



ALLEYCAT TIMES

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Important Dates

FEBRUARY

- 1-5 – Heroes Week
- 2 – Vision and Hearing Screening
- 3 – Walk to School Day
- 6 – PTA Family Skate/Feast Night
- 8 – NO SCHOOL – Lincoln Day
- 9 – Flag Assembly (8:50)
- 11 – PTA Board Meeting (6:30)
- 15 – NO SCHOOL – President's Day
- 16 – Flag Assembly (8:50)
- 17 – BMI Testing
- 23 – School Site Council Mtg (3:30)
- 25 – PTA Family Night (6:00)

MARCH

- 1 – APEX Fun Run Begins (Assembly)
- 2 – Walk to School Day
- 4 – Trimester 2 Ends
- 8 – Spring Pictures
- 10 – APEX Fun Run (am)
- 10 – PTA Board Mtg (6:30)

Flyers & Links

- [Heroes Week Flyer](#)
- [Ice Skating and Ruby's Feast Flyer](#)
- [Active Parenting Workshop Flyer](#)
- [Open Enrollment Application](#)
- [February Calendar](#)
- [February Menu](#)

Amazing Alleycat Award Winners for the Week

Varshitha Gurram	Eugene Choi
Noah Lee	Elsa Cai
Anthony Jun	Julianne Espinas
Abby Diaz	Noah Liao
Malak Hijaz	Julian Ruiz

CONGRATULATIONS!



**THANKS TO THE COAST GUARD FOR
STOPPING BY ARNOLD TODAY!**

HEROES WEEK IS THIS WEEK

Attached is a flyer describing the events as well as information about who to contact if you are in a service position and able to come speak to our Arnold students next week. Below is the daily schedule and a description of what color kids should wear each day to honor our service members:

Monday – ORANGE & WHITE to support Search and Rescue teams

Tuesday – RED to support the Fire Department

Wednesday – BLUE to support Law Enforcement

Thursday – GREEN/CAMOUFLAGE to support Military

Friday – RED to show our Arnold Spirit as we write thank you letters to the heroes

Thanks to our Heroes for all that you do!!



WALK TO SCHOOL DAY – WEDNESDAY

Be sure to walk to school this Wednesday so that your class can win the Golden Sneaker Trophy and have your picture in the Alleycat Times next week!



ARNOLD FAMILY FUN DAY – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

Join us for a family fun skating day and family feast at the Palos Verdes Ice Chalet and Ruby's which are right next door! On Saturday, February 6th from 1:00 to 4:00 we'll be having family skating and on the same day from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, we'll be having a family feast at Ruby's. A percentage of the sales from both locations will be going to Arnold. So please come down to have some fun and support our school at the same time. Please see the [attached flyer](#) for more details and for the presale form to purchase admission and skates at a discounted rate. Thank you!



ARNOLD ELEMENTARY STEAM FAIR

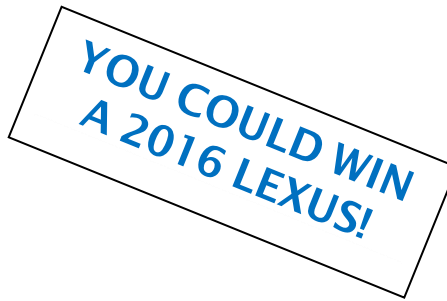
This year Arnold Elementary is shifting gears and having a STEAM Fair instead of a Science Fair. Students will be applying and practicing their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math skills, while approaching their projects with a creative perspective (the "A" in STEAM). This perspective, based on the new [Next Generation Science Standards \(NGSS\)](#), encourages kids to focus not just on results but on their process, one that includes trial and error, divergent thinking, dynamic problem solving and plenty of perseverance. Please [click here](#) for a flyer with more detailed information. Below, you can also access the specific grade-level packets. Projects are due March 22nd and the Arnold STEAM Fair is March 24th. The 1st place winner at every grade level will advance to the District Science Fair on Thursday, March 31st.

[Kindergarten/1st Grade Packet](#)
[2nd/3rd Grade Packet](#)

[4th/5th Grade Packet](#)
[Next Generation Science Standards](#)

PTA Membership -- Calling all DADS!

Ok ...we've been challenged and I know all the Alleycat Families are up to the task. The PTA is trying to get 16 NEW male PTA members. That means that any dads, brothers, grandfathers, and family friends that [JOIN THE PTA](#) between now and February 15, 2016 will allow the Arnold PTA to be entered into a raffle. This is an excellent opportunity to support YOUR school and YOUR student's education. Membership is only \$8.00 for the year and you will receive a coupon to Baskin -Robbins plus are eligible for [these PTA savings](#). Help us out and **JOIN Today!**



RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW

TEF raffle tickets are \$30 each and \$20 of each ticket gets donated back to your child’s class or any school program you choose. 1st Deadline is Friday March 4th. The TEF Dinner is Saturday, April 30th. Tickets are available from your teacher or in the school office. Please help support our school and buy some raffle tickets today!

FEVER FREE POLICY

Just a reminder to parents that our wellness policy states that students need to be **fever-free for 24 hours without medication** before returning to school. We all need to do our part to keep Arnold students, staff and teachers healthy. Thanks!



ACTIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

The Torrance Adult School is offering a 6-week active parenting workshop from February 10th – March 16th on Wednesday evenings. Topics will include how to open communication, improve power struggles, teach responsibility and courage, and more. Please [click here](#) to see the flyer with more detailed information.

YEARBOOK PRICE GOING UP

If you haven't already purchased your Yearbook, please note that the price of the yearbook will go up from \$26 to \$32 on February 1st. Purchase yours now on the [PTA website](#), to help preserve all of the great experiences our children have had this year.

2016 KINDERGARTEN AND TK ENROLLMENT

Please help spread the word for TK & Kindergarten enrollment. [Attached](#) is a detailed letter with the specific enrollment dates for Arnold students. You can also download all the forms from the TUSD website by [clicking here](#).



DATE(S)	EVENT	JOB(S)	CONTACT
Now!	Arnold Carnival Planning	Need ideas for fun cultural activities to have at our Carnival	Colan Kwock ckwock@socal.rr.com

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SUMMER SCHOOL INFO

ESY (by invitation/IEP only): July 25th – August 19th*

Jumpstart and Emergency Immigrant (by invitation only): August 1st – August 19th

OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD – JANUARY 4TH – FEBRUARY 29TH

Open Enrollment allows parents/guardians who live within TUSD boundaries to apply for their children to attend a school other than their home school. Applications are accepted once a year for the following school year. The Open Enrollment school becomes the student's permanent home school. For the 2016-2017 school year, applications are due to the Family Welcome Enrollment Center **January 4th – February 29th**. **Late applications will NOT be accepted.** [Click here](#) for complete instructions and application.

NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

The meeting will be held at 7:00pm at the District Office – 2336 Plaza del Amo.

NEXT SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

Our next School Site Council Meeting will be held in Room 28 at 3:30pm on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016.

Check back next week for more important school information!