

ARAPAHOE DRUM BEAT



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Vision Statement

A leading school where excellence and tradition meet innovation

Mission Statement

To provide: a community of collaborative learning, rich culture, and meaningful relationships that prepares each student for their future

Arapahoe UIP Goal

100% of Arapahoe students will graduate prepared for meaningful post-secondary opportunities

Dear Arapahoe Parents,

November, 2018

November is always a good time to reflect and give thanks, especially given the challenges we have faced over the past month of October. The faculty, staff and students at Arapahoe are extremely grateful for the many kind notes, letters, emails, donations of food, water, and treats we have received. I would like to thank all of **YOU**, the Arapahoe parents, for your continued support of what we do at Arapahoe High School for your sons and daughters. Parent participation and input is welcome, essential, and valued at AHS. I would like to extend a special thank you to a few groups of parents: those who serve on our Arapahoe **PTO** and our **School Accountability Committee**, the many parents who serve in our **athletic and activity booster clubs**, and the hundreds of **parent volunteers** who provide many helping hands in a variety of ways. We know we could not run Arapahoe without you, and we are truly grateful.

Our recent **Parent/Teacher Conferences** provided evidence of the importance of consistent communication between home and school. Conferences were very well attended this year. We are always looking for the best way to communicate with you regarding your Warrior's academic progress, and we hope you will continue communicating with us as the semester progresses. Please email or call a teacher or staff member any time you have questions or concerns.

On November 6, 2018, we will honor our **2019 National Merit Semifinalist, nine Commended Scholars, and four National Hispanic Scholars**. Their families, close friends, and several teachers will attend a breakfast where these students will be recognized for their high achievement on the 2018 PSAT. We are very proud of these outstanding scholars!

We are thrilled to have recently trained **our next wave of adult mentors and peer leaders** in the [Sources of Strength](#) program for the 2018-2019 school year. So far this year, we've had all AHS students identify trusted adults here at school for our popular **Trusted Adult Wall**, and we are organizing a campaign around **spirituality** and **healthy activities** for the months of November and December. We look forward to implementing the many other creative ideas our Warriors have generated to help our students and staff **lean on the strengths in their lives when times get tough**. If your student would like to learn more about this program and would like to be a peer leader, there's still time! Students are still welcome to join our program by attending our next chapter meeting on **November 12th after school**.

Our Arapahoe High School Social Studies Department will be hosting our annual **Veteran's Week, November 5 -9**. Activities are designed to honor those who have served and those who are serving this great nation through our armed forces. There will be an **American flag on display** in our cafeteria throughout the week, **daily announcements commemorating veterans**, as well as **guest speakers throughout the day on Friday, November 9, 2018**. Freshmen U.S. History classes will be brought down to the AHS Forum to hear from our honored guests. We are fortunate to have a **Vietnam War veteran, Artie Guerrero**, who has been a long-time advocate for veterans' rights. He has been on television and has spoken in front of Congress. We will also hear from **Darrell Sage, another Vietnam War veteran** who was a member of a member of a Swift Boat crew (PCF), and served with John Kerry, former Secretary of State. We are honored to have these veterans come share their experiences with the students of Arapahoe High School. We are also excited to reveal our new **Arapahoe Wall of Honor** in the cafeteria soon! It honors all Warriors who have graduated and **committed to serving in the United States military**.



On **Monday, December 3, 2018**, we will be hosting our annual **Freshman Showcase**. We will welcome the **Class of 2023!** Students and parents will have the opportunity to visit freshman classes and to meet with coaches, sponsors and many current Warriors throughout the evening.

Arapahoe is proud to announce our **annual Toy Drive** campaign for **Castro Elementary in Denver Public Schools**. Arapahoe will begin accepting toys on **Monday, November 5, 2018**. Toys will be delivered on the 18th of December! Please keep an eye on the Arapahoe website for details and further information on these special activities.

October brought an opportunity for our students and staff to participate in the **Offline October** campaign. I hope that some of you were able to take some time away from the "screen" as well. I will continue to share resources with you around the effects of the Internet and social media whenever I can through these newsletters. Helping students understand the possible negative side effects of time with their screens is critical in supporting strong mental health. I continue to find [this website](#) helpful as I navigate the research as both a principal and the parent of a teenager. **Josh Ochs of [SmartSocial.com](#)** presents a balanced approach between the **negative effects** and the **appropriate and positive uses of the technology by our teenagers**. The second link highlights an upcoming online conference that teaches us how to "get kids off their screens." I hope it can start positive conversation between you and your loved ones.

At this special time of Thanksgiving, the entire Arapahoe faculty and staff are truly grateful to every single one of you for sending us your wonderful Warriors. They make Arapahoe a better place and they make a difference through their spirit, positive energy, and hard work each day.

Sincerely,



Natalie Pramenko
Principal

Congratulations

National Merit Semi-Finalist

Allison Kolpak

National Merit Commended Scholars

T.J. Baesman

John Henke

Emily Lane

Lindsey Parungo

Hayden Peirce

Hannah Perry

Sejal Porter

Adeline Reichert

Alex Widdowson

College Board National Hispanic Scholars

Zachary Caylor

Lucas Mederos

Julia Witcher

Tia Widdowson

Open Enrollment Information

Arapahoe High School is accepting Open Enrollment Applications for the **2019-2020 school year only**, for students entering grades 9-12.

An application form and other information may be picked up in the Arapahoe Main Office, or by [clicking here](#). Any questions may be directed to **Mrs. Clark, Secretary to the Principal**, at 303-347-6023.

The deadline for submitting an application for the 2019-2020 school year is January 31, 2019.

Reminder

To parents of students presently attending Arapahoe and living out-of-district, look for your "Intent to Renew Enrollment Google Form" in your email or by [clicking here](#). Please complete the Google Form by January 31, 2019. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Clark, Secretary to the Principal, at 303-347-6023. Thank you.

News from your PTO President

Through parent donations, we are pleased to offer teacher grants again this year. Teachers will submit their applications for equipment, supplies, or training that will directly benefit their classrooms and our students. We offer this early in the year so funds may help students as soon as possible. Members of the PTO Board will meet this month to designate the available funds and then distribute the grant money. Parents, thank you for your donations, which make these grants possible!

If you have not had the opportunity to donate yet, please do so. Your funds make an impact! <https://sites.google.com/a/lps.k12.co.us/ahspto/>

Renee Zainer
PTO President
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After Prom 2019 Is Coming!!!

HELP WANTED

Be part of a decades-long tradition at AHS to provide a fun, safe and entertaining night for our students. This **tradition can only continue** with the generous support of time from our parents.

Freshman and sophomore parents, your students will be juniors/seniors before you know it. **Help now** so your students can enjoy the legendary evening so many have enjoyed before them.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: AHS Hall-transformation **C**(ertified)**E**(ntertainment)**O**(rganizer)

- Responsible for transforming parts of halls into a scene of your choice. (Shhhh – Theme reveal soon)
Brainstorm some great ideas to fill your hall with color, sound and fun

- Work with new friends and old to bring your ideas to life

- Install your magical vision on May 3, 2019 and welcome AHS juniors and seniors to your creation
the night of AFTER PROM, Saturday, May 4

- Grab a friend – Be Co-Chairs!!

SKILLS : Great attitude...Can trace, cut a straight line, paint, improvise, repurpose old props....Can delegate tasks and chores to friends and future friends....Can lift more than 1 pound

BENEFITS: Being part of one of AHS' all-time, most-loved events...Making new friends...Transforming AHS into someplace magical...**Being first in line to see 1,000 smiling, laughing, happy high-schoolers**
-- PRICELESS

Come help this incredible community continue to be Warrior Strong!

Want to know more about what is involved? Join us for a meeting about AFTER PROM Tuesday, November 13th at 7pm. All talents and abilities are welcome and needed. Come hear an overview of After Prom (Saturday, May 4th, 2018) and a discussion of the various areas where you might like to be involved. If you can't make it to the meeting, or have questions now, please use this link to share your interest.

Lisa Olson
AFTER PROM Chair
arapahoeafterprom.lps@gmail.com .

Thank you AHS Parents

We would like to thank **all parents** who provided food donations for the Parent-Teacher Conferences in October. Your efforts and all the delicious food were certainly appreciated by the entire AHS staff! An extra special thanks to Event Coordinators **Dana McDermott, Ashley Bock** and **Nicole Greene**, for their expertise in coordinating this event.

Counseling Center

Appointments with Counselors

Students may see their counselors during their **unscheduled hours**. Students should not miss class for counselor appointments unless it is an emergency. **Mrs. Ives**, in the Counseling Center, can make appointments for students. Counselors encourage parents to call or email with any questions or concerns. [Click here for Counselor contact.](#)

REGISTERING FOR SAT/ACT/NCAA/NAIA

Registration for the SAT, ACT, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) is now being done online. The web sites are as follows:

NCAA - www.eligibilitycenter.org

NAIA - www.playnaia.org

REGISTERING FOR SAT/ACT

Arapahoe High School will be offer the State SAT on April 9, 2019 free of charge to all juniors. If students wish to take test more than once, or wanting to take the ACT, they need to register on their own on the following websites: ACT - www.actstudent.org
SAT - www.sat.collegeboard.org

ACT Test Dates

December 8, 2018
February 9, 2019
April 13, 2019
June 8, 2019

Registration Deadlines

November 2, 2018
January 11, 2019
March 8, 2019
May 3, 2019

SAT Reasoning/ Subject Test Dates

December 1, 2018
March 9, 2019
May 4, 2019
June 1, 2019

Registration Deadlines

November 2, 2018
February 8, 2019
April 5, 2019
May 3, 2019

ACT/SAT Preparation

Students can visit these free websites to prepare for the ACT and SAT: www.khanacademy.org, www.collegeincolorado.org, www.actstudent.org, www.collegeboard.org, www.number2.com, www.sparknotes.com, www.internet4classrooms.com,

In September, counselors visited all grade levels to discuss future planning. The information the counselors presented is posted on the [Counseling/Guidance Center's web page](#).

