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1st Quarter – by Cody Tibbetts, AC-T Principal

Last spring, the thought of hosting a Maker Fair at Albert City-Truesdale Elementary began. While reflecting on the 2013-14 school year and Grandparent’s Day 2013 where we celebrated International Dot Day for the first time and read the book, The Dot, by Peter H. Reynolds. The thought of bringing a Maker Fair to AC-T came up. Our



Prairie Lakes AEA had done something similar at a district close to us, but this was just with the staff, no students involved. We thought, why not make the grandparents

smile with creations from the grandchildren and shock them with the opportunities that AC-T students have? Is there anything better than a smiling grandparent and the looks they make when they are truly amazed? At AC-T, we envision our students not just using iPads/laptops at school, because we want them to use the technology, but we want our students and staff to take the power of technology to the next level; be thinking, creating, manipulating, and sharing our creations with the world! I know that our 2014 Maker Fair reached this level and more.

The students, teachers and station leaders were soaring during our 2014 Maker Fair. Way back in April,

the thought of hosting this event felt like a long shot, but as the day closed in, I thought to myself, “This is really going to happen”!



There were comments from teachers like, “Where did you find such an

event?”, “The students are absolutely loving this” and “Are we going to do this again, next year?”. Our students were amazed. They were



asking if we could do this every week or again in the spring! I really believe that if we would have told them no recess and they could attend another Maker Fair station, we wouldn’t have been able to contain their excitement. They were like this all day long! We will again start reflecting, not on this school year, it’s a little too early, but on our 2014 Maker Fair. Yes, we want to bring a Maker Fair to AC-T again, so our reflection will be more about tying up the loose ends and tweaking the length of a few stations and transition times. Nothing major, because as a whole the entire event was unforgettable! Thank you Prairie Lakes AEA and the AC-T students and staff for accepting a new challenge and finding a new way to energize our building and community! Thank you for your continued support of AC-T and sharing our vision with us!

Like Always, GO HURICANES!
Cody Tibbetts

Jeff Dicks, Superintendent

Certified Enrollment Up Slightly

October 1st is the official count day for Iowa Schools. We then electronically “certify” an official number on October 15th. This is an important day that determines the funding that will be available the next year, since the school finance formula is one year behind. We will show an increase of 1 student in our certified enrollment for 2014-15. While this may not seem like a big deal, because funding is based on each student, it is really good news for AC-T.

Operational Funding Still in Place

The Albert City-Truesdale district is sharing 4 different positions that we will receive incentive funding from the state. They are: Counselor with Sioux Central, Business Manager, Transportation Director, and Superintendent with Newell-Fonda. These positions will generate funding for an additional 21 students or approximately \$130,000 for the district finances. This funding is money that is guaranteed by Iowa Code, however, the law has been changed from a year ago, so we are cautious to budget this money for ongoing expenditures. We also share a Librarian with Newell-Fonda, which provides additional cost savings in salary and benefits.

I commend the Board of Education in being proactive and open-minded in entering into these sharing agreements. By sharing these positions, it saves money, and also generates additional money from the state.

I continue to be extremely impressed with the support of our district from the parents and community, thank you for all you do.

Whole Grade Sharing Timeline

At the October board of director's meeting, the board approved the Intent to renew our Whole Grade Sharing agreement with Sioux Central. The timeline to that end will be to hold a public hearing at our December 10, 2014 board meeting. At this meeting, our community will have the opportunity to address any concerns or voice their support. Upon hearing comment, the board will approve renewing our agreement for another 10-year period. Understand, the 10-year period is intended to show commitment, but either school can get out of the agreement with a 1-year notice. We will then approve the agreement at our January board meeting.

Given the established sharing partnership that is in place, I do believe this is the best sharing partner for the Albert City-Truesdale district. Both

administrative teams are committed to improving our sharing relationships and the many benefits it provides our students. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to call me at (712)843-5416 or email at jdicks@albertct.k12.ia.us

6th Grade Update by Ms. Lorenz

The 6th graders have been very busy this fall. We started off the school year with a trip to Gabrielson Park, south of Sioux Rapids. We went canoeing and spent some time doing pond study. We enjoyed it and found a few interesting pond creatures. More recently, Colleen Schwanz, from the Buena Vista Soil and Water Conservation office has been coming into our classroom and teaching us all about soil and water conservation! We will end her two week visit with a trip to Spirit Lake to view some of the things we have learned. In math we have been working with decimals, and we will wrap that section up here in the next week. We like to try to create things on our iPads and try to use them as much as we can. We have spent some time on our new favorite website, KidBlog. We write posts in every subject, and we even use it to develop free writes. Some of the topics we have written about so far are: creating myths, what is respect, short stories, and responses to our reading questions. We try to have a little bit of fun each day!

