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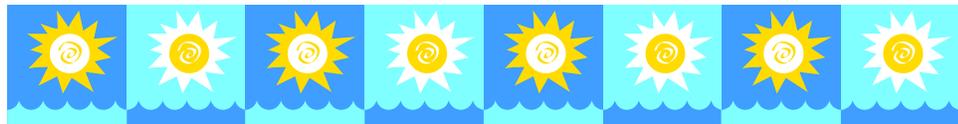
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AC-T 2011-2012 School Year Calendar

SUMMARY OF CALENDAR		M	T	W	R	F	Student Days	EVENTS
Days in Classroom	AUG	8	9	10	11	12		8-Aug Registration 10-7
85 First Semester		15	16	17	18	19		18-Aug Teacher Workshop, Open House
95 Second Semester		22	23	24	25	26	5	22-Aug First Day of School
180 TOTAL both Semesters		29	30	31				
10 In-service/Holidays	SEPT				1	2	5	5-Sep Labor Day--No School
190 Teacher Contract Days		5	6	7	8	9	4	
		12	13	14	15	16	4	11-Sep Patriot Day
		19	20	21	22	23	5	13-Sep School Elections
		26	27	28	29	30	5	16-Sep Teacher Development
	OCT							
		3	4	5	6	7	5	
		10	11	12	13	14	4	10-Oct Teacher Development
		17	18	19	20	21	5	21-Oct 1st Quarter Ends
		24	25	26	27	28	5	26-27-Oct Parent Conferences
		31						28-Oct No School
	NOV		1	2	3	4	5	6-Nov Standard Time
		7	8	9	10	11	5	8-Nov Election Day
		14	15	16	17	18	5	11-Nov Veterans' Day
		21	22	23	24	25	3	24-27-Nov Thanksgiving Holiday
		28	29	30				
	DEC				1	2	5	
		5	6	7	8	9	5	
		12	13	14	15	16	5	
		19	20	21	22	23	5	23-Dec 2nd Qtr/1st Sem End
		26	27	28	29	30		25-Dec Christmas Day
	JAN							Dec 26-Jan 3 Christmas Break
		2	3	4	5	6	3	1-Jan New Year's Day
		9	10	11	12	13	5	16-Jan ML King Day (Obs.)
		16	17	18	19	20	4	16-Jan Teacher Development
1	16-Jan	23	24	25	26	27	5	
		30	31					
	FEB			1	2	3	5	
		6	7	8	9	10	5	
3	5-Apr	13	14	15	16	17	4	17-Feb No School
		20	21	22	23	24	4	20-Feb Presidents' Day-No School
4	10-Apr	27	28	29				
	MARCH				1	2	5	9-Mar 3rd Quarter Ends
		5	6	7	8	9	5	11-Mar Daylight Savings
		12	13	14	15	16	4	13-14-Mar Parent Conferences
6	9-Apr	19	20	21	22	23	5	15-16 Mar No School
		26	27	28	29	30	5	
	APRIL							
		2	3	4	5	6	3	April 5-10 Easter Break
		9	10	11	12	13	3	
		16	17	18	19	20	5	
		23	24	25	26	27	5	
		30						
	MAY		1	2	3	4	5	
		7	8	9	10	11	5	
		14	15	16	17	18	5	
		21	22	23	24	25	5	25-May 4th Qtr/2nd Sem Ends
		28	29	30	31			28-May Memorial Day
	JUNE				1			29-May Teacher Development
		4	5	6	7	8	180	TOTAL STUDENT DAYS



KEY

- In-service/Work Days
- Vacation Days
- Holidays
- Begin Semester
- End Quarter
- 1:00PM Early Dismissal for PD

SNOW DAYS

- 1 16-Jan
- 2 17-Feb
- 3 5-Apr
- 4 10-Apr
- 5 15-Mar
- 6 9-Apr
- 7 29-May

2:15 DISMISSALS

- 2-Sep
- 23-Nov
- 23-Dec
- 4-Apr
- 25-May



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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

June/July/August 2011



Licensed Day Care Center at AC-T!!



The district is excited to announce the opening of a licensed day care facility in the school! The day care will occupy two rooms on the east end of the main hallway. The daycare is targeted to open in early August. The After

School Program will also continue to be available during the school year for preschool through school aged children.

The owner/operator of the licensed day care will be Michelle Weaver Reisner. Michelle grew up in the area and attended AC-T during her early elementary school years. Michelle has an Associate of Arts degree in elementary education and a daycare management certificate, along with a wealth of experience working in and operating a day care facility. Michelle, her husband, and two children will be moving back to the area in July. We are extremely excited about the day care and feel it will be a nice compliment to the current providers in the area, and an asset to the community.

The hours of operation and the ages of children in the day care will be determined based upon the response and the needs in the community. Mrs. Reisner will be incorporating learning activities into the daily schedule, as appropriate to the ages of the children enrolled.

If you would like more information about the day care, or to find out about reserving a spot for your child(ren), please call the school office at 843-5416.

Congratulations to our Graduates!

After a fantastic two-day, end of the year trip to the Iowa State Capitol, Science Center, and Living History Farms in Des Moines, Albert City-Truesdale Elementary School graduated nine students. Sixth grade speakers for the evening were Marcail Olson, Dalton Eberle, and Jennifer Sievers. Students and their guests also enjoyed a power point presentation of their 6th grade year. The PACT group served ice cream floats to all in attendance.



The 3rd and 4th grade plays were a huge success!



AC-T Spring Concert



Tuesday, May 10, AC-T Pre-K through 6th grade students presented their spring musical, "Bones". The evening also featured performances by the 5th and 6th grade bands and the preschool through 2nd grade chorus. Congratulations to all performers on an excellent job!!



Honor Choir

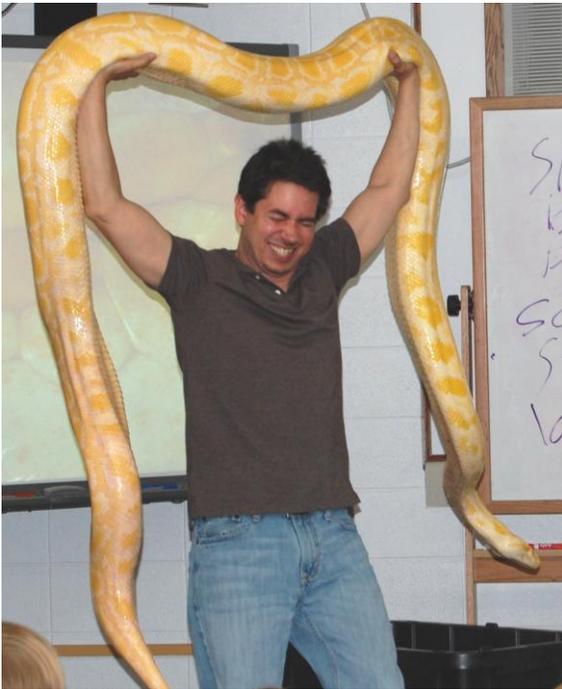
6th Graders Jenny Sievers, Lexi Blakeley, Tabitha Demers, and Marcaill Olson, along with Mrs. Sievers, attended the Northwest Iowa Choral Director's Association 5th and 6th grade Choral Festival in Spirit Lake on April 26. During the afternoon, the girls rehearsed music they had prepared ahead of time with the group of approximately 150 students from around Northwest Iowa. That evening, a concert was held in the Sami Bedell Center for the Performing Arts. Guest director was Jennifer Wagner from Highland Community Schools. A 7th Grade Choir also performed. Congratulations to these girls for their hard work and wonderful conduct representing AC-T!