Senior Information

College Applications

[This link](#) contains information for seniors including details about college application procedure, a calendar with suggested deadlines, essay ideas, test-taking tips, and other topics of interest.

Transcripts must first be requested via Naviance Family Connection. Check with **Mrs. Arnold**, Transcript Clerk, or **Mrs. Hall**, Post Grad Specialist, if you need help requesting transcripts through Naviance. Students must pay \$5 per transcript along with the blue transcript request form to Mrs. Arnold before transcripts can be sent. Transcripts need to be requested 10 school days prior to application deadline.

Junior Information

Juniors received post-secondary planning information in their Western Civilization classes. Information included: testing information (PSAT, SAT, ACT), College Fairs, college visitations, Military/ ROTC/Academy information, and internet resources. The presentation can be found on the [junior link](#).

Sophomore Information

GPA - Many colleges and employers look at the Grade Point Average (GPA) of students in grades 9 through 11 when evaluating them for admission or employment. This means that improving a student's GPA between freshmen and sophomore year can be beneficial. Your major task in pursuing college or a career at this time is to do well in school, which translates to a higher GPA. Sophomore presentation is found [here](#).

Freshman Information

Counselors went to all of the Freshman English classes to talk about the importance of having a good start to their high school career. Colleges want to see students who have good grades and solid course work. Please remind your son/daughter to attend all classes and turn in all homework assignments. These are two vital keys to being a successful student at Arapahoe High School. Click on [Freshman presentation](#) for more information.

College Search

Create a list of your top ten colleges. Using **Naviance Family Connection**, consider academics, location, cost, and social and cultural environment among your criteria. Try to narrow down these choices to your top five to eight. Investigate financing of your top ten schools using their web sites and other resources in the Post Grad Center.

Add a college visit to holiday travel. Call ahead to the admission office and make an appointment to tour the facility while your student is on break. Most importantly, encourage your student to achieve the highest grades possible in their junior year and to take courses that will prepare them for college admission and college coursework. **A student's grades and the courses taken are always primary admission criteria for colleges and universities.** The junior year grades are typically the last semester grades on the transcript before the transcript is sent to a college admission office for evaluation.

Military Choices

Any students who are looking at careers in the military are encouraged to speak to military service representatives in the cafeteria on "Military Mondays" during lunchtime from 11:40AM – 1:20PM. Representatives from the United States Army, Air Force, and Marines visit campus on a rotating schedule to speak to students who approach them with questions. For military representative contact information, please see Mrs. Hall in the Post Grad Center.

SAT/ACT Scores - Both Service Academy and ROTC applications require early and impressive test results. All military applicants should start taking the entrance tests during the spring of their junior year and retake them for a higher score first thing in the fall of their senior year.

Grades - Senior year grades do not arrive in time for the application process, so junior year grades are the last opportunity to excel in this most important area. Take the most challenging college-prep course load you can handle, earn the best grades possible, and prepare for the SAT/ACT tests.

Admissions Liaison Officer - Call with your questions; the Counseling Department has the phone numbers and addresses you need.

Leadership - You must demonstrate your ability to lead your peers. Get involved in school, sports, and community organizations. Show what you can do with responsibility.

Admissions Tours - Call the Academy admissions office for a reservation. Meet a cadet and follow him/her through a day of classes and lunch.

Career Choices

If your student is looking for a career straight out of high school, it is often wise to take courses through our Career and Technical Education Program. These programs prepare students for the world of work. Students who do not know what type of work would best suit them are encouraged to research careers by utilizing computers in the Post Grad Center.

Study Skills

Bolster your student's study habits by impressing upon him/her the importance of taking a few minutes each day to review the notes they have taken in class. Be sure they understand the vocabulary, and if they need help, have them ask their teacher or a classmate. If they review their notes with a friend, they might add some additional points that he/she may have missed.

Activities

Encourage your child to become involved in activities related to school such as student government, band, theater, athletic events, athletic teams, clubs, or dances. Students who are active in the classroom as well as in extracurricular programs have the opportunity to develop skills in leadership, setting priorities, meeting responsibilities, and learning more about their strengths in working with people.

Semester Final Exams

Final exams are coming in December. They are each 1 1/2 hours long. In some cases the exams are a review of the entire semester; in others the tests are over a recent unit. **Students need to listen carefully to teachers for directions related to the content and the effect (weight) the final exam has on their final grade in each class.**

Post Grad Center News

SENIORS: FINANCIAL AID: The window to complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, opened on October 1st. Here are two resources that will help you complete this application. First, click [here](#) to access the **slideshow from last month's Financial Aid Night**. A free resource is being offered at the FAFSA lab at Arapahoe Community College. Click [here](#) to sign up for an appointment slot to receive **assistance completing your FAFSA**. Read the registration page carefully so you are prepared for your appointment. This free service is being offered every Monday from now until December 10th at the Littleton campus.