2ND GRADE HAPPENINGS BY MRS. DECARLO

It is hard to believe that our second graders have completed their first quarter of the year. The time has flown by, but our students have been extremely busy learning and growing. Along with using strategies to become better readers and mathematicians, our students have been learning about what it is to be a scientist. Scientists use skills such as questioning, predicting, classifying, comparing and observing to answer questions. Our students have taken these skills and used them in a couple of science experiments. One experiment students enjoyed involved gummy bears. Students were given a gummy bear and they had to predict

what would happen when the bear was placed in a tub of water. Here are some of the students' predictions; the bear will dissolve, the water will turn color, the bear will get smaller, the bear will be transparent, and the bear will be slimy. We then placed all of the bears in the water and observed them for 24 hours. We noticed that the water did turn color, but that the bears were expanding in size. During the next science lesson the students used four of their five senses to observe the bears. They noticed the bears were slimy, they were huge, they still had the same color, and they smelled fruity. Students then received a gummy bear out of the package to compare with the water bear. Students concluded that even though the gummy bear was placed in water, it was very similar to the original gummy bear. Our class highly recommends this experiment, especially using your sense of taste at the very end!



Albert City-Truesdale Elementary

Winter Weather Information

With the winter season just around the corner, it is possible we may need to delay the start of school or cancel school for the day due to weather conditions that make travel to and from school dangerous. Our district makes the decision on whether or not to hold classes in cooperation with the administration at the Sioux Central Schools. Therefore, when Sioux Central starts late or cancels classes, Albert City-Truesdale will do the same. We will notify radio and television stations of these decisions as soon as the decision is made in the morning. **You may listen to KAYL/Storm Lake, KICD/Spencer or watch KTIV/Channel 4, or check Facebook.** You can also sign-up for text alerts through our office. Sioux Central also offers text alerts via their website:

www.sioux-central.k12.ia.us

After School Club by Mrs. Nevill

In the After School Club, we have done many fun and new activities. We have been able to go to the library and learn how to check out books. On our first outing, we were even able to help the library celebrate their 75th anniversary!

We have also gone to the park to play games as a group, and we have learned how to be good at sports. On one of the trips we made to the park, we were able to collect fallen leaves in a sack and bring them back to the After School Club. We then made leaf prints, cut them out, and put them on our tree in the hallway by the After School Club room.

We have displayed pictures showing the different activities we do in the room or of students playing outside. We have also displayed many beautiful artwork pieces that students have made in the hallway so stop by the After School Club, and check them out. Also, check out our mummy door that the students made!

I have enjoyed the many things we have done so far this year. I also have to thank the two ladies, Mrs. Falkena and Mrs. Reisner that have helped in the After School Club! Their help has made it easier to do more outside activities. I hope everyone continues to have a great year!

Nurse Notes

The school year is off to a fantastic start in my nurse's office, and I so enjoy the time I spend with our students and staff at AC-T!

~As we head back to school, I collect and compile lots of information so that we are able provide the best, safest environment for our students. I pass on critical health information to teachers and staff who help take care of children with chronic health issues, and ensure that there are staff in the building who are trained in first aid, CPR and giving medications.

~Buena Vista County Public Health will be stopping by this fall to audit our student immunization records. With vaccines, we are able to stop the spread of so many illnesses and diseases that continue to exist in other parts of the world.

~Staff members who wanted to receive a flu shot recently had the opportunity here at school to do so. Have you had yours yet?

~At the end of September I began going into grades 1-6 for fluoride. While students are swishing, I can teach a quick lesson on good health. We've started with the basics, like tooth brushing, respiratory etiquette and good hand washing. This time provides a great opportunity for me to interact with our students and reinforce a few things!

~As the new school year starts, there are always several illnesses that make their way around our schools and communities. If your child is sick, please keep them home from school. If they have a fever (temperature 100.0 or greater) or are vomiting, they cannot return to school until they have been fever-free or without vomiting for 24 hours. This helps to prevent the spread of viruses and other nasty bugs, and helps those ill children have the time they need to heal.

