



## All Things Aronimink

March 2025

### Principal Rehak's Message

Dear Aronimink Families,

The old saying, March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, has not been the case this March. We have welcomed on and off again weather, with one week frigid and the next week spoiling us with warm temperatures and sunshine. Daylight Savings has begun and the Aronimink property is buzzing with the anticipation of Spring on the horizon. With winter almost in our rearview mirror, the excitement for all the fun for this upcoming Spring has started.

March has brought the start of Running Club. We have a great turn out of young runners! With all the dedication of our runners and teacher leaders, we are sure to make a proud showing for the big day. Our Brain Builders gaming club has also been a great activity to help make the winter go quicker. Our students have been learning strategic board games and have been using critical thinking skills! March will also bring the start to our Brick Masters Club. This club will challenge the our 2nd and 3rd graders to work cooperatively in a series of LEGO challenges. We can't wait to see our students show off their future engineering skills. We are also excited to bring back our 3-on-3 basketball tournament later this month! We look forward to the reboot of this fun and engaging family night!

With a late Spring break, our students will be energized with all that is a happening this month. A well-deserved Spring break will prepare us for upcoming PSSA testing at the end of the month. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades continue to prepare for the Spring Concert which will held in mid-April. I know our kids will be ready, as our hallways echo with the wonderful sounds of our chorus and instrumental students.

With all the happenings and Aronimink offerings, the remainder of the school year will fly by!

Best Regards,

Mr. Rehak, Principal



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## Message from our Assistant Principal Mr. Walden

Hello Aronimink Families!

As we approach the final stretch before Spring Break, I want to provide an update on our attendance. We are holding strong, with daily attendance rates between 92% and 95%, which is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our students and staff. With just five weeks remaining before Spring Break, I encourage everyone to continue prioritizing school attendance. Every day a student is here, they are gaining valuable learning experiences, building skills, and growing in their academic journey.

Let's keep up the great work and get to spring break strong! Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Walden, Assistant Principal

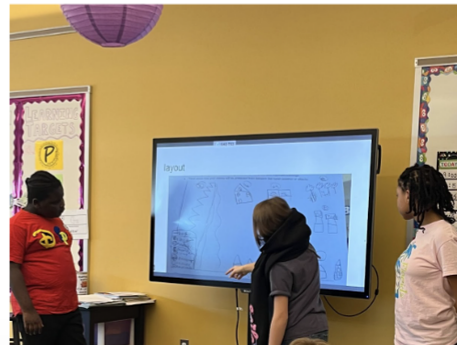
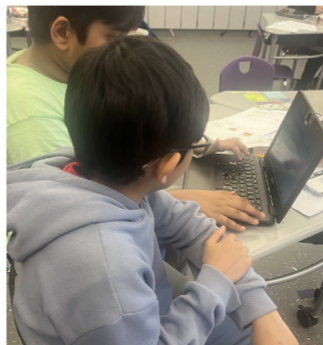
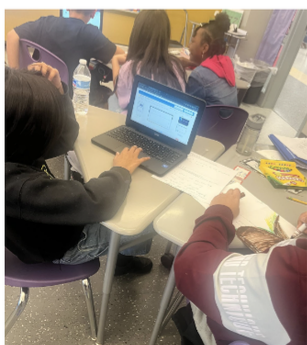
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## FANTASTIC FIFTH GRADE

During Read Across America Week, the 5th graders teamed up to read with 2nd grade classrooms. The 2nd graders were excited to bring some of their favorite books to share with the 5th graders. The students all had a wonderful time and did not want to stop reading with their buddy!



Students in Ms. DeGothseir's 5th grade class designed their own colony to go along with their Social Studies curriculum. Students needed to create a colony name and flag, draw the layout of their colony, decide what type of government they wanted, where their colony would be located, create laws and rules, and what daily life would be like. Students worked for 2 days creating their project and then presented on the 3rd day.



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## FABULOUS FOURTH GRADERS



Recently in Math, students focused on interpreting and creating line plots, which allowed them to visualize and analyze data in a new way. They also began analyzing different data displays, helping gain a deeper understanding of how to interpret various forms of data. We have just started Topic 13, which is all about finding equivalence in units of measurement and converting between different units. This is a very important concept as it helps students build a solid foundation for understanding measurements in everyday life.

In ELA, students are wrapping up Module 6 "Nature's Wonders." Students read informational text and poetry focused on amazing places all over the Earth. A favorite read is the Mariana Trench. The size, depth and amazing creatures in the trench always amaze students. Students also spent time reading poetry about these places as well. Poetry not only shares information about these exotic locals, but conveys feelings and emotions using figurative language. Students are learning to not only identify many types of figurative language (personification, simile, metaphor, imagery, etc), but are learning to interpret and analyze it.

Science finds the fourth grade in the last few lessons of our final unit. At this point in the unit, students are learning about how communication methods have contributed to survival. Students worked in teams to create a method of communicating a code across long distances in order to both send and receive messages.

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## TERRIFIC THIRD GRADERS

### "SPREADING OUR WINGS"

Third Graders have a lot going on! In Science we were finishing up our "ULTIMATE PLAYGROUNDS" where we learned about Forces and Motion..... when our "new friends" arrived, lots and lots of caterpillars are crawling around in our third grade classrooms. We learned about a Butterfly's life cycle and we are so excited to witness this event in our classrooms! Our caterpillars started out so tiny and have grown in just a few weeks. Soon they will be forming their chrysalis, before emerging into beautiful butterflies. How exciting it will be to see these crawling caterpillars molt and soon spread their wings! We can't believe we get to observe and document all the phases of this amazing life cycle.