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES: November 1st was the next major college application deadline; there are deadlines approximately every two weeks after that for the next few months. Know your deadlines, verify they are correct in Naviance on the "Colleges I'm Applying to" page and work in advance of them! Remember, the **blue Transcript Request Forms must be submitted with payment to Mrs. Arnold at least 10 school days prior to the application deadline**. Please listen to the announcements to stay on top of the cut off dates.

SUBMISSION VERIFICATION:

- **Common App** - Go to the Common App Dashboard. If green checkmarks have replaced the yellow dots, you have submitted.
- **Transcripts** - Go to Naviance, then to the "Colleges I'm Applying To" page. There are three status options: no request, requested, or sent.
- **Letters of recommendation** - Go to the Naviance "Letters of Recommendation" page. There are three status options: requested, in-progress, submitted.
- **ACT/SAT** - Go to the ACT or College Board site and look up the "score sends" history. The colleges who have received scores will be listed here.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD LETTERS: Seniors, check your email for information from colleges on setting up a portal to check for acceptance decisions. If you receive a merit scholarship award for grades or service, **please bring a copy to Mrs. Hall** in the Post Grad Center. We track scholarship data and students accepting scholarships are recognized at a special ceremony in May.

JUNIORS, your primary Post Grad task is to build your college list this year so you are ready to apply in the fall of senior year. Those interested in exploring attending college overseas, check out this International College Options Fair on Monday, November 15th at Dakota Ridge High School from 6:30-8:30 pm. Student pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Students can pre-register here: <https://ico.gotocollegefairs.com>.

SOPHOMORES are coming in for their scheduled Sophomore Post Grad visits in record numbers. Students set up their Naviance accounts, completed a career interest survey, and learned to search for colleges based on their interest. Please ask your student to share what was covered in their visit and encourage them to continue working in Naviance.

COLLEGE NIGHT: Freshman, sophomores, and junior students, parents, and guardians...please SAVE THE DATE of **Monday, February 4th for College Night at 7:00 PM**. Stay tuned for more details on this event!

Arapahoe High School Graduates In The Military

Arapahoe High School would like to recognize and honor all graduates who are now serving our country in the military. The Arapahoe Counseling Department is collecting pictures and information to add to our display in the Arapahoe Cafeteria.

If you have a son or daughter now serving in the military, please send in a photograph, the year of graduation, the branch they are serving in, and the group number, if applicable.

Please send the information to: Arapahoe High School, Attention: Counseling Department
2201 E. Dry Creek Road, Centennial, CO 80122

Thank you and best wishes to all the families and friends of those serving in the military

SAVE THE DATE!

College Night 2019

**JUNIOR, SOPHOMORE, AND FRESHMEN STUDENTS AND PARENTS —
LEARN ABOUT MANAGING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS.
START EARLY AND STRESS LESS!**



PRESENTED BY

**THE ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL
COUNSELING AND POST GRAD CENTER**

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Monday, February 4, 2019

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

2018-2019 ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE INVENTORY SURVEY

For the third consecutive year, Littleton Public Schools is administering the Comprehensive School Climate Inventory (CSCI) survey. We are inviting you to share your opinions about the culture and climate at Arapahoe High School through the CSCI. The survey window closes **November 30, 2018**. We believe that gathering feedback about school climate helps guide our efforts to provide supportive learning environments for all students, and you play an important role in this process. **If you have more than one child at the same school, you need only complete one survey.**

Please click here https://scrc.schoolclimate.org/takesurvey/5ba2c11379bff?s_id=273 to complete your survey. To view summary reports of last year's results, please click here <http://littletonpublicschools.net/district/school-climate-perception-surveys>.

We are grateful for your continued participation and support of this valuable opportunity.

Ryan Miwa is our school-based survey coordinator and will be available to answer any of your questions. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

Ryan Miwa
Assistant Principal/Survey Coordinator
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EReaders, ebooks and Digital Audio Books are available from the Arapahoe High School Library to all AHS students!

Digital technology has expanded in the Arapahoe High School Library with the use of eReaders. These devices are free of charge and can be checked out for 21 days.

E-books may be accessed through a browser by going to the [Destiny Discover link](#) found on the [AHS Library webpage](#). Students login using their school email username ([XXX@lpsk12.org](#)) and their email password. Available titles include popular and new fiction, along with fiction and nonfiction titles specifically selected to support curricular needs on a wide range of topics such as economics, forensic science, government, health, and personal finance, just to name a few.

In addition to using a browser, students may use the [Destiny Discover App for eBooks](#). The app is Android, Apple iOS, Kindle, Mac OS X, Nook, and Windows compatible. It uses the same login as the Universal Search page. The app permits users to not only read e-books but to also listen to digital audio books. EBooks and audio books may also be accessed free of charge through your local public library app, along with the use of the [Overdrive app](#).

How to Access Online Subscription Resources using your personal computer

Getting to these resources while using your personal computer couldn't be easier. Simply click on the "[AHS Library Subscriptions Page](#)" Link. Then click on "[Library Subscriptions](#)". When outside of AHS enter the username "[ahsonline](#)" along with the password "[arapahoe](#)" (these are case sensitive).

You will now have direct access to all of the resources listed in this article. If you have any questions regarding these resources please contact Mrs. Rice, at either (303)347-6038 or mplath-rice@lps.k12.co.us.

ROSEN digital >>

Rosen Teen Health and Wellness



Remember to return your one-day issue AHS Chromebook laptop or power cord by 3:30 p.m. on the day the item was checked out.

If the item is not returned on the day of checkout, there will be a fine of \$3 incurred for each day the item is overdue.

Arapahoe High School Teacher of the Year

We are proud to announce that the 4th annual Teacher of the Year nomination Google form is now open. This online nomination will remain open through Thanksgiving break and close November 25th. The Arapahoe High School Teacher of the Year is someone who is an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher who is recognized by our community for exemplifying the ability to:

DELIVER RESULTS: Deliver results to students and Arapahoe community;

FOSTER TEAMWORK: Promote collaboration in the classroom and in the department while inspiring students, colleagues, and the community with a positive vision for Arapahoe and its future;

MODEL CHARACTER: Demonstrate integrity, honesty and courage, and treat others with dignity and respect;

DEMONSTRATE GROWTH MINDSET: Make thoughtful decisions, show sound judgment, exemplify professionalism and reflect upon practice.

Please consider nominating one of our outstanding teaching staff for this honor! Please click the following link to complete a nomination: <https://goo.gl/forms/lhLi8rBAMWXllmdV2>



G/T Student Meetings

The AHS G/T team will host their annual meeting for G/T students on November 12 and November 13 at 7:30 am in room E1287. Arapahoe students with ALPs should attend one of these mornings in order to review their annual goals and hear updates regarding G/T opportunities at AHS. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Boatright at aboatright@lps.k12.co.us.

Art Department News

The Fall art show is up in the halls from now through the 6th of December, so stop by the east wing and the showcase in the cafeteria to check out all the wonderful artwork students have created so far this year!

Art Club is making some art and having a blast. If you want to join the creative fun, come down to room E1283 every Thursday after school. Want to join art club? It's not too late! Come join us at our next meeting.

November Artist of the Month is Finn O'Shea. His work will be displayed all month on our new bulletin board located by the main office.

Art Show This Month-

Littleton Adventist Hospital Show

Wednesday, November 14, 2017 - Wed, January 9, 2019

Reception: Wed, November 14, 2018 5:00-7:00 pm

Please contact anyone in the Art Department for more information regarding the show or reception. Hope to see you there!

AHS Business Department

National Business Honor Society

52 Students have met the requirements to be in the National Business Honor Society for the fall semester. Students that complete their application will be listed in next months drumbeat. National Business Honor Society is a great opportunity for students to be recognized for their excellence in business education at Arapahoe High School. Students are encouraged to include the recognition on their college application and work resumes.

The Business Department will be accepting applications for NBHS during the Spring semester. Students must take 3 business classes, have a 3.5 GPA or higher in their business classes and at least an overall GPA of 3.0.

DECA

DECA's competition season is well underway! We recently competed at the Smoky Hill Invitational in Aurora and Wolverine Invitational in Douglas County. Next up is the Vail Invitational and then our district competition on December 3rd.

Congratulations to the following students who placed at Wolverine Invitational:

1st Place: Maggie Coan, Iain Swartwood, Brooke Tilghman, Eva Loring & Julia Pauls, Brynn Scheckenbach & Cade Segura

2nd Place: Paige Dzengelewski, Emma Keith, Noah Musgrove, Jake Ott, Jack Dooley & Jared Green

3rd Place: Parker Anderson, Julia Blok, Lane D'Agostino, Graham Dzengelewski, Carter Sturgeon, Emma Weisberg, Cam Gail & Lucas Mederos, Nikko Graff & Maxwell Yates, Kyle Lukasiewicz & Turner Pruitt, Madison Monds & Piper Rundell

4th Place: Campbell Finch, Taylor Muehler, Ryan Renshaw, Spencer Cobb & Adam Hangland, Rachel Lindell & Mollie Pramenko

Top Test Score: Jack Dooley, Paige Dzengelewski, Lindsey Reed

DECA Dodgeball

The 13th Annual DECA Dodgeball Tournament was held on October 24, 2018. DECA students in Mrs. Maney's Sports Marketing class planned and hosted the event. Students chose a Career theme for the event. Twenty teams participated in the tournament. Each team dressed as and represented a different occupation. Congratulations to the UPS team who "Took Care of Business" and were the 2018 DECA Dodgeball Champions. Thanks to all the teams that participated and all the fans that came to support the event.

