

<u>Calendar</u>

Please make sure to mark your calendar for the following dates! **Friday, February 17th -** Half Day-11:30 dismissal **Monday, February 20th-** No School-Presidents Day **Friday, February 24th**- School Spirit Day- Wear Your Favorite Color!

Attendance Matters

Our school day begins at **8:45**. If your child arrives after **8:45** they are marked late for the day and may miss part of their morning routines as well as instructional time.

Why does attendance matter? According to the National Center for Educational Statistics a missed school Day is a lost opportunity to learn. Their research shows that students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance.

We are here to support you if there is a concern about attendance.

Cram The Classroom

West Road is participating in the district wide Cram the Classroom for the month of February! Please help us to help restock the shelves of Dutchess Outreach! February 6-10- Baby Week. February 13-17- Canned Goods Week February 21-24- Pasta Week February 27- 3/3- Breakfast Week Please Remember no glass bottles or jars. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Safety Reminder

Please remember, the circular driveway in front of the school is **CLOSED** to car traffic during the hours of **8:15-9:00 AND 2:30-3:30**. This is for the safety of students and staff during our school day as we prepare for arrival and dismissal.

It's a great time to review that your child knows what to do in the event of an early dismissal. Please notify the main office **in writing** of any changes in drop off location if you have not already done so.



Health Office

3rd and **5th** Grade students are required per NYS to provide a physical that was performed within the last year. The Health office has reached out to families that are still in need of providing a physical. Please send in a copy or make an appointment with your pediatrician as soon as possible. The Health

Office will be scheduling in school physicals with the district's physician/nurse practitioner for the spring for those students who have not provided a physical.

Children returning to school after an absence *must* present a note stating the date(s) and the specific reason for the absence (illness, family emergency, vacation, etc.) You may also email our school nurse, Mrs.Cardella at MCardella@acsdny.org with your child's reason for absence. Please take a few moments to look through your child's backpack to check for notices or letters that may have been sent home from the health office and for any notes your child may have forgotten to hand in to their teacher.

Math, Science and Technology Fair

The Arlington District PTSA Council Math, Science, & Technology Fair will be held on Saturday, February 25th, from 8:30am to 12:00pm at Arlington High School. All students K-12 are invited to participate as an individual or a team presenting their project. Registration online will open December 1st and close January 30th at <u>MST Fair</u>.

Arlington Connect

Our District needs your support. Help us plan for the future of Arlington! Be a voice for current and future Arlington students! The next meeting for Arlington connect will be held Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00pm at Arlington High School.

Arlington Connect is a community-led effort to bring the entire ACSD community together to develop goals and priorities to improve our schools and plan for the future. The program consists of a series of community engagement sessions, Each session will include a presentation and then we want to hear from you! <u>Click here to watch some short videos</u> about why YOU should get involved with Arlington Connect!

For more information about Arlington Connect, visit www.arlingtonschools.org/ArlingtonConnect.



<u>Cell phones</u> are <u>not</u> to be used during the school day. They should be **turned off and stored in book bags** during the day. *This also includes watches which have texting ability.*

<u>Chrome books</u> should be brought to school fully charged each day.

Advanced Band and Advanced Orchestra are now practicing Monday and Thursday afternoons, therefore instruments are needed on practice days as well as Monday and Thursday. **Beginning Band and Orchestra** began on January 19th and is held each Thursday!

<u>Kiss and Go</u> pick up in the afternoon begins at 3:15. It is important that students are picked up on time as we do not always have supervision after 3:30.

Pleasant Valley PTA

Please join us for our next PTA meeting, **Wednesday February 1st** at 4:30.

Our next PTA mixer is being held on February 24th. More information to follow.

It's never too late to join the PTA! Membership is just \$6 or \$10 for couples. It's easy to register by going <u>here</u>, or ask for a paper copy at the main office. Thank you for your support!