5th Grade Field Trip- KELLY WOLFF



The 5th grade class has been studying the expedition of Lewis and Clark's journey from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean. After much time spent reading and watching some videos on the subject we took a field trip to The Sioux City Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. The students were sent on a scavenger hunt to find information about people on the journey, supplies needed, specimens that were collected, and other items or things that happened on the trip. The 5th graders learned a lot of new and interesting information about the trip of Lewis and Clark. We then walked to the Sergeant Floyd River Museum and Welcome Center and received another tour. After a little lunch on the bus, it was cold outside; we were off to the Palmer Candy Company. We watched a video of how peanut brittle and some of the other candies are made. The smell of chocolate was everywhere. The students bought their

fill of chocolate and other goodies, loaded up the bus, and we headed home. We had a great time in Sioux City and would highly recommend going to see these places in Sioux City.



The Reptile Guy by Morgan Heuton
on the 20th of April, 2011 an author and a scientist named David came to AC-T Elementary School. He brought lots of reptiles. There were snakes, a turtle and a lizard. Also, he was very funny. He had a remote for the screen and he showed pictures. He had a lot of pictures of animals.

The End

Author and Herpetologist Visits Albert City-Truesdale Elementary

Did you know that snakes smell with their tongues or that turtles do not have teeth? David Nieves, author and herpetologist, explained these facts and much more during his visit to Albert City-Truesdale Elementary on Wednesday, April 20th.

In celebration of National Library Month, Mr. Nieves shared with us his knowledge of writing, authoring books, how books and reading has affected his life in a positive way and his passionate career of studying reptiles and amphibians as a herpetologist.

“When I was 8 years old, I decided reptiles and amphibians were my favorite things in the whole wide world,” Nieves said. He became a member of a junior naturalist program at the local nature center and by the time he was in middle school he was sharing his love and knowledge of reptiles with elementary-school students in his hometown of Bellevue, Nebraska.

Nieves, a graduate of Iowa State University, has dedicated and devoted himself to the field of herpetology and hence founded and created Reptile Education and Research in 1990, a facility dedicated to the study of reptiles and amphibians from around the world. His career as a research herpetologist takes him to many amazing places to study and photograph these incredible creatures. David’s photographs are in his two children’s books: *Reptiles Up Close* and *More Reptiles Up Close*.

During Nieves’s multimedia program, presenting to AC-T preschool through sixth grade students and staff, we learned how we are different from reptiles, what we share with them, and why we need them around. During the program Mr. Nieves introduced us to six live reptiles that he owns and habitats in his own laboratory. Among the group of creatures he brought with him was an alligator snapping turtle, a white rat snake, a vine snake, a green anaconda snake, a cape monitor lizard and the biggest and most surprising attraction, a 23 year old Albino Python snake named Maggie. Maggie is a powerful and beautiful banana colored 16 foot long snake weighing 155 pounds.

Because of a strong commitment to educate others about this misunderstood and feared group of animals, David continues to present educational programs to people of all ages at schools, libraries, nature centers, literature festivals, children’s museums, expos, and zoos. His books have become an additional way to share and David has recently published this third book, *Amphibians Up Close*.

“Author visits are the ultimate literacy experience,” states Paulette McCall, Teacher Librarian. “Connecting students with real-live authors generates interest in books and reading, an excitement for writing, and it models career choices in the imaginative arts.”

The author program was sponsored by our local PACT group.



Physical Fitness Awards

In February, the National Physical Fitness Awards were held at AC-T. To qualify for this award, students had to score at the 50th percentile in five different events. These were shuttle run, sit-ups, push-ups, v-sit reach, and the ¼ or ½ mile depending on age. Grades 3-6 participated and those receiving the awards were Alyssa Feeley, Shelby Johnson, Haylee Beckman, Natalie Baack, Carter Beckman, Makayla Bjork, Emma Garvick, Hannah Johnson, and Thor Nielson. Congratulations to these students!