Future Business Leaders of America

Fundraising—Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) would like to thank the local AHS community for participating in the annual FBLA Shred-A-Thon fundraiser this year. The money will be used to help students pay to attend the State and National FBLA conference.

Community Service—FBLA has been busy with our fall community service project. In partnership with Arapahoe's Key Club, we supported this year's Trick-or-Treat Street. Our members helped design themed game rooms for the event and also had a great time decorating pumpkins. A contest for the best pumpkin was held to raise money for our donation to March of Dimes.

Competitions—are just around the corner! Students can begin signing up at the meeting on November 7th. If you need help choosing your event please see Mr. Sawyer or Mrs. Swank.

Upcoming Events:

November 7 - Competition sign up day, we will help answer your questions.

November 8,9 - Competition lunchtime sign up in room S1409

November 9-Competitions sign up 1406x-7:45 am

November 28- Verify competition meeting, Cornhole competition for prizes!

December 5-Walking Tacos-Social Event, Project check (extra letting points)

Thank you to all of the FBLA supporters in our community. Various businesses donated time and money to help our students attend and be successful in competition. FBLA Supporters-SouthGlenn Country Club, Metrum Credit Union, Carol Essex-Klutho, Xu-Bara Sushi, Izzy Fit, Lawton Taylor Academy. If you would like to mentor and or judge students in a variety of business events we would like to hear from you. Please contact: Caroline Swank(Advisor) cswank@lps.k12.co.us or Chad Sawyer(Advisor) csawyer@lps.k12.co.us

Arapahoe High School Performing Arts Department

The Performing Arts Department has been working hard this fall in preparation for some great concerts and theatrical performances. We would like to extend an invitation to the community. All Arapahoe events will be in the AHS theater. We hope to see you there!

Tue. 11/13	7:00 p.m.	LPS District Orchestra Concert at Littleton High School
Thur. 11/15	7:00 p.m.	Band and Orchestra Concert
Tue. 12/4	7:00 p.m.	Company Theater Showcase
Thur. 1/17	7:00 p.m.	Musical— <i>GREASE!</i>
Fri. 1/18	7:00 p.m.	Musical— <i>GREASE!</i>
Sat. 1/19	2:00 p.m.	Musical— <i>GREASE!</i>
Sat. 1/19	7:00 p.m.	Musical— <i>GREASE!</i>

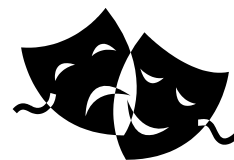
2018 Holiday Performances - Arapahoe Singers

Tue. 11/6	Noon	Pinehurst Country Club
Wed. 11/7	3:15 p.m.	CU-Boulder Mackey Auditorium
Fri. 12/7	7:00 a.m.	The Shack Bar & Grill, Sertoma Club of Littleton
Sat. 12/8	10:15 a.m.	Mission Hills Church
Sat. 12/8	3:00 p.m.	Wide Horizon
Tue. 12/11	7:00 p.m.	Arapahoe December Concert
Thur. 12/13	3:00 p.m.	Craig Hospital

Performing Arts Department ~ Students of the Month

The Performing Arts Department would like to recognize and thank the following outstanding students who were named Students of the Month for November 2018:

Vocal Music:	Caroline Clark
Instrumental:	Luke Arnholds
Theatre:	Colby Kenney



Arapahoe High School Journalism Information

Have you ordered your yearbook?

If you have not yet ordered a yearbook, it's not too late. You can still order your yearbook for only \$67. The last date yearbook orders can be placed is **Wednesday, November 28, 2018**, before we submit our order to the printing company.

When yearbooks are distributed at the end of the year, many students and parents regret not ordering a copy. We do not have the budget nor the storage space to order a lot of extra books on a speculative basis, so please order your yearbooks now so that we can place an accurate order with the printer. We may not have any extra books in May. If we do have any books, they will be sold for \$80 on a first-come, first-served basis.

If cost is an issue, please contact the yearbook adviser, Greg Anderson, at ganderson@lps.k12.co.us or 303-347-6028 and we can work out a payment plan. You may make payments with the AHS Bookkeeper, Laura Ronald. Contact her at lronald@lps.k12.co.us or 303-347-6018.

FINAL EXAMS

Final Exams will be given December 18-21, 2018. The last day of the first semester is Friday, December 21, 2018. The final exam schedule is listed below.

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Class	Time
Period 1 MWF.....	8:30—9:55
Period 1 T/R.....	10:05—11:30
Period 2 MWF.....	11:40—1:05
Study Time.....	1:05—3:31

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 (Note PLC start time)

Class	Time
Period 2 T/R.....	9:30—10:55
Period 3 MWF.....	11:05—12:30
Period 3 T/R.....	12:40—2:05
Study Time.....	2:05—3:31

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Class	Time
Period 4 MWF.....	8:30—9:55
Period 4 T/R.....	10:05—11:30
Period 5 MWF.....	11:40—1:05
Study Time.....	1:05—3:31

Friday, December 21, 2018

Class	Time
Period 5 T/R.....	8:30—9:55
Period 6 MWF.....	10:05—11:30
Period 6 T/R.....	11:40—1:05
Study Time.....	1:05—3:31

Four and five hour classes (MTWRF, MWRF, MTWF) will schedule their final exams during the MWF exam time and will not meet during the T/R exam time. Block classes will schedule their final exams during the first period that the block class meets and will not meet during the second period that the block class is scheduled.

