



All Things Aronimink

April 2025

Principal Rehak's Message

Dear Aronimink Families,
Spring is in the air and the school year continues to fly by! A well-deserved Spring Break is on the horizon for our students and staff. Our school community will hopefully take advantage and relax, rejuvenate, and prepare for the busy final stretch of the school year.

Prior to break, we held our Spring concert. In preparation for the BIG SHOW, our students have been working overtime practicing their instruments and vocals. A shout-out to Ms. Atlas and Mr. LaBonde for dedicating their efforts to prepare our students to show off their skills! It is always amazing to see the growth of our young musicians throughout the year.

Our Running Club has been training hard for the upcoming Brad Schoener 5K. I am excited to share that we have nearly 60 student participants. Although the race isn't until May, it is the training and prep work that make this event successful. Completing a 5K is an amazing accomplishment when your legs are short!

The end of April begins our PSSA testing season. All students in grades 3,4, and 5 are included in this testing. These tests are part of a number of factors that determine how to support our children and the growth that they have made from one year to the next. I can't wait to see the results of a year's worth of learning!

I wish you and your families a wonderful remainder of April and awesome Spring Break!

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Rehak, Principal

Message from our Assistant Principal Mr. Walden

PBIS, Perseverance, and PSSAs – Oh My!

Hello families!

It's hard to believe we're already heading into April, but here we are – and we've got a lot of great things happening at school!

PBIS Update:

In March, our PBIS focus was all about **Cooperation**. We loved seeing students working together, showing kindness, and building each other up both in and out of the classroom. As we move into April, our new PBIS theme is **Perseverance**. This is the perfect time of year to remind students (and ourselves!) that it's not about never struggling – it's about pushing through, staying focused, and giving our best even when things get tough. We'll be celebrating moments of grit and determination all month long.

Attendance Update:

We've been holding strong with school-wide attendance between 92% and 95% – a huge thank-you to all our families for making school a priority! With PSSA testing right around the corner, now is the time to keep up that momentum. Every day in school matters, especially as we prepare for these important assessments. Your support at home – making sure students are well-rested, ready to learn, and present – makes a huge difference. We're all in this together!

Let's keep showing Cooperation, practicing Perseverance, and powering through to a strong finish!

Sincerely,

Mr. Walden

Assistant Principal

FABULOUS FOURTH GRADERS

Fourth grade has started and completed our first Social Studies unit. Students spent time learning about the five regions of the United States. The states in each region share characteristics like geography or climate that help group them together. Significant time was spent practicing map skills during this unit. Students learned how to use longitude and latitude lines to locate exact locations on a map. Map keys and map scales were used to help identify symbols and measure distances. Students also used cardinal (North, South, East and West) and intermediate directions (Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest) to determine where locations were in relation to one another.

Math finds students applying their knowledge of fractions to understand decimals. Students practiced writing numbers as both a fraction and a decimal. Equivalent fractions also helped students comprehend decimal equivalency. Students are moving into their study of Geometry. They are starting the unit by identifying lines, line segments, rays and angles. Soon they will move to measuring angles and solving to find the missing measurement of connected angles.

In ELA, students have started our eighth module "Food for Thought." This module finds students mostly focusing on nonfiction. Students will read pieces that help students identify the main idea, supporting details, author's purpose, as well as text and graphic features. Students are also spending time doing research this marking period. Students are taught to paraphrase information and not plagiarize from sources. Students will use the research to write an expository essay on their assigned topic.

TERRIFIC THIRD GRADERS

OUR BUTTERFLIES ARRIVED



SUPER SECOND GRADERS

It has been a busy month in Second Grade! The last several weeks brought with it several new spelling patterns with long vowels such as ai and ay for long a, oa and ow for long o and igh and ie for long i. We have worked in reading to improve our fluency and understanding of stories through discussions of point of view and the elements of poetry as we explored the artistic world of poems and their meanings. In math we have learned 3 digit addition and subtraction, using our base ten blocks and number lines to practice. In science we learned about erosion and saving the land from different types of weathering. Students worked together in Science to build and test models of levees, seawalls, and/or breakwaters. Students are enjoying many more outdoor recess days! We look forward to a fun-filled final two months of 2nd grade!



