



# Knightly News September

Dear AGS Families,

On behalf of the staff at Arthur Grade School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
2. Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
3. Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
4. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
5. Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
6. Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college

Please consider joining our school and volunteering as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. Let your student's teacher know and pick up a Volunteer Form in the front office. We seek volunteers to help us with the following activities:

1. Teacher-led instructional support, usually in the classroom
2. Reading with children who need extra help
3. School-wide events
4. Attending our Knight Vision (PTO) monthly meetings to find out how you can help our school - 1st meeting 9/7 @ 6:30 in AGS cafeteria

The wonderful AGS staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you.

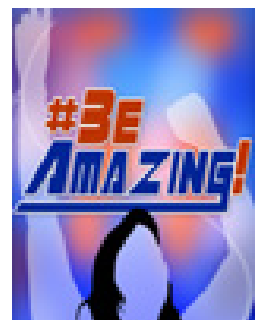
~Mrs. Hale, Principal



At AGS this year we are celebrating in grades prek-5th how we can "**Be A Hero**" and in grades 6th-8th how we can "**Be Amazing.**"

We will be teaching our students character building concepts that are designed to empower them towards success in school and in life. We will...

- ▶ Promote positive social and emotional learning
- ▶ Focus on achieving goals for school and in life
- ▶ How to "be our best" at whatever we do
- ▶ What it takes to achieve personal excellence





# POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS

Hello! My name is Breanna Yantis, and I am excited to be back as the school counselor at Arthur Grade School. This year, we will continue with the implementation of Positive Behavior Supports. You may have already heard your children talking about earning Knight Bucks! They earn Knight Bucks when they are following the Knightly Expectations so be sure to congratulate your child if they have earned one! This year, we will have quarterly "Top Knights" from each classroom kindergarten through fifth grade. The "Top Knight" will be the student who earned the most Knight Bucks for the quarter. Junior high will have quarterly auctions and/or stores to redeem their Knight Bucks.

I will also be going into kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms monthly to do character word lessons with the students. Our first lesson on kindness will be in September. I will also be offering individual counseling and group counseling to students. If you have any concerns or wish to speak about your child, please contact me. You may reach me by phone at the school (217-543-2109), by email (wayb@cusd305.org), or in person at Arthur Grade School. I look forward to a fantastic year here at Arthur Grade School!

## Junior High Rewards

Junior high students will have the opportunity to participate in a semester reward if the following criteria are met:

- ▶ No final quarter grades below a 'C' (70%)
- ▶ No discipline referrals or suspensions
- ▶ No more than 3 excused absences and 0 unexcused absences per quarter
- ▶ Less than 6 times in homework recovery per semester

## Be a Shining Knight!

- A - Attitude**
- R - Respect**
- M - Motivation**
- O - Organization**
- R - Responsibility**

# Events

<b>September</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Labor Day - No School</b>
	<b>8</b>	<b>6th Grade to Walnut Point State Park</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>Toby Tire Assembly PreK-5th Grade</b>
	<b>16</b>	<b>1st Quarter Midterms/Homecoming</b>
		<b>Grandparents Day - Noon Dismissal</b>
	<b>21</b>	<b>(Wednesday) SIP Day - Noon Dismissal</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>AGS Picture Day</b>

## Homework Hangout

When: Tues, Wed, & Thurs

What Time: 3:30-4:30

Location: JH Wing

Any 4th-8th grade students are welcome to attend and work on assignments or receive other necessary help as determined by his/her teacher.

### NEW THIS YEAR!!

We will be collecting School Spirit Labels. You can help our school earn money for doing something that you already do: Buying bread. We are collecting UPC's from participating Sunbeam and Aunt Millie's Breads. Just clip the UPC'S then send them to school and we will receive 5 cents for each label collected. Yes, it's that easy!

**Through October we will receive double points, 10 cents per label, for each label turned in!!!**

***Save your Box Tops and Coke Rewards!!!***