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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

May/June/July/August 2018

AC-T Principal News By Mrs. Sarah Voyles



I would like to thank everyone for all of the well wishes with the birth of our daughter Millie Christine Voyles on April 28th. With her birth meant that I was out on maternity leave the last month of the school year. Ms. Dirks took over for me and I am grateful for everything she did in my absence. I would like to thank her for the extra time and effort she put in to ensure things ran smoothly. She checked in with me often and I know that the students and staff continued to work hard and made the last quarter of school great!



During the last quarter of school our students are fortunate that they get to travel many different places to take part in some great field trips. We have an awesome Naturalist in BV County, Katie Struss, and she creates some awesome learning opportunities for our students. She has taken our youngest students fishing and planned an outdoor classroom for the oldest students. Our students have a fond love of nature because of the great activities she plans and the encouragement from our teachers. You will read about some of the other field trips in the remainder of the newsletter. I would like to thank everyone who continues to bring in Box Tops, pop cans and HyVee receipts as that pays for a good portion of the field trips that our students take each year. We are always looking for volunteers to help us get the pop cans to Lake View and unloaded. This happens about four times a year, so if you would be willing to drive the trailer load to Lake View, unload and bring them back, please contact the office.



This year we had 14 students in our 6th grade class who were part of our graduation send off as they prepared to move on to Sioux Central. Many of the students gave speeches during the ceremony that allowed for them to reminisce about their time at AC-T. Overall, the theme of the speeches included the number of wonderful teachers we have at AC-T who have made a difference in their lives, as well as the great experiences they were provided. As the students head to Sioux Central next year I wish them good luck and hope for their great success as they finish out their school careers. I am very proud of the students and young adults they are turning into. I know you will continue to make us proud! Please help me in congratulating Aiden Cady, Taber

Caraway, Jazmin Durazo-Vazquez, MacAlister Eral, Madalyn Forbes, Addisyn Fuchs, Steven Jacobs, Raine Miller, Keyla Molina-Siney, Janessa Nielsen, Layla Scruggs, Gavin Thams, Jaden Thayer, and Kurtis Wood.

As we head into summer I would like to encourage you to get out and explore with your children. There are many great opportunities for our students in our community, including a wonderful local library. Read a book together and enjoy the extra time you get to spend with your child(ren) while they get a break from school. See you in August!



1st Grade by Mrs. Hallie Johnson

1st grade had an eventful year this year! We had many fun times as a whole class. We enjoyed our friend readers from the community, as well as visiting residents at Pleasant View throughout the year.



Some of the students' favorite moments were choosing their seats each week, making stained glass windows in Science, as well as the little dipper. They enjoy doing anything and everything hands-on, and are great with creative projects!



Our favorite math games were snowman addition, garbage, addition war, sums to 10 memory, and fill the tree.

Our class had a couple of field trips this year. We went fishing in Sioux Rapids with Naturalist Katie, and we also went to the Tree Museum in Storm Lake, and then got a tour of the BVU science center. It's so much fun to go explore locally!



Scholastic Winner! By Mrs. Rebekah Spragg
 Brogan Johannsen was selected as one of the ten talented winners in the Scholastic Book Clubs' Monster Alarm Story Starter Contest! As one of the winners, she received a Princess in Black library along with two signed copies of a Princess in Black book, one for the classroom and one for her.
 Congratulations, Brogan!!!



3rd & 4th Grade News by Ms. Ashley Dirks

The 3rd and 4th graders studied life cycles in science. We decided to try to incubate eggs. We were very successful and had 22 adorable baby chicks. The students loved the chicks and some were able to adopt!



The 3rd and 4th graders went to West Bend this year. They visited the Historical Society Museum and the Grotto. They loved the history and amazing rocks!!!



New 6th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Bradi Sievers by MacAlister Eral

Mrs. Sievers is 24, born on December 16th, 1993, in Spencer IA. She graduated high school in 2012, and went to college to become a teacher because she has compassion for children and likes to help them learn and grow. She is married to Mitch Sievers. Her favorite memory with the class was when she first got here. Her favorite board game is Sorry. Her favorite basketball team is Iowa State. Her favorite food is tacos or pizza. We would like to welcome her to AC-T!



6th Grade Update by Mrs. Bradi Sievers

May has been a very busy month for the 6th graders. We had our Spring Concert, Outdoor Classroom in Peterson, Naturalist Katie, Track and Field Day, Graduation, and ended the last day of school going to Marathon Park. At the Outdoor Classroom, the students went to seven different stations. Some things that the students learned about were: rocks, bison, raptors, and predators and preys.



Graduation was a successful night. The students received their classroom awards, Honor Band and Honor Choir Awards, Iowa History Day Awards, and the Iowa Assessment Awards. After the ceremony, the PACT group provided all the students and their families with cake and ice cream. We had a great busy year and hope you all have a great summer!