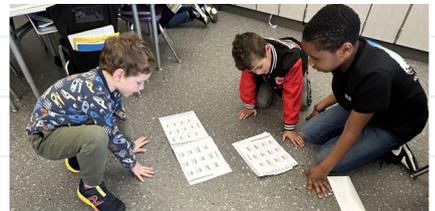
FUN IN FIRST GRADE

Our first graders have been busy bees this month! We've been building our reading skills by reading fluently, exploring measurement in math, and learning all about shadows in science. The students especially enjoyed our safety lesson with Delaware County Victim Assistance. We're so proud of all the growth we're seeing in our first grade learners!

OUR LITTLEST LEARNERS

KINDERGARTEN "BUDDIES"

Our kindergartners have learned that sometimes the best teachers are kids, just like them. Mrs. Knapp's third graders have been helping out in kindergarten. They have paired up with students in Ms. Iezzi's and Ms. McMeaken's classes to help them with letter fluency and sight words. They also have learned how much work it takes to be a teacher, but also how great it feels when their buddy meets with success!



ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

EL students celebrated Bread Day on Tuesday, April 8. They enjoyed learning about breads from different cultures and tasting bread from around the world.

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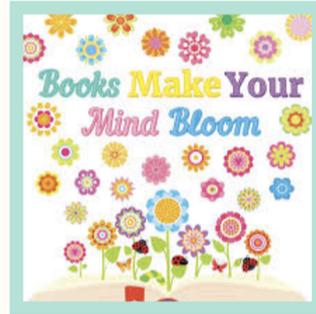
April Showers Bring May READERS!

As we approach Spring Break and the end of the year, we wanted to remind you about the Spring Benchmark for Oral Reading Fluency.

Testing will begin on May 12th.

Check out the chart for the Spring Goals and

KEEP READING!



Spring Benchmark ORF Goals

1st Grade- 51

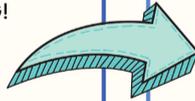
2nd Grade- 77

3rd Grade- 102

4th Grade- 114

5th Grade- 126

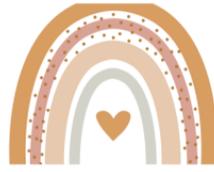
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Aronimink's Amazing Special Teachers

Aronimink Specials Team

March



Library

SURPRISE! We are having a SPRING BOOK FAIR! Mark your calendars for **May 12th-16th** when Scholastic comes back to Aronimink for a special BOGO FAIR where for every book you purchase you receive an additional free one! Scan the QR code below for the link to the homepage

What are we learning in the Library?

1st Grade : Important figures in Women's History

2nd Grade: A book study to learn about story elements

3rd Grade: Country Research projects

4th Grade: Research on zoos

5th Grade: Primary/Secondary sources and how to use them

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Ms. Oaster

Art

What's Happening in Art?

Thanks to Emily and Huda from 5th grade who helped bring a touch of spring to the school by painting beautiful flowers on the Spring Concert banner—great teamwork and creativity! A big congratulations to all our talented 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade students who participated in Orchestra, Band, and Chorus!

SPOTLIGHT ON 2nd-grade

2nd-grade artists explored portrait drawing by learning how to sketch their facial features in correct proportion. To add a fun twist, they imagined themselves as Kings and Queens of something special to them—and the results were both royal and creative!



Ms. Pagano



Gym

Physical Education News:

Congratulations to our 3-on-3 basketball tournament champions!

The EAGLES won for the girls division and the Dunkin Donuts won for the boys!

Friday, May 16th is our May Day Play Day. Students will participate in fun relay activities with their class throughout the day with good sportsmanship being the ultimate goal for all to demonstrate. And please make sure to bring your kids back to school at 4pm for our home and school fun activities at night!



Mr. Dunn

General Music

The Aronimink Band, Orchestra, and Chorus had a stellar performance in their spring concert! Looking forward, when we get back from spring break, we will be learning some new music movement activities.



Ms. Atlas



Lauren Knapp

Lauren is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters