March is Reading Madness at Arnold
Arnold Elementary has both reading and basketball fever in the month of March. There have been so many great activities happening this month to get students and staff excited about reading. Through our first ever "Battle of the Books," students have had the choice to select winning books in a tournament type of bracket. The final match up, which all students will vote on, is between "The Big Bad Wolves at School" and "Goatilocks and the 3 Bears."
Other activities this month have included:
- Classroom Door Decorating
- Read-at-Home Challenges
- Buddy Reading
- Mystery Readers
- Reading Dress-up Days
- Mr. Jim Magic Show Assembly
- Drop Everything and Read
- Jim “Basketball” Jones Assembly
- Ice Cream Social & Awards Assembly

Arnold Battle of the Books
Cardinal Success!

Ladies and gentlemen - a round of applause for all of you involved in the Cardinal Family! That goes for all of you: community members, parents, family, coaches, students, businesses, stakeholders….all of you. All of you are responsible in some way for the many successes we’ve experienced so far this year, and continue to experience.

In the past two weeks we’ve achieved an absurd level of athletic excellence. Our cheer team, bowling team, and an individual bowler, made the state finals and had an excellent showing. Our wrestling team had two individual state champions and a runner up. Our boys basketball team had a 19-win season and lost in a very competitive District Final. Our girls basketball team won their District game and then lost a tough game in the Regional round of the state tournament.

As exciting as the athletic news is, we are even more thrilled about the success we’re having in academics and the arts. Our high school robotics team (The MC Hammers!) had their first competition over the past weekend. We were hoping they would have fun and learn at their first meet. All they did was WIN THE WHOLE THING! Robotics has been awesome for the district as it promotes communication, teamwork, collaboration, creativity, and more. The same could be said about the benefits of music education. Speaking of music, our high school band went to Festival on the same day that Robotics were dominating. The band received “1’s” across the board from a panel of distinguished judges. That’s the highest rating possible. Our music education success can be attributed to an extraordinarily strong program that begins at Arnold and is enriched throughout all grade levels.

Temperature Controls and School Safety

It’ll be a busy couple months structurally in all of our district’s buildings. We have contracted with Gardiner to upgrade our temperature controls in all of the buildings. This will allow us the ability to control temperatures in designated areas and promote efficiency which should lead to cost savings. Thanks to the School Safety Grant and the almost $66,000 that came with it we have new P.A. systems being installed in all of our buildings. We also have security film being installed on windows at all three buildings.

We’re looking forward to an awesome finish to what has been a great school-year. Thank you for all that you do for our students, and thank you for being a proud member of the Cardinal Family.

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Prom May 4th
Sauk Valley Farms Resort, Brooklyn
8:00pm-11:00pm
Advisor: Gina Chomic

11th Grade State Testing
April 9th SAT( 11th Grade Students Dismissed After Test is Complete approximately 12:15)
April 10th ACT Work Keys (Students have a full day)
April 11th MME (Students Dismissed After Testing is Complete, Approximately 10/10:30)

9th & 10th Grade State Testing
April 9th PSAT 9 & PSAT 10 (Students have full day)

Senior Exams
May 16th Hours 5,6,7 Exams, Dismissal 2:28pm
May 17th Hours 1,2,3 Exams, Dismissal 11am
Senior Luncheon 11:05-
Senior Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory)
May 21st 9:30am
Senior Class Night (Mandatory)
May 29th 7pm
Senior Baccalaureate
May 30th 7pm
Commencement Ceremony
May 31st 7pm
The art students at MCHS have been busy all year gearing up for the annual county art show. The Jackson County Art Show will take place at Jackson Crossing from April 22nd through May 6th. Set up for the show will be that Monday with judging taking place on Tuesday morning. Please be sure to mark your calendar and make time to visit our display. I promise you won’t be disappointed. Our students have been hard at work and have created some amazing works of art.

Tracy VanSickle
Art Teacher 9 - 12

Michigan Center Schools
Drug Forum

The drug forum was a full day where students in grades 7-12 learned about the real life consequences of drugs, alcohol, sexual abuse, etc. Presenters who have experienced these problems first hand or are professionals involving the content came in to share their stories to educate the students on these life-changing events and how to deal with them. Their eye-opening stories allowed students to realize the seriousness of these issues, and that they can happen to anyone. Our goal was for each student to leave at the end of the day having learned one thing they did not previously know and hopefully wanting to BE THE CHANGE! We feel this was an extremely impactful day and feel it was a great success. Thank you to our Leadership class for all of their planning, organizing, and implementing.

Michigan Center Schools
Preschool/Child Care News

The child care program serves children 3 – 12 years of age. We have programs that run year round – all day, as well as before & after school. We will begin enrollment for our summer program in April. In the summer, we plan theme days, field trips and fun activities. Enrollment for our 2019-20 school year child care will begin by the end of July.

The preschool program offers classes for 3 and 4 year olds. We have tuition (3 and 4 year old) and GSRP (4 year old, state-funded, and free to those that meet state qualifications) programs. Children are taught in a fun and developmentally appropriate way. Our curriculum is based on the High Scope approach and is aligned with Arnold Elementary. Enrollment for our 2019-20 school year has begun. If you would like information on our tuition classes, you may contact Kim. If you would like to enroll for the GSRP, free program please do so at greatstartjackson.org or call 768-5130 for more information. Classes are filling up fast!

