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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

September/October/November 2010



## Veterans Day

The program was at 10:00 in the morning on Thursday, November 11, 2010. In the program each class did something special for the veterans in attendance. Also a special slide show was shown of local veteran service photos. Karl Lind showed some of his military machinery. He talked to each class in the morning about his military machinery collection. Cyndie cooked a marvelous lunch for the veterans and their spouses. We enjoyed having turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean casserole, pink fluff salad, homemade buns, and cake. AC-T would like to thank our Veterans!

## Thank You Veterans!



## PLEASE Help Support Our Soldiers!

AC-T is collecting items to send to soldiers. If you would like to contribute, please bring items or donations to the school or contact



Ms. Dirks at [adirks@albertct.k12.ia.us](mailto:adirks@albertct.k12.ia.us)

## 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 KCAU/Channel 9, KTIV/Channel 4, or KMEG/Channel 14 to catch these announcements. Weather related announcements will also be posted on our school website: [www.albertct.k12.ia.us](http://www.albertct.k12.ia.us) You can also sign-up with SNOWCAP text alerts through our website. Sioux Central also offers text alerts via their website: [www.sioux-central.k12.ia.us](http://www.sioux-central.k12.ia.us)



# Nurse Notes

This fall we have been off and running in the Nurses' office as we begin another school year! Nurses Deb and Julie continue to share the nurse duties, with Deb here on Tuesdays and Julie here on Thursdays.

~Nurse Deb has been reviewing immunization records and ensuring that all students have the required vaccinations. Public Health visited us at the end of October to audit these records. Having each child's immunizations up-to-date keeps very serious diseases and illnesses from spreading through our school and community.

~She also worked on setting up an employee clinic where staff members could receive their annual flu vaccine.

~Nurse Julie has been compiling dental screens; per Iowa law, each year every kindergarten student must obtain a dental screen. Once every student has turned in that form, we must submit a report detailing those records.

~She also started fluoride treatments in October; with a parent's permission, children in grades 1-6 receive fluoride once weekly. While students are swishing and unable to talk, she can do a minute of uninterrupted teaching. Throughout the year we are able to cover all kinds of topics; everything from good hand washing, illness prevention and taking care of your teeth to safety, nutrition, exercise and skin care! Due to funding cuts, the state is not able to offer this free program to schools this year; however, we were able to order from their remaining supplies and have enough fluoride to provide this service to our students for this school year.

~We have updated our "Communicable Illness and Disease Chart" that gives parents a guideline for when to keep children home from school, and for how long. Please partner with us in preventing the spread of illness by: teaching your child(ren) to wash their hands often (for at least 20 seconds!); encouraging them to cover their cough and sneeze with the crook of their elbow; and keeping them home from school if they have a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or other illness according to the chart.

~As a reminder: head lice can spread wherever children congregate, and school is no exception. While we strive to encourage children not to share hats, scarves, hooded shirts, combs or hair articles, parents also need to teach these things, and spend 15 minutes per week combing through the hair of each child looking for adult lice or eggs (nits).

~Looking ahead, we will be completing our annual "mini-physicals" in December, which include height, weight, pulse, blood pressure and BMI (body mass index: a measure of body fat). We also conduct a vision screen for all students. Parents will receive the results of all these tests home in the second quarter report cards.

~The AEA Audiology Department will be conducting hearing screens for all preschool, kindergarten, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, as well as all new students and those with known hearing loss. This is a change from previous years as funding has been decreased in this area as well.

As always, please feel free to call us with questions or concerns; we are happy to be of assistance!

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AC-T School Nurses  
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# News from the 6th Grade

## Get To Know Our Sixth Graders



### Interview with Marcail Olson by Cody Martens

It was a windy day in Chagblag in 2024; Marcail Olson was hanging out with her parents Scott and Julie Olson. Her brother Corren was in his lab with his friends working on a teleporter. Marcail told her parents she was going to read her favorite books; the Trixie Beldon series. She was reading about her favorite subject in her old school: math. She was going to sign up for school when she got there; the only job application was volleyball (her favorite sport), so she got the volleyball coach job. The next day when she came home she thought about pets. She really wanted a dog; so she got one. She was so caught up in her dog; she wanted to show her dog her old place where she used to live - Albert City, IA. She took a vacation from her job. She used her brother's teleporter to get to Albert City. She wanted to name her dog Albert; so she did. She started to do what she loved to do as a child - ride her bike. Then she started to think of her favorite thing in school: the food. Marcail was done in Albert City and then she went to her other school Sioux Central. She thought about making new friends. Everyone became her friend and then she went back to the teleporter and got transported back to Chagblag.