In Math we have been learning about telling time and elapsed time. Another important skill we are practicing is counting money! These are two very important math and LIFE skills! Be sure to be helping your child with these skills at home. Use IXL skills to help you practice!

READ READ READ!!!! Continue to read with your child daily! They should be practicing their fluency with AMIRA and reviewing their Language Arts skills on IXL! Here is a link for your child to get their own library card that can be used to borrow books at any Delaware County Library. Even more exciting is your child can borrow books online as well. You can download a supporting library app line "LIBBY" which will allow your child to borrow books online if you can not get to the actual library. Be sure to sign your child up to get their library card and get one for yourself if you do not have one!



## Library Card Registration

Available to residents of Delaware County, PA. If you are not a county resident or prefer to register in person, please visit a member library. Already have a card but forget your card number? Look it up with our [Forgot Library Card form](#).

[delcolibraries.org](https://delcolibraries.org)

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## SUPER SECOND GRADERS

Second grade has been enjoying the warmer weather with outdoor recess days. In our math classes, we have been working on place value with 3-digit numbers. In reading, we have been practicing spelling words with patterns using consonant le, changing y→i before adding on the suffix, and long e (ee, ea, ey). We have also been working on reading stories that work on skills, such as, text organization, summarizing, and chronological order. In science, we have been learning about the process of pollination. The students had so much fun using their creativity and working together to design their pollination models. We are looking forward to more sunny days ahead!



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## FUN IN FIRST GRADE

First grade has been working hard throughout the school year. We are learning about comparing numbers, plants and animals, glued sounds, and following the three B's daily. We recently took our trip to the Philadelphia Zoo. Our students had an amazing time seeing all the animals and learning a little more about each one.







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## OUR LITTLEST LEARNERS

### KINDERGARTEN

Our kindergarten students have been working hard this month! They've been focusing on writing, crafting sentences that include their trick words, and showing great progress in their literacy skills. Our Kinder students were excited to show off their skills to our 3rd and 4th grade buddies during Read Across America Week! In science, we've started exploring different environments, with each classroom receiving a worm to observe. The students are excited to watch how their worm changes its environment week after week. It's been a fun, hands-on learning experience! With spring just around the corner, our kindergarten students are ready for the new season and all the adventures it brings!

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Two of our ELL students (Madelyn and Cendi) are excited to choose a book from Mrs. Drager's classroom library. These students were excited to choose books that are written in Spanish and English!





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## THE READING CORNER



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## Read Across Aronimink

Read Across Aronimink was a huge success! We spent the week celebrating reading with fun themes and events.

Check out the pictures for a glimpse of the fun!

Thank you to everyone who participated!



[Read Across Aronimink Photo Album](#)



### Disney Day Pictures - Google Drive

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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

SCAN ME



Ms. Oaster

# Art

## What's Happening in Art?

**1st Grade:** Famous artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and creating artwork in his expressive style. They are incorporating personal symbols and details that represent themselves.

**2nd Grade:** Exploring face proportions to draw self-portraits. They will depict themselves as royal kings and queens in their artwork!

**3rd Grade:** Inspired by ancient Ming vases, students designed their own, incorporating personal stories within the details. They will add Japanese cherry blossoms to enhance their designs.

**4th Grade:** Students are pressing their abstract portraits into metal sheets, inspired by artists Kimmy Cantrell and Sandra Silberzweig. This project focuses on bold shapes, colors, and textures.

**5th Grade:** After learning about Lunar New Year and the significance of the dragon, students created close-up dragon eye drawings, filling the surrounding space with intricate, textured scales



Ms. Pagano





## Gym

### Physical Education News:

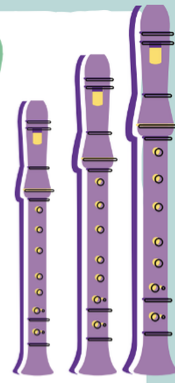
In PE this past month students were practicing their basketball dribbling and shooting skills in preparation for the 4th and 5th grade 3-on-3 basketball tournament that takes place **Tuesday, March 18th**. The girls tournament begins at 6:00pm. A parent foul shooting contest takes place at 6:45 (all are welcome). The boys tournament begins at 7:00 pm.



Mr. Dunn

## General Music

The 5th grade classes have just started to learn their first chord on the baritone ukuleles to play the One Chord Song. The 4th grade classes and 3rd grade classes are working on earning their recorder karate belts by performing different songs. 2nd grade classes will use their knowledge from the instruments of the orchestra unit to conduct a virtual orchestra this month, and 1st grade classes are learning more games to practice singing their new solfege notes!



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC





Hello, Happy Spring, and Ramadan Mubarak to all Aronimink Families!

Our band and orchestra students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are practicing hard to prepare a wonderful Spring Concert full of lots of fun music and musical styles to enjoy. 1<sup>st</sup> year string players will make their debut performance, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be play their final Spring concert as Aronimink Royals! The show begins at 7PM in the Aronimink Auditorium. Performers should arrive by 6:15. We hope to see you there!



Student of the Month Winners for February!



**Lauren knapp**

Lauren is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters