

Hello Eagle Families,

Please be sure to bookmark our website and like us on Facebook for the most current and up to date school information. You can find the AHS Website at ahs.asd.wednet.edu and the AHS Facebook at www.Facebook.com/ArlingtonHighSchool.Eagles. A log of this communication and other Eagle Family Communication can be found on our website under the AHS Information>Eagle Family Communication tab.

A Message from our Principal

As we look forward to the approach of spring I am grateful that we have such a wonderful and supportive community. The events that round out the school year could not happen without the support of our parents, district staff, and organizations like the AHS Booster Club, Arlington Education Foundation, and of course, our Board of Directors. These people provide volunteers and financial support to our programs.

Spring sports are in full swing. Please check wescoathletics.com to find information on sporting events. We also have an exciting season of activities planned. I hope you took the opportunity to see our spring show, "Guys and Dolls," and that you will find time to stop by April 24th – 28th during Arts Week.

On March 2nd we highlighted Read Across America Day by showcasing reading in various forms and content areas at Arlington High School. As you can see in the attached photo, reading is often done using technology in the classroom.

Arlington is truly a unique place. Our school is filled with people who have been tied to the welfare of our kids for decades. This month we celebrate our classified employees-- those who support the work that happens in every classroom and every building in our district. At Arlington High School I am proud to work with these professionals. We have a few employees who will reach milestones in years of service this year. Many of these names would probably be familiar to those of you who are alumni as well. As you visit our school this spring please take time to say hello to the staff you encounter--they are making a difference every day.

Here are a few highlights in the upcoming month:

March 15th, 16th, & 17th - Registration presentations for grades 9, 10, and 11

March 24th - Early Release Day

March 31st - Senior Portfolios due in Eagle Period*

And, don't forget that April 3rd - 7th is spring break!

*Senior Portfolios include the High School and Beyond Plan, a requirement for graduation from AHS. Seniors have been working on Portfolio requirements for the last four years in Eagle Period. Work sessions take place after school every Tuesday this month (in the AHS Career Center) to help students prepare their final portfolio.

Looking forward to another great month,

Christine Hinojosa
Principal, Arlington High School

Arlington High School was recognized in 2016 as one of the “Best High Schools” in the U.S., and the banner below now hangs proudly above our entrance!!

Student Advisors to the Board

The positions of Student Advisor to the School Board and Student Advisor for ACE Committee will close at 4:30 p.m. on May 11th. These positions are open to current AHS, WHS, and SVS Sophomores in good academic standing. Both are two-year positions to be served during the students' junior and senior years.

Application forms are located below and on the district forms website. The forms include more information about the positions as well as the timeline for selection. Again, both positions close at 4:30 p.m. on May 10th.

[Student Advisor to the Board of Directors](#)

Freshmen

Congratulations on your student completing their first semester of high school! Now is the time to think hard about the next 3 years. Teens face tough challenges nowadays including academic stress, parent communication, media bombardment, dating drama, depression, peer pressure, and more. Their choices can make or break their future. Author Sean Covey’s book, *The 6 Most Important Decisions You’ll Ever Make*, can help you to navigate these challenges.

Scheduling for 2016-2017

Counselors will begin working with students in April to schedule classes for next year. Students will receive information during Eagle Period and will need to go online to request their courses. Parents should review the course requests with their student and sign off at the top of the form. Requests are honored as much as possible, but it is also very important for students to turn in the paper copy of their registration listing their alternative choices for classes. Final schedules will not be made available until Eagle Days in August.

Unexcused Absences

We ask that you join our efforts to promote the importance of daily attendance for your student. Washington State has implemented new truancy laws this year that require a parent/student conference with an administrator after two unexcused absences. After five unexcused absences in a month, or ten in a year, we are required to file a stay petition with the Juvenile Court System and refer these students to a Community Truancy Board. Truancy laws are in effect for students up to 18 years of age. Regular

school attendance is necessary for success in school. We monitor attendance weekly and you will be reminded via email and/or phone call when your student has two or more unexcused absences. When your student is absent, promptly call the Attendance Office at 360-618-6301, email kcooper@asd.wednet.edu, or log on to Family Access to excuse all absences and avoid these meetings.

Sign Out at the Attendance Office

AHS is a closed campus and it is expected that all students remain on campus for the day. When you allow your student to leave campus for lunch it undermines our efforts in stressing the importance of a closed campus. Additionally, in most cases, they are returning to class late which causes a disruption too. We also emphasize to students they MUST sign out at the office to leave campus. If they leave school and they do not sign out at the Attendance Office their absence will NOT be excused (even with your permission).

Snow Day

Due to our unexpected snow day on February 6th, our last day of school is June 20th. This day will be a half day; students will be released at 11:00 a.m.

Senior Binders and High School and Beyond Plans

March 31st is the deadline for seniors to complete their senior binders and High School and Beyond plans. Seniors have been working with their advisors in Eagle Period this spring to ensure they complete these tasks. Running Start seniors need to make sure they are in contact with Mr. Boatman at aboatman@asd.wednet.edu to update him on the status of your binder.

4th Quarter Drivers Ed

4th Quarter Drivers Education starts April 17th and ends June 8th. Applications are now available at AHS, Weston, and Stilly.

There is also a summer class available. Classes start June 19th and end July 20th. Those applications will become available in May.

The fee is \$455 for students who choose to take the course and payment plans are available.

If you have any questions call Mr. Brooke 360-618-6300 ext. 3269.

Knowledge Bowl

All three Arlington High School Knowledge Bowl teams qualified for the regional playoffs in Anacortes on March 6th. The top team, which goes by the name, "It's Not Rocket Surgery," consists of seniors Aysia Brenner, Nicholas Mendro, Benjamin Rosenthal, Robert Green and Lily Janda. They finished as the #1 overall 3A team in the

area. The second team, "What's A Gym?" has seniors Drake King, Sean McCauley, Beau Hamilton, Keven Stehl and Edward Radion, along with sophomore Jack Hamilton. They finished in 3rd in 3A. Our 3rd team, "At Least We Do Grammer Right," consists of entirely sophomores: Cole Hahn, Tate Walton, Jeffrey Andrews & Evan Nichols. Our top team then easily won the regional, by over 20 points. Unfortunately, new rules prohibit more than one team from each school to go to the State tourney, so our "At Least We Do Grammer Right" team of sophomores was unable to advance, although they placed 3rd overall in 3A. The Knowledge Bowl State Tourney will be hosted for the 5th year in a row by Arlington, on Saturday, March 18th. We are looking for community volunteers on that day to help as reader/judges, timers, lunch servers, docents, etc. Please contact Ben Mendro at bmendro@asd.wednet.edu if interested.

FFA Plant Sale

Arlington FFA proudly presents their annual Mother's Day Plant Sale! Sale includes: geraniums, fuchsias, flower baskets, vegetables, tomatoes, houseplants, bedding, herbs, and more. Contact jnemannich@asd.wednet.edu for more information.

Plant Sale Hours (in AHS Greenhouse):

Friday, April 28:	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 29	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, May 5:	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 6:	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Library Services

This year we have been busy updating library services to meet the changing needs of our schools. Here at AHS, we've added a self-check-out station so that we can check out textbooks more efficiently at the beginning of each semester. We spent a little bit of time troubleshooting this system with the help of Ms. Hayman's classes and we should be able to cut textbook check out time in half when an entire class comes in at once.

The Library Advisory Team has encouraged us to rearrange our fiction collection by genre, more like a bookstore. This change should make the books more browsable for our teen readers! During the month of January we worked diligently to apply genre stickers to books. Then, on Feb. 3rd, we had a work party to relocate all fiction books to their new genre sections.

Stop in and check out our library!

ChickenPox Vaccine Requirement

Parents of Washington high school students may be surprised to hear about this year's chickenpox (varicella) vaccine requirement. In the 2016-17 school year, all public and private high school students will be required to get two doses of the chickenpox vaccine before they enter school. Visit the WA State Department of Health for full article.

Thank you Eagle Families for reading this email and staying informed!

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Useful Links

[AHS Website](#)

[Booster Club Website](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

[The AHS Eagle \(student news\)](#)

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