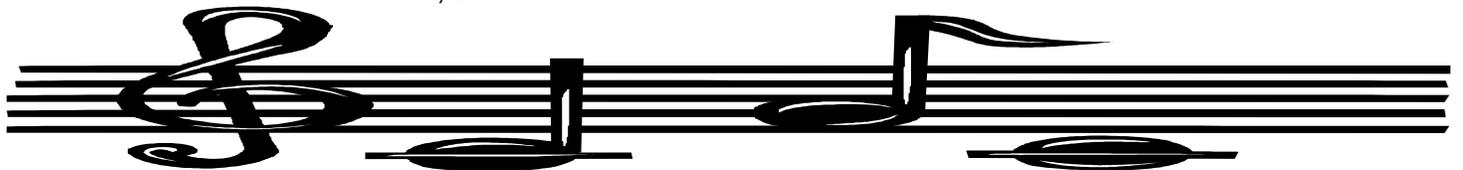
### Interview with Dalton Kulp by: Marcail Olson

This is the year 2020 and this is the town of Cedar Rapids and there is a boy named Dalton Kulp. He was born in the Storm Lake Hospital in 1998. He lived in the town of Albert City. He is now 21 and works at the snowmobile camp. He has three sisters and no brothers. His sisters are: Kriste, she is 28 and works at the Storm Lake Hospital; Kelsea, is 20 and works at the gymnastics center in Cedar Rapids; and Delanie, is 18 and works at the Albert City swimming pool. His parents' names are Lori and Dwight Kulp. His dad works as a trucker and his mom is a painter. He used to go to the Albert City-Truesdale Elementary School. His favorite lunch was the Crispitos. His favorite field trip was the Des Moines trip. His favorite thing to do in the winter is to snowmobile and his favorite thing to do in the summer is to dirt bike. His favorite animal is a dog. He has a pet dog whose name is Sophie. His favorite school subject is PE. He lives in Albert City on South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. He is excited for the Mac Book laptops over at Sioux Central.



### Albert City - Truesdale Elementary Instrumental Music by Dan Mangold

What an exciting fall we have had thus far! The 5th grade students have been learning the basics of their instruments and are preparing to play for the Winter Concert. The 5th grade band will have 12 students and a wide variety of instruments. Meanwhile the 6th grade students have been honing their skills in lessons and band. They will be performing at the concert with the 5th grade band and also be performing some of their own music as well. Come out and support the instrumental music students at the Winter Concert, December 16!





### Homecoming Week by Jenny Sievers

Homecoming 2010 was really fun. During the week we dressed up during each day. On Monday we dressed up as a super hero or movie characters. The winner was Lea Brown and the other one was Haylee Beckman. Then on Tuesday we all were comfortable in your pajama or sweatpant day. The winners for that day were Madison Blomgren and Shelby Johnson. Wednesday we all dressed up in Albert City Truesdale school colors that are orange and black. The winners were Ashlynn Dahl and Thor Nelson. On Thursday all of our classes had a color. I know that on 6<sup>th</sup> grade our color was green. The ones who one won that day were Berkley Johannsen and Jenny Sievers. The most exciting day of the week was Friday when we dressed up in Rebels colors. They are red, white and grey. We got tattoos from the PACT group that were cool. The people who won that day were Carter Beckman and Brady Ehlers. That day everyone was all dressed up in red and we went over to Sioux Rapids and we got to see the parade that they have every year. It was really good! Then we went to Sioux Central and went to the pep rally. It was really entertaining, there was a lip sync, then we did cheers then they brought out all the things that seniors played with when they were little. Than after that was the homecoming game. It was really exciting but we lost against Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn We lost 49-7 but I know that we did a good job.