Mr. Lovin’s annual *Little Hurricane Relays* were held on May 16th at the football field in Albert City. Grades PK-2nd participated in their events from 9:30-11:00 while grades 3rd-6th held their events at 1:30 to the end of the

day. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a good time! See ya next year! ☺

Albert City-Truesdale Student Receives Top Honors at State Invention Convention

AC-T fifth grader Carter Beckman participated in the State Invent Iowa competition held at Iowa State University on April 16. Out of 350 inventions submitted by students from across the state, 20 were named “meritorious” and invited to this special event. Carter’s invention, the “Ease with Skiis”, was named one of the top six inventions at the event. Carter will receive a \$500 Iowa State College of Engineering Scholarship for receiving this Highest Distinction Award. The “Ease with Skiis” helps shopping carts move easily through ice, snow, and slush often found in parking lots during the winter.



Field Trip to Fort Dodge by Mrs. Bobolt and Mrs. Germany

The preschool and kindergarten classes traveled to Fort Dodge on Friday, May 20th for their annual field trips. Everyone had their fingers crossed for good weather and no one was disappointed.

The first step for the day was at the Fort Museum, where the kindergarten students departed from the bus. They so enjoyed a step back in time as they viewed countless items from days gone by. The favorites however, included the fort soldier lookout, the military items, the Native American collection, and the old jail.

The preschool class traveled on to the large Hy-Vee store. They visited different departments within the store. The children visited the deli where they saw Chinese food and a sub sandwich station. When visiting the pharmacy, the pharmacist spoke with the children about who to take medicine from and how important it is. When visiting the bakery, the children were shown how to make a rose out of frosting and enjoyed cookies. The students also got to see the vision center, floral department, and customer service. They had a wonderful time.

Oleson Park. The park was another adventure. After lunch, the children were able to visit the small zoo there and walk the trail as they saw deer, swans, turtles, goats, and geese. The final activity was enjoying the beautiful playground equipment at the park.

What a wonderful day our young children experienced!



weekly, for at least 15 minutes, looking for nits (eggs) and adult lice. They like to stay close to the scalp, and the nits are attached firmly; they do not come out without being pulled off. If discovered, you can check with your child’s doctor for treatment. Usually an over-the-counter shampoo is sufficient, used according to the directions, and repeated in 10 days. You must also wash all bedding and articles that came into contact with that child’s head in very hot water, as well as vacuum all surfaces and

furniture where they may have been. Please teach your child never to share hats, combs, pillows, hair articles or other items that come into contact with the head!

Immunizations: Please check with your healthcare provider and ensure that your child's immunizations are up to date. It is far easier to do this right away in June, rather than waiting until school starts or adding that to the list of things to be done in August!

Dental and Vision Checks: Kindergarteners are required by Iowa law to have a dental screen done within the last two years before starting kindergarten. Please contact the school office if you need a form (ours are orange); or, you may obtain one from your dentist's office. This is required for all K students; but it's a great idea for all children to get their teeth and eyes checked during the summer!

Medications: All students who need to take meds at school MUST have a form giving directions and permission, signed by a parent, before we can give those at school. This applies to meds taken all year, or those your child only needs to take for a few days. Students are NOT allowed to carry meds to and from school; they must be in an original container, and parents must drop them off and pick them up. Pharmacies are willing to give you a separate container for school; ask for one when you fill a prescription.

Food Allergies and Intolerances: At registration, you will need to fill out a yellow form, signed by your doctor, for any true food allergy your child has. (Forms can also be obtained in the school office and faxed by your doctor to 843-2195.) Please understand that there is a difference between true allergies and food intolerances.

Be sure to practice summer safety with all of your activities, especially near water and in the sun. Use sunscreen (apply sunscreen first if also using insect repellent) and make sure all family members drink plenty of water! The next school year will be starting before we know it; have a fun and healthy summer!

