



SUPERSTARS Newsletter

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Hello Arlington Families,

Chilly weather, heavy jackets, & shorter days, must mean the Fall Season is upon us! We just completed our first full month of the school year & boy, were we BUSY!

Our PTA Library officially opened its doors to our Arlington Superstars. The children are now able to check out books, whether it be for their mission projects, country reports, president's report, or simply for pleasure reading. Thank you to the volunteers for assisting the kids during their classroom visits. A great BIG thank you to JoAnn Dubay and Lori Valot, for their time & dedication into getting our new library software program up & running. This was a HUGE undertaking no doubt! Thank you to Karen Paguirigan our PTA Librarian for guiding the way.....

After more than 5 years of "missing in action", our PTA Family Movie Night was brought back to Arlington! Disney's "Mars Needs Moms" was projected onto 3 screens for hundreds of Arlington moviegoers! We hope that you all enjoyed the movie, snacks, & the chance to spend some much needed "family togetherness". Thank you to Gary Ramaley & Stewart Filmscreen for arranging the usage of the movie screen.

Adventure in Arts project #1 "Larger than Life" got underway..... The students drew large flowers (a representation of Georgia O'Keeffe's artwork) on paper, traced/indented onto Styrofoam, then "stamped" their images onto black paper. Our AIA room was turned into a field of wildflowers! Thank you docents and classroom volunteers for enabling art to exist in our school.

We honor our local firefighters in a special way at Arlington. Firefighter's Appreciation Week started off with a visit from TFD's Robert Sawai, where he spoke to the children on how to be "Fire Safe". The Monday Morning Assembly capped off with the Station 3 Crew coming by in their truck for all to see. We supplied dinner (thanks to our volunteer Arlington Chefs!) to the very hungry firefighters in all 3 shifts. We are the only school in the district that provides dinner to our local heroes! Thank you to Leah Sawai & Pauline Hirabayashi for organizing this event for us & the worthy firefighters.

Our Red Ribbon Week Chairperson Sandra Jones planned a weeklong of activities for our students to partake in. Prizes were awarded to students who best depicted this year's theme "Too Smart to Start", in our annual poster contest. In an attempt to teach kids to just "Say No to Drugs", students dressed according to various themed days, received certificates & bracelets. It was a sign of unity to just say "No".

The 1st & 2nd Grade Family Math Night/Association Meeting #2 was another successful event. It is always encouraging to see the kids engaged in learning various math concepts in a fun filled learning environment. Thank you to all that attended & helped with the set up & clean up. This program was made possible by the combined efforts of the Teachers & PTA. Thank you everyone!

Our 1st PTA Assembly "Mad Science", was brought to our campus on Halloween. The kids made glow in the dark "goo" & attended an assembly where they learned about various scientific reactions of "Fire & Ice". Thank you to Diane Wang our 1st VP of Programs for organizing this awesome event!

So, as you can see..... we have been quite busy at Arlington! We have just gotten started & have many more planned activities & events in store for you!

Stay safe, stay healthy, & be well,

Sharon Sawai

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Principal's Message

I am thankful for...

'Tis the season of giving thanks. I am so thankful for all of you, our wonderful Arlington families. Your dedication and care is evident everywhere! I am thankful for the many hours you have given reading books, volunteering, sending in items for individual classrooms, the school, or families. Thank you for the cell phones, box tops, paper, and other items! Thank you for donating your time and money for our successful PTA fundraiser. Thank you for all the committees on which you serve. Thank you for coming to our school events to support your child's education. Thank you for reading our Newsletter to stay in touch with all the events happening at Arlington. Thank you for your support during your child's educational journey. Have a joyous Holiday Season.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Hath



**NOVEMBER
AT A GLANCE**

11 — Veteran's Day
No School

17, 18 — Fall Fundraiser
Pick Up

22 — Kindergarten
Thanksgiving Feast

23-25 — Thanksgiving
Holiday



Thank you to all the Arlington Families who have supported the 5th Grade Class through our Movie Night food sales, afterschool snack sales, Boo-Grams and other fundraising efforts.