~Head lice like to make an appearance whenever children congregate. Your best defenses against this invader are: 1) Teach your children not to share any items that touch the head, such as brushes, hair articles, hats, hoodies and ear buds. 2) Check the head of everybody in your house once a week, taking 15 minutes to comb through the hair, looking for eggs or live bugs.

Please feel free to call me at school or at home with any questions or concerns. I'm at school on Thursdays throughout the school year. Thank you for the opportunity to be your school nurse!

Julie Olson, RN , AC-T School Nurse, 843-5416 ext. 272 nurse@albertct.k12.ia.us

library news by Mrs. Kellie Wells

Greetings from the elementary library! I'm Kellie Wells, the new elementary librarian. I have taught in the middle school language arts classroom for 31 years and decided it was time for a change. My love for reading and desire to encourage reading as a lifelong habit helped make the decision for a change when I was presented with the opportunity to become the K-12 librarian at Newell-Fonda. I spend Wednesdays in Albert City and have enjoyed getting to know staff and students.

For the time period that I have the students, I read to the younger students and then they check out books. The older students have worked on finding books via the school library page and finding where those books are on the shelves. It's great to see the excitement when it's time for the students to check out new books for the week! I ordered the Goldfinch Award books as well as the Iowa Children's Choice Award books from the AEA. Students had access to these books for a month and took advantage of the opportunity to read current award winning books.

Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do to help your child prepare for reading, learning, and future success in all areas. Just 15 minutes a day is enough to make a difference! Here are other reasons to read with your child and to promote the importance of reading:

- ❖ Listening to stories will help develop your child's attention span.
- ❖ Reading to children encourages them to become readers.
- ❖ It's time spent together. Reading time is time when you're focusing on no one else and nothing else but them.
- ❖ Read with your child every day, even after he becomes an independent reader.
- ❖ Reread favorites. Most children love to hear their favorite stories over and over again. Rereading books provides an opportunity to hear or see something that may have been missed the first time, and provides another chance to hear a favorite part.
- ❖ Visit the library early and often. Public libraries are great resources for books, helpful advice about authors and illustrators, story times, and more. Make visiting the library part of your family's routine. I have personally visited the Albert City Public Library. What an awesome facility! Please take advantage of it.

News from the 6th Grade

Brady Ehlers by Trevor Demers

Brady was born on November 25. Now he is 11, going to turn 12 soon. He lives in Albert City on Walnut St. He likes living in town because he likes the free space for riding bikes and playing games with his friends. He has a dog named Captain. He is a Shi-Tzu. His favorite sport is soccer. He's in 3 other sports like football, basketball, and baseball. His friends are Trevor Demers, Parker Ellrich, Jayden Harder, and Ben Conlin. When he goes to Sioux Central, He'll miss the good food, computers, iPads, and teachers. His favorite song is Happy and favorite movie is Tremors. His favorite color is bright neon green and his favorite books are the A-Z Mysteries. His favorite part of the day is 3:15, the end of the day, and 12:10, Lunch. When he grows up, he wants to live in Angels Camp, California. He is going to have a busy life when he's older!

Alex Cross by Chad Mobley

Alex has 3 siblings and if he wanted to be a pro football player he would play for the Broncos or Packers. He wants to be a pro football player when he grows up. Alex said if he was stranded on an island; he would make shelter and find food. Alex said his favorite pro football team and said the Broncos. He said that his favorite pro baseball team is the Royals and his favorite pro basketball team is Miami Heat. Alex has a mom and dad and their names are Tami and Rob. He plays football in his spare time and hangs out with his friends. He plays videogames and he likes to ride horses, four wheelers, and his bike around town. Alex's dad is a semi trucker and Alex goes with him a lot. Alex even went with his dad to California.

THE LIFE OF JENNA LOIS DALY BY KEEGAN KRUSE

A few weeks ago I asked Jenna a few questions. I asked Jenna where she lived and she told me in Albert City. Jenna lives with her family members. They are: Becky [her mom], David [her dad], Erin [her sister], and Vincent [her brother]. She said her favorite animal is the zebra. Her best friends are Alyssa K. and Keegan. She likes the color pink. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Lorenz. The school subjects she likes are: math, spelling, and recess. She loves the football team, the Texas Longhorns. She wants to be a doctor when she grows up. Her favorite sports are: softball, basketball, volleyball, track, and football. And that is the life of Jenna Lois Daly.