## Fire Prevention & Drug Free Week by Dallas Eberle

Our school learned about Fire Safety as we celebrated Fire Safety Week. We also learned how to get out of a burning bus. We got to spray out a fire with a fire extinguisher! We got to spray a hose at a stop sign. The sixth grade got to stand by a fire truck and take a picture. The sixth grade also went into an ambulance and took a picture with a doctor. Now for drug free week! We had a Drug Free Week for school to help us to be drug free. For drug free week we had to wear a red ribbon and a red bracelet. The sixth grade took an Iowa youth survey on the internet. The survey talked about drugs and bullying.



# Halloween BY TABITHA DEMERS

It was Thursday October 28, 2010 Albert City-Truesdale Elementary school had a Halloween party. At one o' clock everyone put their costumes on. We went to the old gym and had a parade. Every class had to stand up, say their name and what their costume was, and walk around the gym so everyone could see them. When we were done with that all the students and parents went to the lunch room to eat snacks that PACT provided. There was candy corn, popcorn, and juice. When students were done in the lunch room they went

back to their classrooms and were treated with the snacks that the parents provided. There were a lot of great costumes!! There were so many cute costumes I don't know what my favorite one was!!

## Grandparents' Day by Lexi Blakeley

Grandparents' day was on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. We met in the big gym and thanked all of our grandparents for coming. When we were done we started to sing for them. We had many different and fun songs like goober peas, on top of spaghetti, and many more songs and poems. After we sung our songs we played a slide show of our grandparents and us. When the program was over we had juice and cookies. Before we left with our grandparents, we showed them our rooms and where we sit. This Grandparent's Day was a hit!!!

## PRE-K PUMPKIN FUN! BY MRS. KEARA CORMANY



On September 30, the Preschool class took a field trip to Pumpkin Hollow in Alta. We enjoyed a hayride through a corn field down to the patch where all of the children got to find a mini pumpkin for themselves to take home with them and also help pick out a pumpkin for the class to bring back to the classroom. While at the patch, children enjoyed playing in a pool of corn, milking a pretend cow, and petting a few farm animals. When we returned to the classroom, we learned more about how pumpkins grow and got to relate to what we saw when visiting the pumpkin patch. As the days got closer to Halloween, we enjoyed carving our class pumpkin into a jack-o-lantern.

The preschool class also was able to join the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to carve three pumpkins of a different variety. They voted on what shape of eyes and nose they wanted their jack-o-lantern to have and enjoyed scooping out the goop from inside the pumpkin and sorting out the seeds.

## **School Counselor News, by Mrs. Wildeman** **Large Group Classroom Guidance**

All guidance class lessons promote knowledge, attitudes, and skills in one, or a combination, of the three content areas of: academic achievement, career awareness, and personal/social growth.

Mrs. Wildeman uses a scope and sequence of instruction that is aligned with the American School Counselor Association's National Standards ([www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org)) as well as the school district's goals. Concepts covered in large group guidance so far this school year have included: test taking skills; relationship of academics to work, home and community; personal interests and abilities in relation to careers; interpersonal skills to understand and respect self and others; and personal safety skills. If you have any questions about School Guidance and Counseling, please email Mrs. Wildeman at [wwildeman@sioux-central.k12.ia.us](mailto:wwildeman@sioux-central.k12.ia.us).



## **Two New and Cool People at AC-T! by Dalton Eberle**

It was September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1956. That was the date Mrs. Reiling was born! Now it is 2010 and Mrs. Reiling is now a teacher at Albert City-Truesdale (AC-T). She is filling in for Mrs. Balder who just had a baby. I asked her what she liked most about teaching. She answered working with the kids and seeing them get excited about learning. When I first saw her, I heard her say she was so excited and that this was something new for her! She did not say that to me, but I heard her say it! She said if she had one million dollars that she might not be working here but she would still be working with kids. I checked how many classes she had a day and it was eight plus interventions! So nine, but I'm not in her group. I found out that she has a pet dog and that her favorite animal was a horse. I wonder what her favorite book is. I bet she reads so much that she can't decide. I wonder if she always wanted to be a teacher. I think she said that she graduated from Buena Vista. I bet you her favorite movie when she was a kid was Cinderella.