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Ms. Wolff's Happenings

By: Kelly Wolff, Reading/Health/PE Teacher

I can't believe that my second year as Reading/Health/ P.E. teacher is at an end. Where did the time go? I have enjoyed having all the various levels of reading groups. They have all worked hard on fluency and comprehension. The lower elementary has really started to take off on their reading skills and it has been fun to watch them read. Make sure that you keep your children reading all summer

long, so that summer slump doesn't happen.

This year the school purchased bowling equipment. The whole school had the opportunity to learn how to bowl and really enjoyed it. Next year we will be able to do badminton as a new activity in P.E. and more scooters were purchased so all classes could use them too.

On May 18, we had our annual Little Hurricane Relays, all students were able to show off their athletic skills in both throwing and running events. Thanks to the PACT group for the treats; they were really appreciated.



Art by Mrs. Katie Wenell

Hello from the Art the world! I know I don't have to tell you that it has been a crazy winter. It seems our snow days have landed on our one art day a week! It hasn't stopped us from doing some great things in the art room though.

Lately we have been concentrating on designing posters for the 2018 Soil Conservation poster contest. This year's theme is, "Watersheds, Our Water, Our Home." It has been fun to see the students creatively



display their knowledge of what a watershed is and how they can contribute to keep their waters clean! The student submitting the winning poster from each grade within BV County will receive an airplane tour of Buena Vista County. Ribbons will be awarded to the top six posters in each grade within BV County. Other posters may receive Honorable Mention. An assembly program to honor the winners were held on May 25th

The winter weather also tried to mess with Maker Day this year but we got it in! I had a blast seeing my students in mixed age groups and alongside Sioux Central students. The 2 breakout sessions I facilitated were “Art in Motion” for the 5th and 6th graders and “Tinker Trays” for the K-4th grade students. The 5th and 6th graders were introduced to the artist Wassily Kandinsky. His work showed us how we can visually create what we hear! The K-4 students got to use their imaginations to create robots with random materials such as noodles, beads, beans, popsicle sticks, and toothpicks. We had some very creative outcomes!

I continue to enjoy teaching your children here at AC-T! Please come down and visit the art room anytime. I love to show off their work!

Opera Iowa Visits AC-T by Mrs. Laura Sievers

On Friday, April 13, AC-T and Sioux Central elementary students enjoyed a performance by Opera Iowa, the Education/Touring Division of the Des Moines Metro Opera. The afternoon began with interactive workshops for the 3rd through 6th graders put on by the performers. After a short break, all students PK – 6 gathered in the gym for “Jack and the Beanstalk”.

There was a short question and answer session after the performance.

Special thanks to Valero for providing the funding for this special event, as well as volunteers to help load and unload the Opera Iowa props and scenery, and to our custodian Curt for his help.

Students commented –

“I had never seen an Opera before. I thought it was actually pretty good.”

“Live operas are more interesting than what you see in the movies.”

“I learned about the lighting and how they do it is really cool.”

“I thought I would not like opera but it turned out that I like opera.”

“I liked the lighting - it was really good.”

“It is really cool how long they can hold the notes.”

“Overall it was the best performance that I ever seen in AC-T! I really enjoyed the scenery and the lights were so cool!”



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SUMMER READING



BY MRS. CHRISTINA BALDER

Often at conferences, parents ask how they can make reading more fun, not frustrating for their children. Here are six tips from readbrightly.com:

Fun Rule #1: Read the right books.

Be sure your child is reading books that are appropriate for his reading level, not books that are too challenging. Challenging equals discouraging.

Use the 5 Finger Test to help. If there are more than 5 words on the first few pages that your child doesn't know, the book might not be a good choice.

Fun Rule #2: Let kids choose their own books.

Your kids love being in charge of their lives. That's why I say to let them load up on books that look interesting to them. (This is much cheaper at the library).

Fun Rule #3: Go beyond the (traditional) book.

Do you know that it counts to read an audiobook? Yes, it is listening but here's why it counts: it builds vocabulary and background knowledge about topics and literary devices. And what's even better, it helps kids find the magic in the story itself. This is the KEY to loving to read and what kids miss when they're overwhelmed with reading itself. Also, don't forget about reading books on devices such as an iPad or Kindle. Since many kids are mesmerized by technology, technology can make reading way enticing. Finally, remember those magazine and comic books! They also count as reading!

Fun Rule #4: Create a totally awesome reading area.

Work with your child to make a reading area he'll want to hang out in. Think college-dorm cool: rugs, lamps, beanbags, posters. Set the mood for fun. Then bring in the books and you've created great ambiance for reading.

Fun Rule #5: Be a little naughty.

Try these rule-breaking ideas: allow your frustrated reader to stay up late with a super cool new headlamp and a good book. For reading time, you read to her instead of the other way around. And maybe even read in your best silly or fancy voice. Let your child move while reading: jump on the tramp, sit on an exercise ball, or hula-hoop and read.

Fun Rule #6: Don't ignore the elephant.

If your child needs reading help, get it for her now. Testing, tutoring, whatever. Don't wait. That elephant in the room is only going to grow.