Thanks also to the many families who donated food items and volunteered for the Movie Night food sale. From the use of your rooms (Ms. Lyu & Mrs. Momita), lighting (Sawai Family) donation of opportunity drawing items to clean-up crew, we couldn't have done it without everyone's help!! We are well on our way to raising enough funds to pay for the many 5th grade activities (class yearbook, t-shirts, panoramic picture, 6th grade planners and end-of-year activities).

Your support is greatly appreciated.

5th Grade Fundraising Committee



Project #1 – "Larger than Life," is in full bloom. The students are learning how to make a monoprint to create beautiful flowers. We will be moving on to **Project #2 – "Green Man/Urban Landscape"** in mid-November.

Thank you again to our Docents and Assistants for volunteering their time to bring art to our students. If you are not already an AIA assistant, please contact the Docent for your child's class for more details.



Cayme Momita
AIA Chairperson

5th GRADE YEARBOOK



Flyers recently went out with your students for photos for our 5th grade yearbook. If you are submitting any photos, please be sure to put your child's name and room number on the back so they can be returned to you at the end of the year. There is an envelope in the main office PTA box on the front desk (marked with the 5th grade yearbook flyer) or return the envelope to your teacher. Any questions you can email at yearbook5thgrade@aol.com.

Thank you.

Kristi Tanaka and Janet Kaneshiro
5th Grade Yearbook Editors

(*)This is for the 5th grade only NOT for the Lifetouch school-wide yearbook*

Thank you Arlington families for supporting this year's Fall Fundraiser and making it a success!!!

Please mark your calendars...

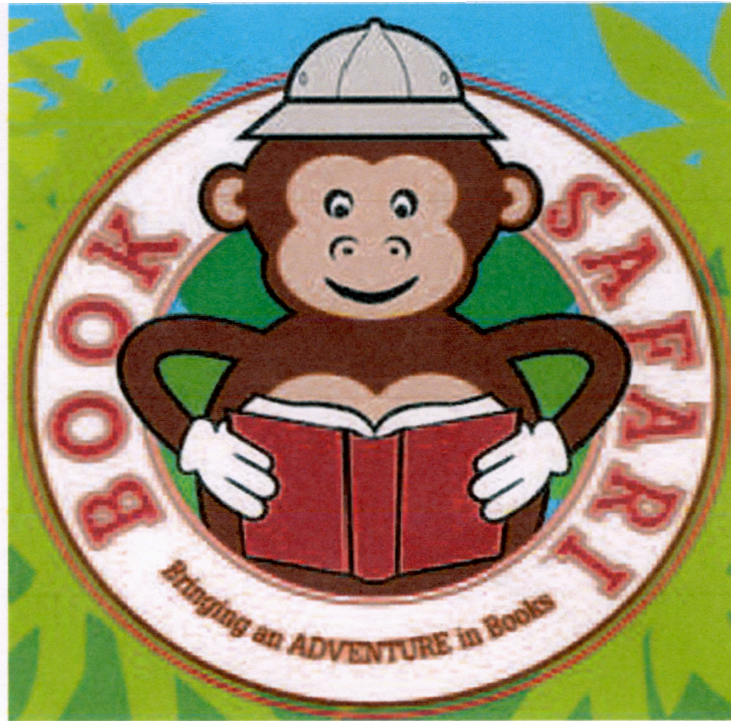
Your order will be available for pick up as follows:

NOVEMBER

Thursday	Friday
17	18
1:30 PM to 7:00 PM	1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

***Please note: An adult must be present at pick-up to confirm receipt of all orders.**

Thanks again!



THE BOOK SAFARI BOOK FAIR
IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL!

Arlington Elementary
Room 09
December 01 - 09, 2011

Family Day on Saturday, December 03
10am - 2pm

Reading is an ADVENTURE. Let Book Safari be
your guide