BEN CONLIN BY ALEX CROSS

I interviewed Ben and his favorite thing to do is play sports. His favorite football team is Notre Dame. He said if he was stuck on an island he would bring an ax, GPS, gun, flare, and food. He loves to play catch with Jayden at the park. His favorite food is mash potatoes and his favorite person is Brady. His favorite book is World War 2. His favorite movie is Nonstop. Playing football with his class is what he likes to do at recess. His favorite WWE superstar is Cm Punk. His favorite person in his family is his dad.

Parker Ellrich by Ben Conlin

Parker Ellrich was born on July 15, 2002. He likes the Packers, Alabama, and Iowa State. Parker has gone to Australia, so he could visit his sister who lives there. He wants to live in Australia and go to college there. Parker's heritage is Swedish and German. If Parker had a chance to go to any Super Bowl he could, he would go to Super Bowl 1: Green Bay vs Kansas City Chiefs. Parker likes learning about the Vietnam War and the Korean War. Parker wants to be a RB or WR in High School

Football. He wants to be number 87. His favorite President is John F. Kennedy. His favorite airplane is a Boeing 747 and F-22. Thank you for reading my report.

TREVOR DEMERS BY MICHEAL UNGER

I asked Trevor 20 questions and these are the answers. He lives a couple of miles out of Storm Lake. He has a kind, helpful, and thoughtful family. His group of friends include Ben Conlin, Jayden Harder, Brady Ehlers, Chad Mobley, and Micheal Unger. His parents' names are Jeff Demers and Cody Ann Demers. He has 3 horses, 2 dogs, and too many cats to count. He has a very creative favorite color, known as Orange. His all-time favorite movie is "Let's Be Cops", directed by Luke Greenfield. His favorite book is "The Foot Book" Written by Dr. Seuss. He was also the Illustrator of "The Foot Book". His favorite WILD animal is a little saliva-covered hopper known as the frog. When he goes to Sioux Central he said he's going to miss all of the teachers and Cyndie's food. Trevor LOVES farming! He told me his favorite part of it and here's what he said, "I love driving the vehicles and jumping in the trailers; when they're full of course." I talked to him about tractor pulling and why he likes it so much. It turns out he grew up around it and he said it's amazing how much horse power they have. I asked him how many acres he owns but it turns out he doesn't know. I was wondering where the next tractor pull was so I asked him. He doesn't know where the next one is, but the one after that is in Louisville, Kentucky. He has 8 tractors. He said, "I think I have about 8 tractors, but I might have more." After that, I asked him what event he liked most in AC-T so far and he told me he loved Homecoming. I started to think about his horses, so I asked him what their names are. Their names are Krystle, Lady, and Jack. He only can think of one of the horses' colors and that was Palmetto. I never knew that was even a color. His dogs' names are Ally and Maggie. His favorite type of songs are the "Hits 1".

An Interview with Linda Mobley by Parker Ellrich

This is some info on our new janitor; Linda Mobley. She was born on June 28 in Cherokee, IA. She has 3 kids: Samantha, Chad, and Sierra. For fun she likes to walk around the lake and camp. She likes football; her favorite teams are Green Bay Packers for NFL and Buena Vista for college. She likes the color red and she loves pizza. Her favorite holiday is Christmas. Her heritage is German, Indian, and Dutch. For my last question I asked her what she would bring if she was stuck on a deserted island. She said she would bring pizza, a cell phone, a lot of Diet Mountain Dew, and of course her children. That was my report on Linda Mobley.

Kristen Beckman's Life.....By McKenna Fuchs

Kristen is new here and I thought I should know more about her by giving her an interview. Her hobbies are doing photography, spending time with family, and watching movies. She has lived in Albert City for 15 years. She has 3 children and 1 grandson. She has 2 siblings Andy and Jeff. She also said a TV family like hers is The Simpsons. She loves all movies out there. She has 3 dogs: 1 house dog and 2 hunting dogs. Her favorite food is Mexican food. All her favorite sports are everything her children are in. Her favorite teams are the Rebels and Iowa Hawkeyes. Her

favorite subject when she was in school was Biology. Her favorite place to go is to the Twins game with her family. Her job at school is to do office duties, enter names in for breakfast and lunch, and help in the library. She loves her job because of all of the great and smart kids and the friendly staff. She is new here to AC-T and we are happy to have her working here.