These are just some fun rules to make reading a wonderful experience for everyone!



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ALBERT CITY-TRUESDALE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2018-2019

PRESCHOOL/TK

Please label all of your child's supplies with their name or initials.

- 2 boxes of Kleenex (optional)
- Art box for supplies
- 1 box of crayons
- 1 box of washable markers
- 1 box of colored pencils
- Scissors
- (2) #2 pencils
- 1 pink eraser
- Elmer's glue 4 oz.
- 1 glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- (1) 2 pocket **Plastic** folder
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 1 box of resealable bags (any size-optional)
- Back pack
- Rest mat-can be purchased at registration
- Extra set of clothes (in labeled gallon resealable bag)
- P.E. shoes (non-marking sole)

- **Additional supplies needed for TK**
- 1 spiral notebooks
- (2) 2-pocket **Plastic** folders
- 2 EXPO low odor washable whiteboard markers
- Pencils-sharpened

1st GRADE

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (optional)
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- (4) glue sticks
- Elmer's glue 4 oz.
- 2- wide-lined notebook
- 1 composition notebook
- 24 #2 pencils
- Pink eraser
- (1) 2-pocket plastic folder
- 1 box resealable bags (quart/gallon size-optional)
- 1- composition notebook
- Back pack
- P.E. shoes (non-marking sole)

KINDERGARTEN

Please label all of your child's supplies with their name or initials.

- 4 glue sticks
- 2 boxes of Kleenex (optional)
- Scissors
- 1 box crayons
- 1 box markers (optional)
- 4 oz. Elmer's washable glue
- Pencils (regular size)
- Pink eraser
- 2 spiral notebook (wide-lined)
- 1- composition notebook
- (2) 2- pocket **Plastic** folder **with Prongs**
- 2 boxes resealable bags (any size optional)
- 2- containers antibacterial wipes (optional)
- Extra set of clothes (in gallon bag)
- Oversized t-shirt for painting (in gallon bag)
- Box for supplies
- Back pack
- P.E. shoes (non-marking sole)

2nd GRADE

- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Scissors
- (4) glue sticks
- 4 oz. Elmer's washable glue
- Box for supplies
- 12 #2 pencils-SHARPENED
- Erasers----pencil top & pink eraser
- 2 composition notebook
- 2 notebooks (wide-lined)
- (2) 2-pocket plastic folders
- 3 boxes of Kleenex (optional)
- 1 box resealable bags (optional)
- Back pack
- P.E shoes (non-marking sole)

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3rd GRADE

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (optional)
- Box or tote for supplies*
- Scissors*
- Crayons*
- Colored pencils*
- Several #2 pencils (can have mechanical, but must also have wooden-sharpened)
- Markers*
- 1 Ultra fine line black marker*
- 4 oz. bottle washable glue & glue stick
- Erasers (chunky & pencil top)
- (5) 2-pocket folders
- Ink pens
- 2 highlighters (any color)
- Ruler (standard/metric)
- Pencil sharpener
- 2 wide-lined notebooks
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 small memo pad (for scratch paper)
- 1 box resealable bags (qt. or gal. optional)
- 2 disinfecting wipes (optional)
- P.E. shoes (non-marking sole)

4th GRADE

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (optional)
- Box or tote for supplies*
- Scissors*
- Crayons*
- Markers*
- 1 Ultra fine line black marker*
- Colored pencils*
- 4 oz. washable glue*
- Glue sticks*
- Pencil bag
- Several #2 pencils (can have mechanical, but must also have wooden-sharpened)
- Ruler (standard/metric)
- Erasers (big & pencil top)
- Ink pens
- 1 inexpensive calculator
- 2 spiral single-subject notebooks (wide-lined)
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 small memo pad (for scratch paper)
- (5) 2-pocket folders
- 2 boxes resealable bags (1 quart & 1 gallon optional)
- **No pencil sharpeners**
- P.E. shoes (non-marking sole)
- Assignment notebook & U.S. State flash cards purchase at registration

5th GRADE

- 2 boxes of Kleenex (optional)
- Several #2 pencils -sharpened
- 1 fine point black Sharpie
- 7 composition notebooks
- 1 graph composition notebook
- (5) 2 pocket plastic folder
- Pencil bag
- Art box with a lid for supplies
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Markers
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- 3 highlighters
- P.E. shoes (non-marking sole)
- Resealable bags (optional)
- Assignment notebook purchased at registration

6th GRADE

- 2 boxes of Kleenex (optional)
- Several #2 pencils – sharpened
- 1 fine point black Sharpie
- 7 composition notebooks
- 1 graph composition notebook
- (5) 2 pocket plastic folder
- Pencil bag
- Scissors
- Art box with a lid for supplies
- Ruler
- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- 3 highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Elmer's glue 4 oz.
- Resealable bags (optional)
- P.E. shoes (non-marking sole)
- Assignment notebook purchased at registration

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