

### CUSD 305

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students that week, please root them on.

**Kindergarten Registration:** Arthur Grade School is excited to meet all of our incoming Kindergarteners. AGS's pre-registration for kindergarten students is now open for the 2022-2023 school year until April 15. Please come by the school to pick up a Kindergarten packet or call to register your student (a packet will be mailed to you.) The office staff can be reached anytime from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 217-543-2109 with any questions. Go, Knights!

**8th Grade Promotion:** The 8th-grade graduation is scheduled for May 25 at 7 pm at the ALAH football field.

**Knightly Reading Challenge:** March is a busy month in the library! We kicked off March Book Madness. Sixteen books from each category (picture book, middle grades & young adult) are placed in brackets and are voted on by our students, as well as students from across the US. This is a great way to introduce students to books they may not be aware of.

Students in K-3 who read at least 5 of the Monarch award

nominee books were invited to a Monarch and Marshmallows party where they enjoyed peeps marshmallows and book bingo.

Students in 3-5 who read at least 4 of the Bluestem award nominee books were invited to a Bluestem and Brownies party where they enjoyed brownies and book trivia.

Students in 5-8 grade who read at least 3 of the Caudill award nominee books will be invited to a Cupcakes and Caudill party next week.

Last Friday, we kicked off the district Family Literacy Event. As a district, K-6 students and their families are reading the book *Mouse on a Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary. Each of the grade schools was able to enjoy a motorcycle parade on Friday. Every family has received a copy of the book as well as related activities to do at home. This year we added more community involvement. Ralph, the mouse has been spotted at several local businesses. You can see where he has been, at this link and at the picture above.

Extra copies of the book can also be found in these businesses, so community members can join us in reading. Many activities have been planned at the schools as well,

including hidden mice, mice facts research, contests, a movie, and more!

**4th and 5th-grade Musical Performance:** The Arthur Grade School 4th & 5th Grade Classes will present the Musical "The Best Little Theater in Town" on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. The musical will be presented in the old gym at ALAH High School. You are invited to attend.

**Scholastic Bowl:** The AGS Scholastic bowl has begun with 9 students who are studying hard. Our meets are beginning and students are excited about the opportunity. Thank you to Ms. Bracken for her work with our students in preparing them for the competitions.

**Important Dates:**  
March 20-25 - Spring Break  
April 13 - SIP Day  
April 7 - Good Friday (No School)

**Atwood-Hammond Grade School Principal's Report**

**Smart Family Night at AHGS:** On Friday, February 17, AHGS hosted a Financial Fun Fair at the school. This event, in conjunction with Indiana State University, AGS and ALAH High School was a free math-themed event, with multiple booths and interactive displays all based around and using play money. From skits, to shopping in a store, to making sure you get the correct change at a concession stand. Students won prizes, candy, popcorn, and a small meal including hot dog, chips and bottled water, was provided for everyone attending, all for free. Students and parents learned how to be smart with money and had some fun while they were here.

**Officer Cross Celebration:**

AHGS declared Friday, February 23 as Officer Cross Day! On Thursday, February 23, Mr. Forman, the principal at Atwood-Hammond Grade School declared the day Officer Cross day. The students dressed as police officers and we had a surprise assembly where we showed Officer Cross all of the love and appreciation that we have had for him over these last twelve years. Several student groups and teachers presented him with sayings, poems, and a survival kit for his new job. Also, members of the Arthur, Lovington, Atwood, Hammond administration and board were in attendance. The AHGS faculty also provided a potluck lunch, and Officer Cross was able to enjoy each lunch hour with the teachers and students. Officer Cross has meant so much to our school and community. We thought this was a fitting way to send him off to his new adventure.

**Books, Books, Books:** Read Across America Week was the week of February 27 through March 3. Students and teachers participated in dress up days, such as dress like your favorite book character and pajama day, where we "dropped everything and read" together. Students also were able to "meet" real mice, brought in by an AHGS parent, Kellan Croy's dad Richard, who works at a pet store. Students also received their books from our book drive that week. Friday was our kick-off for the reading event for the district. Students were able to go outside and watch as mice on motorcycles drove by the school to celebrate our book, *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*.

**Chrissy Patterson wins Eastern Illinois Electrical Co-**

**Op Grant:** Congratulations to our own Chrissy Patterson on winning the Eastern Illinois Electric Co-op Grant! \$500.00 for our school's Knightly Reading Literacy Event. Way to go Mrs. Patterson!

**Lovington Grade School Principal's Report**

We celebrated Read Across America week with guest readers, book blast book reveal, dress like your favorite character day, kicking off our family reading program with a motorcycle drive by, and a "Drop everything and read" time where our older students read to our younger students! Our guest readers included community leaders such as Mr. Cheek, Officer Swisher, Mrs. Franklin from Shawnee, Mrs. Duncan from the bank, Mrs. Martina from the elevator, and Ms. Newberry from the library.

Dr. Gobbo was awarded the Empowering education Grant to restore some of the weathered and well loved instruments in Atwood and Lovington. He was one of four of our staff members to win this grant! (Melissa Hopkins- for Lego Spike Prime, Mitch Wilson- for weight room improvements, and Chrissy Patterson- for Knightly Reading)

We continue to have tremendous growth here in our math and reading learning. On our last data day we saw 21 students K-8 move up in Tiers in Reading and 24 in Math!

Our first graders had a PJ and donut party after they filled this heart with loving actions!

We had our Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff with Mr. Kirkwood and the American Heart Association! It will last the entire month of March.

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