Interview with Mrs. Reisner by: Jenna Daly

A few weeks ago I had interviewed Michelle Reisner. She is a new paraprofessional at AC-T. She has two dogs: one is named Decker and the other one is named Mauer. She has two kids: one is Katie and she is 7 years old and the little boy, Braden, he is 5 years old. Michelle is 28 and she has 1 brother and 1 sister and her parents' names are Mike Weaver [Dad] and Nancy Elsbecker [Mom]. I had asked her what her favorite color is and she had said that her favorite color is green. Her favorite food is anything that is barbecued. One of her favorite sports teams is the Broncos. Welcome to AC-T.

New Teacher - Ms. Lorenz by Alyssa Willeford

Ms. Lorenz is a really fun new teacher to have in 6th grade. She is super nice. She has 1 brother Ryan, 1 sister Cara, and her parents' names are Dave and Lori. Ms. Lorenz graduated from Buena Vista University and she is getting married in July in Storm Lake. Her favorite movie is "The Little Mermaid". She says she loves working at Albert City and she loves her class. If Ms. Lorenz had to choose between Iowa and Iowa State, she would choose Iowa State. When Ms. Lorenz was a kid she enjoyed playing outside, reading books, and swimming. Ms. Lorenz enjoys football, running, and basketball for her favorite sports. Her favorite season is fall; she likes the leaves changing, the temperature, and the starting of school. If Ms. Lorenz was trapped in a dark hole she told me the 5 things she would bring are a flashlight, a friend, a ladder, a cell phone, and some warm clothes in case it gets cold. Well, this is Ms. Lorenz's life and we love having her as a new teacher in the AC-T 6th grade class. I had a wonderful time interviewing her, thanks for reading!! ☺

Mrs. DeCarlo By: Kyleene Howard

Mrs. DeCarlo is a nice, fun teacher. She graduated from Luther College. When Mrs. DeCarlo isn't in the classroom she enjoys reading, being outdoors, and spending time with her nephew. Her favorite parts of teaching second grade are the questions they ask and how they are excited to learn new things. Her favorite movies are The Kite Runner for an adult movie and Matilda for a child movie. Her favorite book is The Wedding Date. Another great thing about Mrs. DeCarlo is that she is a Hawkeye fan. ☺ She is also a new teacher at AC-T and we are very happy to have her. So, this is Mrs. DeCarlo's life. I had a lot of fun interviewing her.

Maker Fair! By Alyssa Kruse

I had a lot of fun with all the Makers' Fair projects. Exploring Sound, Hummingbird, Lego Robotics, Digital Storytelling, A World in Motion, Out My Window, Stop Motion Videos, and Art Connection. I'm here today to tell you about some of these projects. Let's start off with the cardboard challenge. In the cardboard challenge, we got scrap cardboard and other tools and we got to make stuff out of it such as houses, costumes, closets, and airplanes; then we got to show them on display at the Grandparents' Day program. Next up would be 3D printing. In 3D printing there was an iPad app that's called Cubify draw and it connects to a box that makes the object, all the kids had to do was draw the object and email it to Mike (the teacher for that session). Then we also put that on display at the Grandparent's Day program. Now let's do exploring sound. In exploring we got to make instruments such as drums, kazoos, and maracas, out of things such as straws, garbage cans and Popsicle sticks. We also showed them at Grandparents' Day program. Next is the humming bird session. I didn't go to this session so I interviewed Tristan Loving. He told me that they had to make a raft pushed by a sphero across a kitty pool without it sinking, just in case you don't know what a sphero is- it's a ball the size of two fists put together and is controlled by an app on Bluetooth. These were not displayed at Grandparent's Day. Now let's go to Lego robotics. I was also not at this so I'm interviewing Jonathan Wilson. He tells me the robots were premade and they programed them to see if they could run through the track without messing up, and that they connected them to Wi-Fi so you could control them. They did not get shown at the program. Next is digital storytelling. I was not there either, so I interviewed Keegan Kruse, and he told me that he could draw a picture on a piece of paper, then draw it on the iPad, and say something. It will repeat what you say and the mouth will move. Next, A World in Motion; I did not do this session so I interviewed Kylie Howard. She told me that they made a pinball machine out of recyclable things, such as rubber bands, plastic, sticky tack, and more. Out My Window is next; Alex helped me on this one, and he told me that they wrote a poem. Yes, next is Stop Motion Videos; I did not go to this session but I know a little about it, so I'll have a clue what Chad Mobley is talking about. He tells me that they had an iPad app called Stop Motion and they used old pictures of something moving or a picture drawing itself then put them together and got a movie. Last is Art Connection- we made just random crafts like posters, bracelets and more, they were shown at the program too. I'm sure everyone had lots of fun and I hope reading my article was just as fun.

The Gabrielson Lake Field Trip by Tristan Loving

This field trip was to a lake called Gabrielson Lake. This trip included natural habitat exploration, Kayaking, and net fishing. The trip took approximately 12 min to drive up, 24 min to go back and forth put together. The first thing we were told to do is always wear a life jacket and never tip the boat or you'll be in big trouble and ruin it for your school. Our guide's name was Katie. She was the one who instructed us. This is a small interview from some of the students.

Student 1- "We got on the bus and drove up around 8:40." "Then everyone got a chance to go on the canoes." "After a while I went back on land and caught a crawfish." -Morgan Heuton

Student 2- "We got on the bus around 8:30." "Then we went Gabrielson Lake and I was partnered with Alex for canoeing." "Next we came in and I was pulling in canoes in left and right." "Finally we went back to school and had lunch." -Keegan Kruse

Student 3- "We got the bus probably around 8:50, then we had to get all our stuff ready." Then we did our role call to make sure we were all here." "Next we rode to the boats and learned the rules and things about the canoes." "Finally Katie told us some stuff and then some people went

in the canoes and the others went environment exploring, then after a half hour we switched.”- Alyssa Kruse

Student 4-“First I got on the bus.” “Then I canoed while people splashed me a lot.” “Next I got out of the boat after racing Ben and Jayden.” “Then I caught a lot of crawfish.” “I got itchy and went home”-Brady Ehlers

These are a few words from some of our students and what they thought about this trip. This is Tristan Loving the reporter, signing out.

Fire Safety Week by Brady Ehlers

The fire safety week is to inform kids how to handle different ways to get out of a fire and how to stay safe when you're in a fire. On that week we had a fire drill and the fire fighters were blocking all of the exits like there were fires in front of them. After we found our way out of the school we waited for about 2 min. for the firemen to get to the gym. When we got in there and sat down we learned how to put heavy firefighting equipment on and they let Mr. Tibbett's race vs. two different firefighters. They talked about how if a field fire starts and it gets big it can start jumping fields. Then they started talking about the store that burnt down in Albert City. It was so fun and we were sad to see them walk out the door. Thank you for reading!

HOME COMING WEEK BY MORGAN HEUTON

Homecoming week took place on Oct.13/2014 to Oct.18/2014. The dress up days were really fun because the kids got to pick out their outfits and had a different and crazy outfit on. Mainly everybody was matching...not really. Monday was mismatch day, which had some really un-matching people. On Tuesday it was Hurricane day (orange and black day). Wednesday was cowboy/cowgirl day-many western-themed outfits. Thursday was school jersey day or fab fads 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s, and we had some hippies too. Friday was Rebel day (red and grey day) which included a lot of MYFL jerseys. On Thursday seven seniors met with the AC-T students in an assembly to teach us some cheers that they will be doing during the homecoming game and afterward one senior went to each classroom and read to the students. On Friday there was a parade which the AC-T students watched and the 6th graders played “Sweet Caroline” which Mr. Perry, the band director altered so the 6th graders were able to play it easier. For the homecoming game, the Rebels played against the Falcons with the game score as Falcons-23 points Rebels-20 points. We may have lost the game, but it was still a good game for lots of people.

IPADS AND COMPUTERS BY JAYDEN HARDER

Well, our class excitingly got new iPads and computers. I love the iPad and computer because they're fun to work on and take tests on. On those devices we can go on Spelling City and Think Central. Then if we get lucky we get to play math games like Granny Prix. But to be honest, they are educational but that's ok we still get iPads. It is awesome to have those electronics right there. Thank You AC-T! So that concludes my ideas on our new iPads and computers.

