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February Update from Arrupe

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Dear Jeff,

At Arrupe Jesuit High School, we hold our students to high expectations and put particular emphasis in all of our academic classes on the reading and writing skills they will need for college level work.

We have introduced Arrupe students to a new challenge this year – reading a million words or more during this school year.

The research is clear. **More reading translates to better readers.** There is a significant correlation between the amount of time children spend reading and improved measurements of comprehension, vocabulary, and reading speed.

In addition to directed classroom reading, students have dedicated classroom time to explore genres of their choice, with the expectation that they will read the equivalent of twenty-five novels this year.

Lucia Plucinski is setting a strong example for her classmates. Five months into the school year she has read nearly twenty books and almost two million words. Congratulations to her and to all of her classmates who are working hard to prepare for academic success!

Michael O'Hagan
Principal

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Online Book Critics

Arrupe students are learning to be critical readers – by being critics. Students reviewed a favorite book and submitted their writing to [Teen Ink](#), a website and publishing company focusing on writing by teens for teens. The top review in each classroom is featured on Arrupe's website:



Featured Students



On Track to One Million

Arrupe students have set the ambitious goal of reading a million words or more during this school year. Midway through the school year, these 27 students are well on their way to meeting or exceeding that goal. They were recognized at a school-wide honor roll ceremony on January 30th.

Over 1,000,000 Words

Adar Johnson (1,077,082)
Jessica Perez (1,306,201)
Lucia Plucinski (1,805,274)

Over 400,000 Words

Sarah Archuleta (524,586)
Tiera Brown (760,895)
Dominique Coronado (620,185)
Francisco Delgado (708,323)
Jose Fernandez (701,174)
Stefani Garcia (559,335)
Amanda Gonzalez
Bianca Herrera (478,331)
Desiree Jimenez (475,510)
Angela Khong (952,660)
Kateri Kramer (746,175)
Daisy Lopez (757,189)
Eunice Martinez (559,914)
Mia Mayberry (591,030)

Keyairah Gregg, [Chicken Soup for a Teenage Soul III](#)
Bianca Herrera, [Speak](#)
Adaivet Martinez, [Margaux with an X](#)
Mira Martinez, [Making the Most of High School](#)
Maya Valdiva, [Mr. and Mrs. Bo Jo Jones](#)

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Arrupe Wrestlers Head to State Tournament

A trio of Arrupe wrestlers - Lance Gallegos, Richard Apodaca, and Vincente Gallegos - finished #1 in their regionals and will continue their season by competing in the state tournament along with sophomore wrestler Ossiell Vargas. Both Lance and Richard will enter their meets with the top seed in their weight class. Wrestling begins at the Pepsi Center this afternoon with the finals on Saturday night.

[2007 Colorado State Wrestling Tournament](#)

Work Study Welcomes Three New Employers



Arrupe's Corporate Work Study Program continues to grow, adding three employers since the beginning of the school year. Arrupe students are now working at 68 businesses and nonprofits and will earn over \$1,000,000 this year to support their own education.

We would like to extend a special welcome to our three newest employers:

Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP
Cordillera Asset Management
Smith Barney

[View All CWSP Employers](#)

Arrupe Students Earn Glowing Reviews

Arrupe students take on positions of real responsibility through our Corporate Work Study Program. They work as receptionists, translate documents, file legal briefs, map oil wells, manage corporate data, and deliver mail.



The feedback from employers continues to be extraordinary. Every semester, job supervisors rate students on their punctuality, the value of their work, their respect for authority, and their professional appearance among many others areas of performance. These evaluations are shared with students as part of their semester report card.

This year **over 90% of students were rated as Outstanding, Very Good, or Good**. The 72 students receiving the top evaluation possible were treated to a pizza party on February 7th and 9th for all their hard work.

[2006-07 Mid-Year Evaluations](#)

Jennifer Padilla (526,066)
Monica Perez (794,142)
Rosa Reyna (441,560)
Mario Rodriguez (950,311)
Marlene Rodriguez (497,248)
Stephany Spreutels (431,624)
Cody Subia (509,140)
Vivian Venegas (591,961)
Ariana Venzor (757,189)
Tiyana Young (718,037)

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