

Mrs. McFarland's 5th Grade News (5B)

5B is looking forward to an exciting year. In social studies we started out the year reviewing our map reading skills before we dove into Ancient Egypt and learned about mummies, pharaohs, pyramids, and walking like an Egyptian.

Weather, clouds, and the water cycle piqued our interest in Science, while Math has been incredibly exciting.



In math we explored Number Patterns, whole number, and figured out how much money we would need to buy pizza for the whole class if the pizzas each cost \$11.

The Importance of Reading by Mrs. Ellis – Language Arts

“The early years set the stage for later learning... the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children.” (from *Becoming a Nation of Readers: The Report of the Commission on Reading*)
Just 20 minutes a day reading aloud with your child:

- strengthens relationships
- encourages listening and language skills
- promotes attention and curiosity
- establishes a strong reading foundation

These skills are essential for success in school and in life.

So far, Language Arts has been busy, busy, busy.

We have experimented with Literature Circles, Mental Pictures, connecting the text with our experiences or the world around us, journaling, and dissecting the parts of a story. So far this term we have even learned how to spell words like; adieu, nuisance, familiar, and particular.



As a class we are listening to the reading of *Blubber* by Judy Blume. *Blubber* is a story about the cruelty of children towards one another and allows for good discussions on feelings and being kind. Throughout the year we will be reminded of how it feels when others are rude or mean and what being respectful to each other actually means.



As the year progresses we will continue to study and grow. We don't always do things correctly the first time, but through our mistakes we learn. In 5B we celebrate our unique personalities and appreciate the differences in others. We love 5th grade.

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- Spirit day—October 21
- Fall Break—October 24-28

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News from “The Corner”

There is an excitement in the air in the halls of ASU. Our current crop of HS Seniors are a very dedicated and driven group of future leaders, all anxious to go out and make their mark on the world. I am in the fortunate position to be able to provide assistance to them through the creation of the *ASU Corner*. “*The Corner*”, or Room 316, is an area dedicated to assisting our future leaders become all they aspire to be.

From SAT/ACT/TOEFL/IELTS testing information to the latest post-secondary options available to them, “*the Corner*” is the start of their journey. It is my hope that, in addition to gaining entrance to the university or college of their choice, our students will have opportunities to obtain valuable scholarships or have multiple career options upon their departure from ASU. Throughout the year, a different university from around the world will be showcased on our information board, allowing students to get a good feel for what to expect from university life.

R.K.Holtet – Guidance Counselor

September Showcases:

University of Kent (UK)
Arkansas State University (US)
Garden Valley State University (US)
California Institute of Technology
CalTech – US)

Important Deadlines:

SAT Testing	October 7	Registration
ACT Testing	November 4	Registration
UCAS -Oxford & Cambridge	October 15	Application Deadline

Student Council News

ASU's Student Council is about to be up and running for the 2011-2012 year! We have some exciting changes expected for this year, including a brand-new format for the executive council. We now have Vice Presidents of Communications, Events, and Finance to replace the last executive positions.

This year, elections took place on Friday, September 23 and after some very powerful speeches, the new members are thrilled to be able to help make positive changes in their school! Class representatives will be elected during the week of **September 26** and will help the executive council make this year ASU's best yet!

If you ever have any concerns as a student, want to see something changed, improved, or scrapped, bring your voice to the student council. We want to hear from YOU.

President Elect: Jonathan Cheon

Vice President Communications:
Amina Enkhbold

Vice President Events: Grace Kim

Vice President Finance:
Gangaanii Ganbaatar

Secretary: Jerilyn Ellis

News from the Lower Grades



The Pre-K, KG, 1st and 2nd grade classes took a field trip to a National Park this month to observe the changing seasons. We walked through a flower garden, collected leaves by the river, and had a snack picnic. It was a wonderful morning outdoors, and we thank all those who helped to facilitate our good time.

High School Language Arts News

I'm glad to be back at ASU for another year of learning! I expect big things from my students this year in order to prepare them for the cruel, cruel life of being a college student. That means plenty of reading, writing, and speaking in English, all year round.

The most important thing to remember is that **you** need to be the first person willing to learn if you are going to improve your skills in English. Teachers won't help students that don't help themselves, and Language Arts teachers are no different! Give me the best that you can give, each and every class, I'll give you back a promise that success will be close at hand. PARENTS!

Reading a book with or alongside your son or daughter is a great way to improve your English as well! Let's work together as a team to educate the next generation! **Let's start strong and have a great year!**

Mr. Lachance

This Month's Writing Tip: When to *Indent*, Underline, and "Quotation Mark" Titles in Essays

This is a pesky and confusing part of writing for so many students, so let's try and shed some light on it!

The general rule is that when you are referring to big pieces of writing, like novels, collections of shorter works, films, dictionaries, music albums, etc., always either *INDENT* or UNDERLINE the title (but never do both).

E.G.: In the movie *Forest Gump*, directed by...

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen is my favourite novel...

When referring to smaller pieces of writing, like short stories, short movies or movie clips, poems, song titles, essays, television show episode titles, etc., always put these titles in between "quotation marks."

E.G. In the poem, "Ode to a Grecian Urn" by John Keats...

The short story, "The Sniper", has a very interesting theme...

Putting it all together:

E.G. My favourite song is "Old Man" by the music artist Neil Young. This song comes from his album, Harvest, released in 1972.

Stay tuned for next month's writing tip!

Upcoming Volleyball Games

ASU Volleyball Schedule

Friday October 7th @ home boys and girls vs. Hobby at 3:45.

Wednesday October 12th boys and girls @ ISU at 4:30.

Friday October 14th @ home boys vs. Elite at 4:30.

Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS) tournament in Beijing October 27-29.





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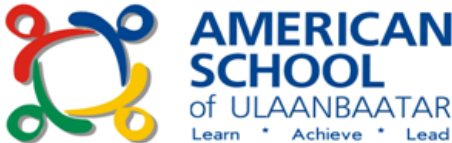
As an ASU tradition, swimming lessons will begin in January and end in late April or the beginning of May. I believe that there will be active participation in swimming, especially among the middle and high school students. As of last year, the swimming lesson program began issuing grades on the report cards, so it is crucial for you to be involved in all sessions.

Upcoming Swimming Competition

This year our school is planning to officially participate in the Annual Swimming Competition organized by the Central Swimming Pool. More specific information about the competition will be provided at a later date. If you are confident in your swimming ability and want to participate, please register with me for further training.

Swimming as After School Activity

Because of the size of the ASU pool, we will only accept 20 kids from Grades 3 – 6 for our After School Activity program. If you don't want to miss this opportunity, you need to register for ASA in January. Most importantly, you need to HAVE FUN!!!



MENU FOR OCTOBER, 2011

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
	3	4	5	6	7
PreK-3	Spaghetti, Green Beans, Fruit, Juice	Chicken, Buckwheat, Vegetable Salad, Tea	Huushuur, Kebab, Apple, Milk	Rice Ball, Fruit Jelly, Mashed Carrot, Juice	Pizza, Juice
Gr 4-12	Salad, Chicken Roll, Bread, Fruit Juice	Roasted Mutton, Fried Noodle, Greek Salad, Bread, Tea	Egg Salad, Burrito, Kimchi, Milk	Egg & Cheese Croissant, Chips, Bread, Seasoned Rice, Salad, Tea	Burger, French fry, Apple, Water
	10	11	12	13	14
PreK-3	Vegetable Cream Soup, Buuz, Vegetable Salad, Tea	Aarts, Tefteli, Mashed Carrot, Juice	Italian Food, Cutlet, Mashed Potato, Buckwheat, Juice	Rice Ball, Green Beans, Cracker & Peanut butter, Yoghurt	Burger, French fry, Tea
Gr 4-12	Italian Salad, Vegetable Roll, Mantuu, Tea	Sandwich, Minced Beef with Mashed Potato Casserole, Bread, Juice	Korean Food, Bread, Buckwheat, Juice	Spaghetti, Fruit Cocktail, Vegetable Salad, Yoghurt	Pizza, Tea, Water
	17	18	19	20	21
PreK-3	Bantan, Vegetable Huushuur, Tea	Chicken, Mixed Fruit, Bread, Juice	Aarts with Rice, Cutlet, Mashed Potato, Tea	Chicken, Buckwheat, Yoghurt, Cracker & Peanut Butter, Yoghurt	Pizza, Apple, Juice
Gr 4-12	Salad, Meat Ball, Roasted Pumpkin, Rice, Bread, Juice	Fried Beef, Rice, Bread, Salad, Tea	BBQ Chicken, Apple, Seasoned Rice, Salad, Juice	Salad, Schnitzel, Bread, Yoghurt	Sandwich, Chips, Juice