet before school. Orchestra (string instruments) is open to students in grades 3 and 4. Chorus and band are for students in grade 4. All perform at the winter and spring concerts, and at school district art events and in the community. The directors are Mrs. Michele Sinnott (chorus), Mrs. Danielle DiRenzo (band), and Mrs. Susan Basalik (orchestra).

READING OLYMPICS

The Reading Olympics program is sponsored by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit and run by Mrs. Dawn Montare and Arrowhead librarians. Teams of 4th graders compete against many schools from all over the county in the spring of the year. Students read books on their own, selected from a list of over 45 books and answer questions as a team.

SAFETY PATROL

Fourth graders are chosen to assume the serious responsibility of monitoring students as they arrive at, and depart from, school.

SPANISH CLUB

This after-school club is for students in grade 2 and is designed to introduce children to conversational Spanish.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Arrowhead Student Council is a student led organization comprised of elected third and fourth grade homeroom representatives. Student Council aims to support the school (students, faculty, Home & School Association), organize and implement service projects to benefit the school and community, promote school spirit, provide leadership opportunities for students, foster problem solving, decision

making, and teamwork among students, and encourage citizenship, respect and responsibility. Student Council members work with the Arrowhead student body to represent their interests and voice their concerns. The Arrowhead Student Council meets every other Friday in the library at 8am. The Student Council faculty advisors are Sara Kehs, Laura MacCorkle, and Katie Young.

STAYING INVOLVED

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS

Please save box tops from General Mills cereals and other products that bear the special "Box Tops for Education" logo. Each box top turned in means additional funds for the school.

GIANT A+ SCHOOL REWARDS

Register your Giant shoppers card in the A+ School Rewards Program, and AHSA earns a portion of your total bill each time your shop at Giant.

MEMBERSHIP

Every Arrowhead family is automatically a member of the Home and School Association. Each family is welcome and encouraged to attend all AHSA meetings.

RIF (READING IS FUNDAMENTAL)

The Reading Is Fundamental Program, funded by AHSA, allows every Arrowhead student and staff member to choose a book during distribution on Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 2nd). These books are for the children's enjoyment and provide a positive reinforcement for reading.

ROOM PARENTS

Room mothers/fathers are those dedicated Home and School volunteers who organize treats and games for holiday classroom parties and assist with classroom volunteer registration and other organizational activities.

STUDENT DIRECTORY

A compilation of students' names, addresses, phone numbers and emails by class is available a few weeks after school begins. This year due to past successful fundraising, every Arrowhead family will receive a directory at no cost.

VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL

Volunteering is a great way to stay involved in our school activities. Methacton School District follows the State of Pennsylvania requirements for volunteering with youth. Please see this page for all information on how to become a MSD Board approved volunteer:

<http://www.methacton.org/page/279>

WATCH D.O.G.S. PROGRAM

Arrowhead Elementary has implemented the WATCH D.O.G.S. program. WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center For Fathering. Fathers and positive male role models have volunteered their time to spend a day with students at Arrowhead. [Click here to learn more about Watch Dogs](#)

WEB SITE/EMAIL COMMUNICATION

The Arrowhead Home and School web site can be accessed through the Methacton School District web site, at <http://www.methacton.org/domain/421>. Arrowhead Home and School also sends home a weekly email with information for parents, with a mailing list composed from our school directory. [Click here](#) to access [Konstella](#) and get signed up to receive weekly communication

YEARBOOK

Our Arrowhead Yearbook is published in the spring and is a special remembrance of the school year.

Looking forward to an outstanding 2019-2020 school year!