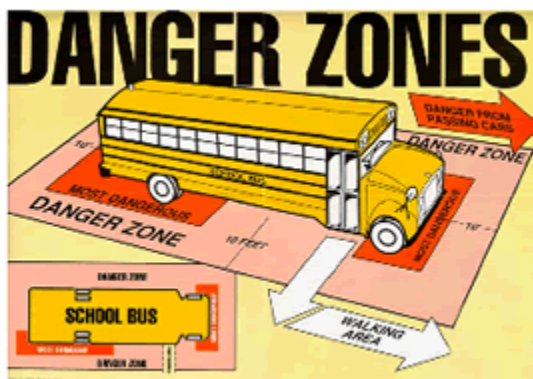
Grandparents' Day by Jonathan Wilson

Grandparent's day was on September 19, 2014. We did many things for our grandparents like: Pre-K - Kindergarten sang "Down on Grandpa's Farm," "Grandma and Grandpa's glasses," and "Tooty-Ta." First and Second grade sang "Pete the Cat Rocking in my School. Third and Fourth grade read "Top Twenty-Five Reasons We Love Our Grandparents" Fifth and Sixth grade read "Kids Say the Darndest Things" Then after all of that we presented you guys with a slide show to finish off the program. Also we showed some Maker Fair projects and had some food for the students and the grandparents and parents to enjoy. On the slide show you also could look for your picture. I thought it was awesome to have all different grandparents to come to our school and have fun watching videos and hanging out with their grandchildren.

We, the school, are thankful because we got to use new equipment that we bought so we also had some fun along the way. New equipment: Sound system with cordless microphones and a new screen to view the slide show.



Keep up with your AC-T school happenings! Listen to the KAYL (101.7FM) School Spotlight at 7:25 AM on the following dates: November 26th, January 7th, February 4th, March 4th, April 1st and April 29th!



Bus Safety

School buses are over 2000 times safer than the family car. Children are hurt outside the school bus more often than inside. The child who bends over to retrieve something they dropped, or who walks too close to the bus while crossing the road, needs to be aware that every school bus is surrounded by a danger zone.

- They should take five giant steps as soon as they leave the bus.
- They should establish eye contact with the driver when crossing in front of the bus and proceed only when the driver nods approval.
- The most difficult thing to teach children is not to go back to pick up items they've dropped near the bus or left on the bus.

The following information is from the National Association for Pupil Transportation

Students riding a school bus should always:

- Arrive at the bus stop five minutes early.
- Stand at least 5 giant steps (10 feet) away from the edge of the road.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay before stepping onto the bus.
- Be careful that clothing with drawstrings and book bags with straps or dangling objects do not get caught in the handrail or door when exiting the bus.
- Check both ways for cars before stepping off the bus.

Crossing students should:

- Walk in front of the bus; never walk behind the bus.
- Walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least 10 giant steps ahead of the bus.
- Be sure the bus driver can see them, and they can see the bus driver.
- Wait for the driver's signal to cross

Things Kids Should Know About School Bus Safety:

- The bus driver and others cannot see you if you are standing closer than 10 feet to the bus. Stay out of the danger zone!
- If something falls under or near the bus, tell the driver. NEVER try to pick it up yourself!
- While waiting for the bus, stay in a safe place away from the street.
- When you get on or off the bus, look for the bus safety lights and make sure they are flashing.
- Be alert to traffic. When you get on or off the bus, look left, right, left before you enter or cross the street.
- When the driver says it is safe to cross the street, remember to CROSS IN FRONT of the bus.
- Stay in your seat and sit quietly so that the driver is not distracted.
- Some school buses now have seat belts. If you have seat belts on your school bus, be sure to learn to use the seat belt correctly.

Things Parents Should know About School Bus Safety:

- School buses are the safest form of highway transportation.
- The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on and off the bus.
- Pedestrian fatalities (while loading and unloading school buses) account for approximately three times as many school bus-related fatalities, when compared to school bus occupant fatalities.
- The loading and unloading area is called the "Danger Zone"
- The "Danger Zone" is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the driver (ten feet in front of the bus where the driver may be too high to see a child, ten feet on either side of the bus where a child may be in the driver's blind spot, and the area behind the bus).
- Half of the pedestrian fatalities in school bus-related crashes are children between 5 and 7 years old.

Young children are most likely to be struck because they:

- Hurry to get on and off the bus
- Act before they think and have little experience with traffic
- Assume motorists will see them and will wait for them to cross the street
- Don't always stay within the bus driver's sight.

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