For more information, you may also view our brochure on the Michigan Center School District’s website or “Like” us on Facebook (see link on our page on the website). You may also call us at 764-3380 or email kim.trudell@mccardinals.org for more information.

Congratulations 2019 Spelling Bee Winners!

5th Grade:
Winner: Alex Locke
Alternate: Jack Layher

6th Grade:
Winner: Lydia Meyer
Alternate: Ava Snyder
Michigan Center German classes compete and place in top 3 at the University of Michigan German Day

Forty students from the high school and middle school attended the University of Michigan’s 35th annual German Day on Friday, March 15th. Michigan Center students participated in Art, Commercials, Poetry, Reading, and Video competition this year. The theme for this year was Wanderlust, which is German term for exploring and having a strong desire to learn about life through experiences, travel and nature. Students were able to see events and art work from over 23 different schools throughout the state, including some very strong competitors from schools like Jackson High, Ann Arbor and Deutsche Schule. All of our students performed very well and Michigan Center students placed in the top 3 for two different categories. Kaelin Pond earned a 2nd place for sight reading and Will Janz earned a 3rd place for poetry recitation. Congratulations to all of the students that participated.
Michigan Center Schools
Spring 2019 State Testing Dates

Student Testing….What Parents Can Do To Help Students Prepare
As a parent and your child’s first teacher, you can help your child understand and prepare for the assessments they will take in school. Here are some points that will help your child perform their best:

Find out the facts: To start, review the Michigan Department of Education’s Parent/Student Information on the M-STEP web page (www.michigan.gov/mstep), which includes valuable information on state assessments and the Spring testing calendar.

Talk to your child about testing: Let them know that assessment is a regular part of learning. Make sure they understand why they are being tested and how it is important to their future.

Keep state tests in perspective: Reduce your child’s anxiety about the test by reminding them that it is just one measure of learning, and another way to find out where their academic strengths and weaknesses are. Remind them of what they do well, and how they have improved with effort.

Take a look at the state practice opportunities and encourage your child to practice at home: Not only will this help you better understand the types of questions your child will be answering, it will help familiarize your child with the test format and features. If your child is struggling, let the teacher know so when your child takes the test, the focus can be more on test content and less on test navigation. • M-STEP sample test items can be found on the M-STEP web page (www.michigan.gov/mstep) • PSAT and SAT sample test items can be found on the College Board website (https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat) or the MDE assessment high school page (https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice)

Make sure that your child is well rested and eats a high protein, low sugar/carb breakfast: Children who are tired, hungry or have too much sugar and carbs are less able to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of a test.


Meet with your child’s teacher as often as possible to discuss progress: Ask the teacher to suggest activities for you and your child to do at home to increase and reinforce student learning.

Learn what your child should be learning in English language arts, math, social studies, and science: Michigan learning standards can be found on the State Standards web page (http://tinyurl.com/mistatestandards). In addition, the PTA has developed the PTA Parents’ Guide to Success, which gives descriptions of the skills and knowledge your child is expected to gain every year.

On March 16, Michigan Center High School sent students to State Solo and Ensemble at Chelsea High School. The following students earned either a Division I (Superior) or Division II (Excellent)!

**Division I:**
Clara Sims, flute solo + Proficiency II test
Robbie Janz, alto saxophone solo + Proficiency II test

**Division II:**
Katrina Merrill, bassoon solo + Proficiency III test
Teri Decker and Kelsey Berry, clarinet duet
Robbie Janz, Raean Palmer, David Commet, and Jocelyn Moorehead, saxophone quartet
Kara Altenbernt, flute solo + Proficiency I test
Thomas Fleming, McKale Brooks, Chase Matthews, and Seth Stewart, saxophone quartet
Emily Pepper, clarinet solo + Proficiency II test

On Saturday, March 3 the 7th Grade and 8th Grade Band attended the Michigan Music Education Association’s Instrumental Clinic at Fowlerville High School. They worked with award-winning clinicians on stage, and received excellent feedback. After we performed, we also got to watch other junior high bands from around the state and then went to McDonald’s for a well-earned lunch!

Last weekend, the High School Symphonic Band took home a perfect score of straight Division I (Superior) ratings at MSBOA Band Festival! Please join us for our spring concert and awards ceremony on Thursday, May 16 at 7:00pm!

Please join us for the Jazz Band’s Spaghetti and Swing!! (See flier for details)
SPAGHETTI and SWING

A MICHIGAN CENTER JAZZ BAND & DRUMLINE EXCLUSIVE

Join us for an evening of swing music and tasty spaghetti. All proceeds go to the MC Music Students.

Wednesday, March 20

Dinner begins at 5:00pm, Jazz at 5:30pm
Michigan JR/SR High School Cafeteria

Pay at the door, or buy tickets from students
General Admission: $8    Families of 4-6: $28    Kids 10 & Under: Free