Deb Clausen, RN & Julie Olson, RN AC-T School Nurses

NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION – Barb Kady

As you read this, the 2010-2011 school year will have come to a close. Nine sixth grade students graduated from AC-T this spring. We wish to congratulate them and wish them well as they move on to the next step in their education!

The faculty, staff, and administration at AC-T would again like to say thank you to each of you for your support. You can feel proud of your students and your school when looking at the accomplishments over the course of the school year. At the end of the year awards ceremony, 36 awards were given to students who excelled on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills this year...out of a total of 59 students who took the test! You will be reading about more student accomplishments throughout this newsletter.

Our faculty is continuing to work on the implementation plan of the Common Core/Iowa Core Curriculum. This curriculum:

- Is about the success of all students;
- Communicates the expectation that all students learn at high levels;
- Honors prior work the district has done to develop curriculum;
- Focuses on 21st century skills;
- Includes state content standards;
- Encourages instructional practices that deeply engage students as active learners and critical thinkers who can apply their knowledge.



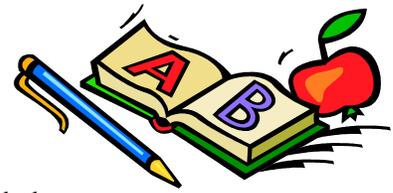
As part of the implementation plan, the AC-T faculty is engaged in a study of the Characteristics of Effective Instruction, focusing on differentiating instruction to meet the needs of all learners. To help students develop 21st century skills, students and teachers are incorporating the use of technology in many ways. iPads have been used by students and staff to provide individualized activities aligned with student needs. Smartboard technology is used to engage the learner through a variety of different activities. Laptops provide a nearly one to one ratio of computers to students at AC-T. In addition, ACT has partnered with the Sioux Central School to implement a one to one computer initiative for students in grades 7 through 12.

Included in this newsletter you will find the calendar for the upcoming school year. Attendance is so very important to a successful school year. Looking forward to next year, we would encourage parents to schedule appointments or out of town trips during times or days that school is not in session in order to minimize the amount of time students are absent from the classroom.

Thanks again for the support you have shown our students, staff, faculty, administration, and the school board over the past school year in helping to make AC-T “A Great Place to Start!”

Have a great summer!

ALBERT CITY-TRUESDALE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 2011-2012



PRESCHOOL

- 2 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- scissors (Fiskars)
- 1 box crayons (16 or 24)
- 2 pencils (not the fat beginner pencils)
- 1 bottle washable glue (no "no run" glue or glue sticks)
- 1 container antibacterial wipes
- 1 spiral notebook (wide-lined)
- 2-pocket folder
- 1 pink eraser
- small box for supplies
- full size book bag
- blanket or mat for resting
- extra set of clothes
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**

(Please label everything with a permanent marker.)

KINDERGARTEN

- 2 glue sticks
- 2 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- scissors (Fiskars)
- 1 box crayons (16 or 24)
- 4 oz. Elmer's washable glue (no "no run")
- pencils (regular size)
- pink eraser
- 1 spiral notebook (wide-lined)
- 2-pocket folder
- 1 container antibacterial wipes
- 1 box Ziploc bags (snack or sandwich size)
- rug or mat for resting
- box for supplies
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**

1st GRADE

- 1 container Lysol or Clorox wipes
- 3 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- scissors (Fiskars)
- crayons (24)
- Colored pencils (12)
- glue sticks (4)
- 2- notebooks (wide-lined)
- 12 #2 pencils-SHARPENED
- Erasers (pencil-top and large)
- school bag
- (3) 2-pocket folders
- (3) 2-pocket folder with prongs
- addition flashcards
- subtraction flashcards
- 1 box Ziploc bags (gallon size)

- 1 small box for desk storage
- School bag
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**
- NO ink pens
- NO markers