Well, I think that's all I should talk about her now. You know there's another new person right? Well, we should learn about her some too. I know I do. ☺

It was September 3, but I don't know what year Ms. Johnson was born. When she first started this Paraprofessional job, I think she needed a lot of help but Ms. Roberts helped her the most! I don't think she had ever worked at a school before, but I think I saw her working at Fitzpatrick's. I think she enjoys this job a lot. I asked her when she was a kid what she wanted to be when she grew up and she said either a lawyer or a hair dresser. I know she has a dog and his name is Copper. He is a yellow lab that just turned two. Cheers for Copper! If you guys are wondering, yes she graduated from high school and college at Monticello. She would still be working here if she had one million dollars! Do you guys want to know how many children and what their names are? Well, I do not know... Just kidding! She has two daughters and their names are Hannah (the oldest one) and Shelby! I bet what she likes most about working here is the kids and meeting them.

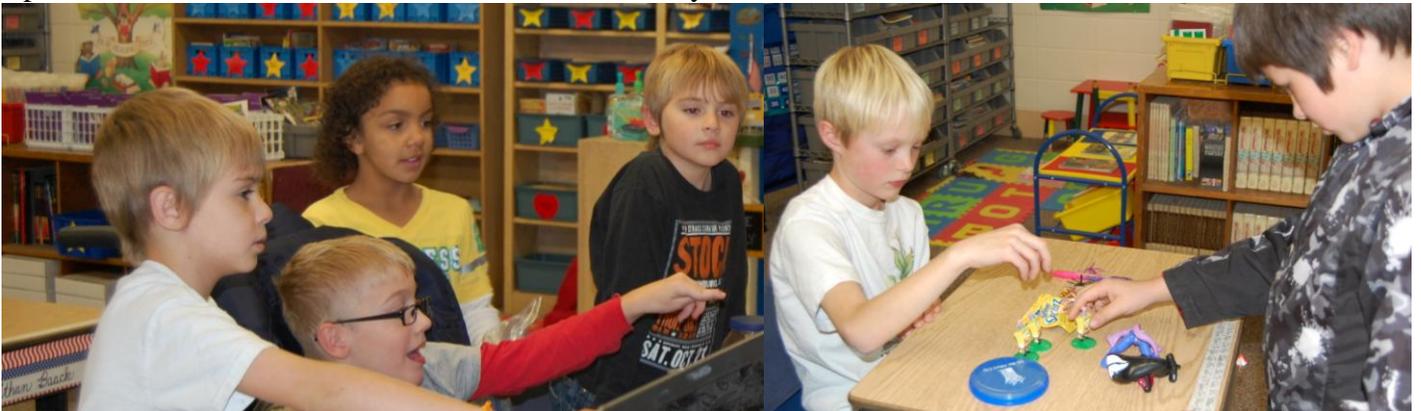
Those are the two new people at Albert City-Truesdale! I hope to see them next year and the year after that! You get what I mean; I hope they are here for a long, long time! And if you have any kids that are in Pre-K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade and you are close to Albert City or in Albert City and your kids don't already come to AC-T, then you should come to Albert City next year or come this year! We have two new people at AC-T and they are really nice and great help!

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Learn How to Barter by Mrs. Spragg

The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders learned about different Native Americans during Social Studies. They studied four main groups of Native Americans and learned about their cultures.

- The Navajo had to learn how to live in the desert. They learned how to weave wool into beautiful blankets from a lady named Spider Woman. They believed sand painting ceremonies brought power to cure the ill. Their homes were called hogans, and they built them facing the east to show honor to the sunrise. Mrs. Balder showed us her sand painting.
- The Cherokee used to farm in the piedmont soil at the base of the Appalachian Mountains. They had winter and summer homes. A man named Sequoyah created his own system of letters so there could be books written in the Cherokee language. Thousands of Cherokee died during the Trail of Tears when the United States forced the Cherokee to move to Oklahoma.
- The Haudenosaunee built long, narrow houses, much like apartment buildings. Six to ten families lived together in one longhouse. The Peacemaker encouraged the different tribes of the Haudenosaunee to live together in peace. The Peacemaker and Hiawatha, a chief, formed a government which is sometimes called the Iroquois League. Five Haudenosaunee nations united in peace and followed the Haudenosaunee constitution. Later, a sixth nation joined them.
- The Yurok lived in the forest of redwoods and caught salmon in the rivers. They did not cook in pots, but they did cook in baskets. They would put their water, food, and hot rocks in their baskets. They learned how to barter and trade with other Indian tribes for things they could not make or find in their own environment.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders were able to barter some of their personal items with their classmates and Mrs. Spragg. This is a picture of some of the items we bartered. The activity was so much FUN!!!



## PACT Happenings



The PACT group was formed as a “booster club” for Albert City-Truesdale School. This group is made up of parents and volunteers who are interested in supporting our students, teachers and staff in any way possible. Everyone at AC-T really appreciates all we can do to help with projects at our school. Recently we have served cookies at Grandparents’ Day, provided meals for teachers during conferences, and “tattooed” the students and teachers for Homecoming!

Upcoming events include the Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe in December, and the bake sale at the Christmas concert. We will also have scented candles for sale at the Christmas concert.

These candles are in a glass jar and will sell for \$11 each and make a wonderful Christmas gift or simply something for you to enjoy! The Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe is an opportunity for

your child to experience the spirit of gift giving while still enjoying the surprise for family members. The Shoppe dates will be December 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00pm and 3:15-4:00pm. That week there will be assigned times for each class to go shop and buy gifts ranging from \$.25 to \$12.00.

The PACT group meets once a month, usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm. Our meetings only last about an hour, and that is when we plan our upcoming activities. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help out by providing baked goods as needed, supervising activities, and organizing events. We would really love to have you join us for the monthly meetings too! Coming to a meeting is not a long-term commitment. Join us when you can! You don't need to be a parent of a student to help out – we will use grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles or friends! We look forward to input and help from anyone who can come!

If you are willing to help in any way, please contact one of us. We welcome any comments or suggestions. Thanks for your consideration!

Karen Feeley 843-2289 Kristen Beckman 843-2249

## **Albert City-Truesdale 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Monarch Tagging by Mrs. Loving**



On Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> the Albert City-Truesdale 1<sup>st</sup> graders had the opportunity to tag monarch butterflies for the University of Kansas with Buena Vista County Naturalist, Katie Vander Linden. We were able to tag six monarchs which were released after tagging them with special tags containing information on how to contact the University of Kansas if one of these butterflies is found. If that would happen, Katie would let us know when and where it had been found. The monarchs generally journey to Mexico, which is about a 2000 mile trip! We think it would be amazing if one of our monarchs were found somewhere further south. Each student was excited to shout out “Bye bye butterfly!” as they released the monarchs to continue on their journey south. We watched them all fly away and are hopeful we will hear something about one of our butterflies sometime in the future.

## **News from the AC-T Superintendent/Principal – Barb Kady**

As we approach the holiday season, I hope each of you have enjoyed the wonderful fall we have experienced this year, and that your holidays will be filled with special times with family and friends. On behalf of the staff at school, I would like to wish all of you a happy holiday season! Thanks to all of you who so generously share your time and talents at AC-T to make our school a great place to learn! We are very grateful to live in a community that is so supportive of the education of its young people.

We have enjoyed a very successful fall at AC-T, and we look forward to the New Year, with many new opportunities for students to develop and practice new skills.

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be given during the week of February 7 through 11, 2011. Students in grades 2 through 6 will be taking these assessments. These tests provide our staff with important information regarding the educational progress students are making. The best way for students to prepare for the ITBS is to get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast each day. We ask that you avoid making appointments for your child that will cause them to miss school, particularly during the week of testing.

Thank you for your continued support of Albert City – Truesdale Elementary School!

## Albert City-Truesdale Elementary - December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sioux Central's calendar is available on their website. <a href="http://www.sioux-central.k12.ia.us">www.sioux-central.k12.ia.us</a>			1 1:00 Dismissal Teacher In-service	2 7:25 am KAYL School Spotlight	3	4
5	6 Penguin Patch Holiday Shopping for students all week	7	8	9	10 <b>Wear Green Day!</b>	11 5:00-7:00 pm Town Christmas at AC-T gym
12	13 6:00 Board Mtg.	14	15	16 7:00 AC-T Christmas Concert	17 <b>Wear Red Day</b> Grades 3-6 Bowling PK-K Santa's Castle	18
19	20 6:30 PACT	21 <b>Santa Hat Day!</b>	22	23 2:15 Dismissal Christmas Break  End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	24	25 Merry Christmas!
26	27	28	29	30	31	January 4th- School Resumes January 17 <sup>th</sup> - 1:00 Dismissal Teacher In- service February 18 <sup>th</sup> – Snow make-up day.
Happy Holidays from everyone at AC-T!						