Each final exam day, students have the opportunity to be involved in a full day of instructional activity. Supervised study areas will be provided for those students not engaged in exams. These areas will be open from 8:20 until 3:31 on each exam day.

Students will sign in at the study areas (Library, Cafeteria, Department Offices, the Study Center and selected classrooms).

Kitchen closes at 1:20 p.m.

Buses will run on the regular schedule.

From the Arapahoe Attendance Office
Important Attendance Procedures for Students and Parents

- **PASSES ARE NOT DELIVERED TO STUDENTS.** If your student needs to leave during a class, please have them stop by the Attendance Office to pick up a **PASS**, prior to the time they need to leave. Passes are not needed if leaving during a passing time and passes are not written when your student returns. Students must sign in at the Attendance Office when returning from an appointment. If the appointment runs longer than what you originally planned please call the updated information to the attendance line.
- If your student has been marked Absent or Tardy in error, please have them stop by the Attendance Office for a Change Slip. Parents cannot have these corrected.
- All excused absences must be called in to the Attendance Office by a parent or guardian **within 24 hours**. We do not accept written notes. When calling the attendance line, please follow the recorded instructions, speaking clearly. Failure to leave ALL of the required information will result in an unexcused absence.
- Please be aware that if you receive an Automated Message and have already called in, please consider that the call is for a different period or, perhaps a sibling. You can check Infinite Campus Portal for this information.
- Messages left after 2:30pm will be recorded in the Parent Portal the next school day and may result in an automated message that evening.
- We recommend that you check student attendance often or weekly by accessing the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. **Please feel free to call us 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 303-347-6030.**



The Coffee Break
Deputy James Englert and Deputy Dan Tipton
School Resource Officers, Arapahoe High School

WINTER DRIVING!!

It never fails—whenever it snows or the roads get icy, there is an increase in car crashes. Often the crashes involve cars and fixed objects, such as fences. I know we've already had several weeks of winter driving, but I thought I would remind everyone of some simple helpful hints to make driving easier and help you avoid a crash.

- Always use your seatbelt.
- Avoid driving fatigued.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface.
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly.
- Following distance should be increased to 8 to 10 seconds.
- Don't stop on a hill.
- Don't power up hills. The extra speed on a snow covered road will cause your tires to spin.
- If you slide, turn the steering wheel into the slide, and don't try to correct until you've stopped sliding.



Let's Have A Great and Safe School Year!

Please feel free to contact us at:

jenglert@lps.k12.co.us and dtipton@lps.k12.co.us

303-347-6086



Alive @ 25 Class

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

3:45pm-8:15pm (bring a snack)

At AHS in room W1874

Register at <http://aliveat25.us/>

Alive at 25 is a highly interactive program that specifically targets young drivers between the ages of 15 and 24 and encourages them to consistently practice safe and defensive driving habits. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of teen fatalities, accounting for 44% of teen deaths in the United States. The program utilizes workbook exercises, interactive media, group discussions, role-playing, and lectures to help drivers develop the lifesaving defensive driving skills and strategies which will keep them safer on the road. All young people, ages 15-24, in the community are eligible to participate in Alive at 25. For further information on how to use this certificate to obtain a driver's permit, please [click this link](#). If you miss this class, check the school's website for the next class available to Arapahoe students. For questions, call Deputy James Englert at 303-347-6086.

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Freshman Showcase Class of 2023



December 3, 2018

6:00 P.M.— 8:00 P.M.

Sitting Eagle Gymnasium

- ♦ Welcome from Principal, Mrs. Natalie Pramenko
- ♦ Visit areas of academic or extra-curricular interests
- ♦ Learn about exciting programs offered at AHS



LPS Foundation Spotlight

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Thank you to everyone who came out for The Stride. We had nearly 2,300 participants and 350 volunteers. It was a fantastic morning and a really fun way to raise needed funds for LPS!



**Mark your calendar for next year's Stride
on Sunday, October 27th!**



Please join us:

Pre-Holiday Gathering and Shopping Night Out at Colorado Frame Co & Savvy Stuff

Thursday, November 8th, 5-8 pm, 2396 W. Main Street, Littleton

<http://evite.me/AqrhC1XquH>

Join us for a fun and friendly night out! The LPS Foundation will provide wine, light appetizers and the opportunity to connect with old and new friends while you get a jump start on holiday gifts or shop for a little something for yourself. Colorado Frame Company and Savvy Stuff will donate 15% of total sales to the LPS Foundation in support of ALL LPS schools. How awesome is that? It also applies to any custom framing you need to get done. And, just by stopping in, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a lovely home decor piece.



LPS Poetry Slam

**Tuesday, November 13th @ 7:00 pm at the Ames Facility, 7300 S. Clermont Dr,
Centennial**

We are proud to fully-fund this amazing event that supports mental health for students.



LPS Night at Colorado Avalanche vs. Dallas Stars on Saturday, 11/24 @ 7:00 pm

Purchase your discounted tickets now and get entered to win an on-ice experiences! Tickets start at \$25 - No additional taxes or fees, and \$4 of every ticket sold goes back to support LPS schools! Choose your favorite LPS school and they win too! [Purchase tickets here](#)

Mark your calendar for two December opportunities to raise funds for LPS schools:



Please consider supporting us on Colorado Gives Day. Any contribution amount will help us execute our mission to educate our kids. [Donate here](#)

Join us for a

Kendra Gives Back Shopping Party

Wednesday, December 12th, 5 - 8 pm

Kendra Scott at Park Meadows Mall

Enjoy sips, sweets and Jewels! Come celebrate the HOLIDAYS and GIVING BACK! 20% of sales will go back to Littleton Public Schools Foundation!

The Littleton Public Schools Foundation is the fundraising partner for Littleton Public Schools. Providing a quality education for every child is at the forefront of our purpose. We are committed to generating financial resources and building community partnerships that enhance student and staff success in all of our neighborhood schools. For more information, visit LPSFoundation.com.

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2018-2019 Dates to Remember:

Friday, November 09, 2018	- End of Six Weeks
Monday, November 12, 2018	- Mandatory Winter Athletic Night for Parents & Students
Wednesday, November 14, 2018	- TRIBE Schedule
Monday, November 19-Friday, November 23, 2018	- Thanksgiving Break
Monday, December 03, 2018	- Freshmen (Class of 2023) Showcase
Wednesday, December 05, 2018	- TRIBE Schedule
Tuesday, December 18-Friday, December 21, 2018	- Final Examinations
Friday, December 21, 2018	- Semester Ends/Last Day for Students
Monday, December 24-Friday, January 04, 2019	- Winter Break
Monday, January 07, 2019	- In-Service – NO STUDENTS
Tuesday, January 08, 2019	- First Day Second Semester
Wednesday, January 16, 2019	- TRIBE Schedule
Monday, January 21, 2019	- Martin L. King Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, January 30, 2019	- TRIBE Schedule
Wednesday, February 13, 2019	- TRIBE Schedule
Friday, February 15, 2019	- End of Six Weeks
Monday, February 18, 2019	- Presidents' Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Monday, February 25, 2019	- Mandatory Spring Athletic Night for Parents & Students
Thursday, March 07, 2019	- Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday, March 08, 2019	- NO SCHOOL
Monday, March 11-Friday, March 15, 2019	- Warrior Week
Wednesday, March 13, 2019	- TRIBE Schedule
Monday, March 25-Friday, March 29, 2019	- Spring Break
Friday, April 05, 2019	- End of Six Weeks
Monday, April 15, 2019	- Freshman (Class of 2023) Registration
Wednesday, May 01, 2019	- TRIBE Schedule
Saturday, May 04, 2019	- Prom/After Prom
Friday, May 17, 2019	- Last Day for Seniors
Monday, May 20, 2019	- Final Examinations/Senior Awards Convocation
Tuesday, May 21-Thursday, May 23, 2019	- Final Examinations/Last Day of School
Friday, May 24, 2019	- NO SCHOOL/End of Six Weeks
Saturday, May 25, 2019	- GRADUATION Class of 2019, 1:00 p.m. at D.U.



17th Annual Arapahoe Toy Drive #WarriorsCare



Every year, the Arapahoe High School Community donates holiday gifts to a highly impacted school in the Denver metro area. This year, we have chosen Richard T. Castro Elementary School located in Denver. There are 343 students who come from very loving families, but many of their parents struggle to provide the basic necessities. At this time, 100% of Castro students qualify for free and reduced lunch. We will also be reaching out to Denver Indian Health and Family Services. **Our toy drive will run from November 5 - December 14.** Students and Staff will be delivering the toys on December 18. We will be accepting toys and monetary donations in the Activities/Attendance Office during this time. Toy donations are for girls and boys ages 3-12, ranging in price from \$10-20. Please, should you donate to this fantastic cause, please do not donate weapons or toys that require batteries. Please consider giving to this wonderful cause. It is a powerful experience that both the students at Castro Elementary and Arapahoe High School will remember for years to come. If you have any questions, please call the Activities/Attendance Office at [303-347-6095](tel:303-347-6095).

Littleton Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex (which includes marital status), sexual orientation, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, age, disability, or need for special education services. The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Michael Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources or Melissa Cooper, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services; Littleton Public Schools; 5776 S. Crocker; Littleton, CO 80120; 303-347-3330