2nd GRADE

- Crayola crayons (24 ct.)
- Crayola Twistable colored pencils
- scissors
- 1 small bottle washable glue
- 1 small art box
- 12 #2 pencils-SHARPENED
- Erasers----pencil top & large ones
- 1 zippered pencil bag
- 6 2-pocket folders
- 1 set *Addition* flash cards
- 1 set *Subtraction* flash cards
- 3 boxes of 200 ct. tissues
- 1 box zip lock bags ---- 1 gal
- 1 container Germ X wipes
- 1 book bag
- No ink pens
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**

3rd GRADE

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- pointed scissors
- crayons (16)
- colored pencils
- markers (optional)
- 1 ultra fine line black marker
- 4 oz. bottle washable glue
- erasers (chunky & pencil top)
- several #2 pencils (can have mechanical, but must also have wooden-sharpened)
- 5 2-pocket folders
- ball point pens (red & blue)
- 2 highlighters (any color)
- multiplication flashcards
- ruler (standard/metric)
- pencil sharpener
- 3 wide-lined notebooks
- 1 inexpensive calculator
- 2 small memo pads (for scratch paper)
- box or basket for supplies
- 1 box Ziploc baggies (qt. or gal.)
- 1 container of antibacterial wipes
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**

4th GRADE

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- small box for supplies
- scissors
- crayons (16)
- markers (optional)
- 1 ultra fine line black marker
- colored pencils
- pencil bag
- 1 bottle washable glue
- ruler (standard/metric)
- several #2 pencils (can have mechanical, but must also have wooden-sharpened)
- erasers (big & pencil top)
- red checking pens
- 1 inexpensive calculator
- 5 spiral single-subject notebooks (wide-lined)
- 1 pkg. loose leaf paper (wide-lined)
- 5 2-pocket folders
- 1 box Ziploc baggies (quart or gallon)
- 1 container antibacterial wipes
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**
- **NO** Trapper Keepers
- Assignment notebook & U.S. State flash cards purchase at registration

5th GRADE

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- several #2 pencils with erasers- sharpened
- erasers
- several colored checking pens
- 1 ultra fine line black marker
- 1 pkg. 3"x 5" index cards
- 2 inch 3 ring binder
- 5 single-subject spiral notebooks (college-ruled) coordinated with notebooks
- 1 pkg. loose-leaf writing paper (college-ruled)
- 8 varied colored 2-pocket folders 3 holed punched
- 1 pkg. 4"x6" lined index cards for research report
- plastic see-through ruler with clear markings for inches & centimeters
- highlighters
- 1 small art box with scissors, crayons & glue
- calculator (basic)
- 2 boxes Ziploc bags (quart or gallon)
- 1 container antibacterial wipes
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**
- Assignment notebook, protractor, compass (purchase at registration)
- 5 book covers

6th GRADE

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- 6 spiral, single-subject notebooks coordinated with 6 two-pocket folders
- several #2 pencils (sharpened)
- erasers

- 1 ultra fine line black marker
- several colored checking pens
- 2 pkgs. college-ruled, loose-leaf paper
- 2 inch 3-ring binder for Iowa History
- colored highlighters for Iowa History
- 1 pkg. 4" x 6" lined index cards for Iowa History
- 1 small art box with scissors, crayons (24) & glue
- plastic see-through ruler with inches & centimeters
- 8 varied colored 2-pocket folders 3 hole punched
- calculator (basic)
- 1 box Ziploc bags (quart or gallon)
- 1 container antibacterial wipes
- Gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**
- Assignment notebook, protractor, compass purchase at registration
- 7 Book Covers

❖ School Registration is Monday, August 8th (10:00-7:00) at AC-T.

❖ The Back-to-School Open House is Thursday, August 18th from 5:30-7:00 pm

❖ The first day of school is Monday, August 22nd.

The Preschool is looking for toy donations to replace some of their broken toys. If anyone has toys to donate, please drop off at the AC-T Elementary Office. Thank You!

