

## **Arcola Monthly Home and School Meeting**

**5/1/25 held via Zoom**

**7PM**

**Attendees:** John Ewerth, Larcena Johnson, Kelleigh Parker, Irene Garvin, Andrea Buzby, Gina Stover, Liz Kemner, Reba Mann & Theresa Manzi

Meeting opened at 7PM

### **1). Principal's Report** (provided by Mr. Ewerth)

- PSSAs went very well, Rita's water ice will be given to students on 5/8
- End of year dismissal times has been communicated

### **2). President's Report** ( Larcena)

- Discussion about how many volunteers needed for Water Ice on 5/7
- Announce board elections
  - President: Irene Garvin
  - Vice-President: Andrea Buzby
  - Treasurer: Gina Stover
  - Co-Secretaries: Liz Kemner and Steph Padula
  - No other nominees- vote was unanimous and all positions confirmed

### **3). Post Prom** (Gina)

- Recognized all volunteers said everything went well

### **4). Teacher Appreciation Week** (Gina)

- Monday is Grab & Go Snacks, Wed: Breakfast and Friday: Cupcake Truck
- District bringing items to be distributed on Tuesday

### **5). 8th Grade Social** (Larcena)

- No shirt designs submitted yet-last day is 5/5
- Students can pick their T-shirt size in Goggle Classroom form
- DJ, Kona Ice, Porta Potties all ordered

### **6). Secretary's Report** (Theresa & Kelleigh)

- Approve Meeting Minutes from April
- 48 lawn signs sold so far-will distribute on 5/14

### **7). Treasurer's Report** (Gina)

- Rec'd check for spirit wear sales \$560
- Funds left in Mini-grant-Mr. Ewerth shared there was a teacher interested in submitting a grant for table in courtyard

### **8). Field Day**

- Will occur on June 11th from 8:30-2pm
- Will be needing parent volunteers to help distribute snacks
- H&S to provide funds for snacks

## 9). SEA Update (provided by Reba)

1. Thanks to everyone who came to our Parents' Night Out at Giuseppe's! It was great seeing so many new faces. We hope everyone had a relaxing night.
2. Our final presentation of the year will be May 15th via Zoom. The current K-12 Climate Counselor, Jodie Davis will be speaking on Building Belonging: Creating Inclusive School Communities For All Students. Stay tuned for a flyer with registration details.
3. Our final Home & School Meeting will be held May 28, 2025 at 7:00pm in the MHS Library. We will be holding elections for our next board.
4. Stay tuned for plans for our annual End-Of-Year Picnic!
5. Stay tuned for our new merch link coming very soon!
6. Our Reading Phils fundraiser is in full swing! Buy a book of 6 undated tickets for \$45! Please see our flyer for ordering info.
7. We hope everyone was able to get to the Post Prom Walkthrough to check out our set design "This Is Me" from The Greatest Showman – a theme all about confidence, individuality, and celebrating who you are. It's an honor to share the task with such a talented and dedicated community!
8. This year's Special Olympics will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Spring-Ford High School. The rain date is Friday, May 9, 2025. If you have any questions contact Dr. Dani Fowlston ([dfowlston@methacton.edu](mailto:dfowlston@methacton.edu))!
9. Check out SEAofMCC on Facebook to find out more about the following:
  - a. Pics from Post Prom and the Unified Sports Track & Field Season
  - b. Integrate for Good's new Inclusive StoryTime on the 1st Saturday of every month at Norristown Public Library. For registration and details, email [emma@integrateforgood.org](mailto:emma@integrateforgood.org). Open to all ages and abilities.
  - c. Temple University's Institute on Disabilities is conducting a research study to learn more about experiences with Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) and other support from OVR. Participate by May 5th.
  - d. The PEAL Center's Spring Training Series focused on transitions, 504 Plans and educational advocacy May 6 & 13 via Zoom.
  - e. PA is updating its special education plan, including the policy for students to stay in school until age 22. Share your input by May 16, 2025.
  - f. CHOP is leading a workshop for siblings of people with disabilities on June 12th. Consider joining to gain tips, strategies and insights on managing the unique challenges of adult siblinghood. Registration required.
  - g. The PEAL Center is collaborating with the The Parents' Place of Maryland on this year's Wrightslaw Special Education Law & Advocacy Conference on September 18, 2025! Tickets go on sale next month, so stay tuned for additional details.
10. Summer Planning:
  - a. MSD Extended School Year (ESY) will be held July 7 - 31 at Skyview
  - b. Variety Club Camp will be held June 23 - August 8 11. There has been significant discussion

online and in the press regarding potential changes coming from the Department of Education, as well as updates published through the department's official channels. One notable development is H.R. 899 – To Terminate the Department of Education, a bill currently introduced in Congress. More information on this legislation can be found here: [Congress.gov - H.R. 899. https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/899/all-info](https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/899/all-info) For those interested in learning more or seeking clarification, the appropriate elected officials to contact include Pennsylvania's two U.S. Senators and Congresswoman Madeleine Dean, who represents our part of Montgomery County. Additionally, individuals may wish to reach out to their state legislators to inquire about Pennsylvania's response and any potential actions at the state level. For official contact information, please visit the respective government websites. (See attached)

**Next meeting on Wednesday, June 4th at 7PM via Zoom.**

**6).Closing-** Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm