



# The Hurricane



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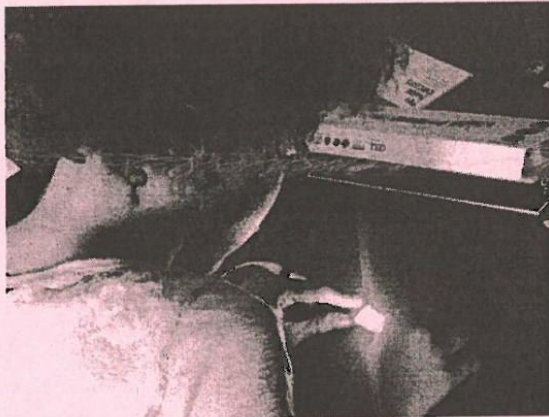
Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

December 2014/January/February 2015

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – by Cody Tibbetts, AC-T Principal

The second quarter and first semester have come to a close and we are approaching the 100th day of school; it is truly amazing how fast the school year has progressed. Our students, teachers, and staff continue to put forth strong efforts to achieve team and individual goals. More importantly, students continue to arrive with smiles on their faces while working extremely hard throughout the days. Your support of learning at AC-T Elementary is very much appreciated.

We are excited to announce that AC-T has purchased durable indoor/outdoor playground blocks used to spark a students' imagination and creativity! We have created a room for teachers to take the students during the school day to use these engaging items, with the hopes of eventually taking the blocks outside as they are stored in rolling baskets. If you would like to view more information on these blocks, visit <http://www.imaginationplayground.com>.



Our elementary students now have access to Little Bits through classroom enrichment. Little Bits are electronic modules and kits that put the power of electronics in the hands of everyone. The parts provided our students an opportunity to work on electronic programming. Students are able to design their own electronic creations, as well replicate a list of items that come with the kits. For example, students are able to create a flashlight or sounds by connecting the correct pieces together. Pretty exciting stuff!

Thank you for all of your support and a successful first semester. There are many positive things happening at Albert City-Truesdale Elementary and we are very proud of our efforts and accomplishments. I wish you nothing but the very best in 2015.

Like Always, GO HURICANES!

Cody Tibbetts



### Jeff Dicks, Superintendent School Calendar

On December 12th, a memo was released from Director Brad Buck from the Iowa Department of Education. The memo stated that waivers for an Early Start Date for school calendars would no longer be automatically approved and that districts would have to show a negative impact on education in order to receive permission to start school earlier than the week of September 1st. I hear many people ask "why do you start so soon", and many times they don't understand all of the systemic issues involved in this decision. But if the law is enforced and no waivers are allowed, many people will understand why we apply for a waiver.

This is not a new law, in fact, the rules on school start date has been on the books for several years. Schools have been allowed to ask for a waiver for an earlier start and the waivers were always granted. All but two school districts in the state requested a waiver this last year. Under pressure from the state's fair board and tourism board, the Governor mandated Director Buck to begin to enforce the law.

The other question I have about this rule is that it is not consistent with the state athletic association rules. An August 31st start date means that we will be playing our first football and volleyball games before school even starts. Despite the Athletic Unions not being under the umbrella of the Iowa Department of Education, shouldn't all activities involving students have to follow the same guidelines?

Obviously, the later we start, the further into June we would go. Again, a conflict would involve the start of baseball and softball, that would be playing 4-5 nights a week and also many times play in all day Saturday tournaments. I don't see this being beneficial to students who have that schedule while trying to complete finals. At Newell-Fonda we encourage as many activities as possible for kids. If we are unable to start school on time, we will see kids not participating in Fall sports in order to keep working, and Spring and Summer sports may also take a hit because of the busy schedule of classes and games.

I hope this issue will be debated in this upcoming legislative session and rather than Governor Branstad mandating the issue, that we continue to have the flexibility to start school based on a local choice, with student priorities coming first.



## STATE OF IOWA

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January 6, 2015

Dear Iowa parents,

Reading is essential to your children's success in school and in life. In Iowa, we are working to make sure all children read well by the end of third grade, which is the pivotal time when students go from learning to read to reading to learn.

Research shows that children's third-grade reading skills can predict their future success, and proficient readers are more likely to graduate from high school and earn a good living. However, nearly 1 in 4 Iowa third graders did not meet reading expectations last year, according to state test results. We must help our students improve their reading skills.

That's why identifying struggling students starting in kindergarten and providing intensive intervention form the centerpiece of a 2012 state law to improve literacy. Iowa's new early warning system for literacy is helping schools across the state screen students, monitor their progress, and provide reading interventions in preschool through third grade.

Making sure parents or guardians are notified when their children need help and providing resources that families can use at home also are part of Iowa's 2012 law. I want to be sure you are aware of a state website where you can find those resources:

<https://iowacore.gov/parents-community>

This website includes a link to great materials provided by the Iowa Reading Research Center that will help you understand and work with your child on specific literacy skills. You can easily find activities based on your child's grade level or reading skill on the center's Family Resources page:

<http://www.iowareadingresearch.org/literacy-resources/teacher-family-resources/>

It is critical for us to work together early – especially in kindergarten, first and second grades – to make sure students develop the skills they need to succeed in reading. Starting in May 2017, children who are identified as

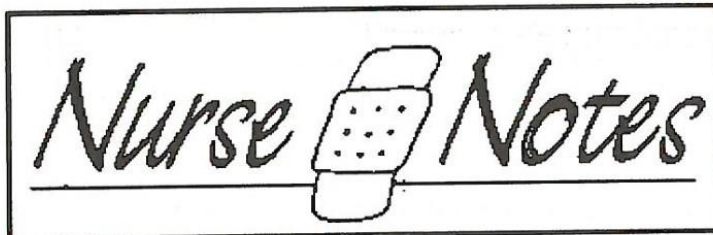
substantially deficient in reading by the end of third grade must attend a summer reading program, or they will be retained in third grade unless they qualify for an exception. Prevention, not retention, is what everyone wants.

Giving Iowa students a world-class education is critical in today's knowledge-based economy, but that's not possible unless they can read. I look forward to working with you on this historic effort to help Iowa children read by the end of third grade. Thank you for helping us to meet this goal.

Respectfully,



Brad Buck, Ph.D.  
Director, Iowa Department of Education



It's been a fabulous winter in the nurse's office!

~This was the third year that Brenda Thams, RN assisted me with our December screenings. She took heights and weights on students, then figured BMI's (body mass index), while I completed a vision screen. These results are sent home with report cards this month. AEA was here the same day to complete hearing tests on select grades and all new students.

~I continue to spend time in the 1st-through-6th grade classrooms every week during fluoride. We've talked about portion sizes, how to prevent getting lice, what fluoride is and where it comes from, and the effects of caffeine. I even brought in wisdom teeth so our students could see how big the roots are on permanent teeth!

~I will be teaching the Kindergarten class about teeth in February for Dental Health Month. We learn about the different parts of a tooth, and practice brushing and flossing on hard-boiled eggs and egg cartons! I am also available to help in classrooms on other health-related topics, or to reinforce teaching in health units.

~In an effort to increase the oral health of Iowans, all Kindergarten students are required to have a dental screen. I have been compiling those to report and completing screens on children who need one.

~While there are always illnesses circulating among us, this time of year tends to be worse. Make sure you get plenty of rest, stay well-hydrated, and most importantly, wash your hands frequently. The best way to stay healthy is not to let those bugs enter your body in the first place, so make an effort not to touch your face, eyes, nose or mouth unless you've just cleaned your hands.

Please call or e-mail me with any comments or questions. Wishing you a Happy Winter!

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### ***4<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitor by Ms. Ashley Dirks***

Our fourth grade class has been very lucky this January. For most of the month, we have had a special visitor. His name is Mr. Kastantin. Mr. K is a senior from Buena Vista University. He is completing his J-term assignment at AC-T, and he will be student teaching after this placement. It has been really fun having Mr. K in the room. He has

been observing and helping students individually and in small groups. Here is some fun information about Mr. K:

Hometown: Dallas Center-Grimes

Favorite Food: BBQ Foods

Height: 6 foot 6 inches

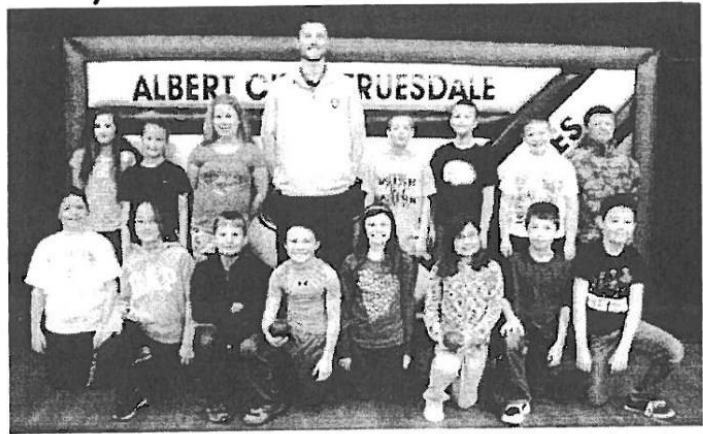
Sport Played at BVU:

Basketball

Favorite Subject: History

Favorite Thing About Teaching:

Playing at recess with the kids



One of 4<sup>th</sup> grade's favorite memories of Mr. K is when he slam-dunked the basketball at recess! Thanks Mr. K for being in our classroom. We wish you good luck with your student teaching experiences!

**REMINDER!! AC-T collects Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup UPCs, and Hy-Vee receipts. Donations can be brought to school to benefit our students! These funds help to purchase supplies for students at AC-T. Thanks!**

## **CALENDAR CHANGES:**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> is a 1:00pm early dismissal for Professional Development. Also, currently, our last day of school will be May 28<sup>th</sup> to make up for the four days missed of school.**

student council by ms. wolff

The AC-T Student Council has been raising money for different community projects throughout the years; this year's project is for a basketball hoop for the Albert City Pool. Activities have included paying a dollar to wear a hat, slippers, and pajamas to school for a day. Over the years, students have raised money to see staff members get a pie in the face and have the principal duct taped to the wall.

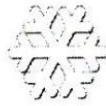
The funds previously raised have been donated to the Albert City Fire Department for radios, replacement windows for the school house at Threshermens', and given to other communities and children's charities.

The Council donated money before Christmas to Heifer International. This project helps families receive livestock, learn to care for them, improve nutrition, and help the family financially. The Council voted to donate money to purchase a pig and a flock of chickens.

Please continue to support the Student Council by participating in events throughout the school year.



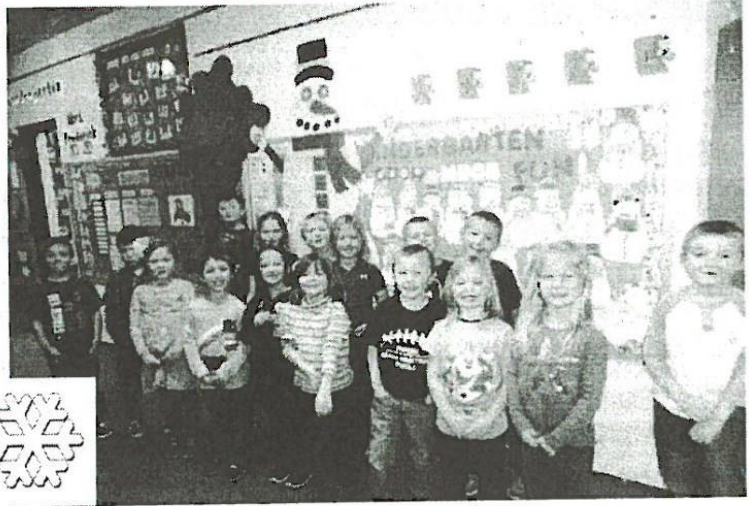
## Kindergarten is "Snow" Much Fun



Written By: Mrs. Frederick

Welcome 2015! In the few days that we have had in the new 2015 year, we have had lots of fun in Kindergarten! Every year when we return from Christmas break, I make hot cocoa for all of the kids. As we drink our hot cocoa, each student shares something about their Christmas. They can share about their favorite thing they got for Christmas, a memory, something fun that they did, and much more. Mrs. Loving and I love to hear what stories the kiddos tell us. It sounds like everyone had a great holiday!

Another fun activity that the Kinders have done in 2015, is making snowman glyphs. A glyph is an activity that is done by using symbols and a legend or key, to find out information. Each student was able to create their own snowman glyph. We can look at each snowman and see if it is a girl or boy, if they like warm or cold weather, how old they are, and if they like hot cocoa. The Kinders did a super job at creating their snowman and following the legend. After we were finished, we then tallied and graphed the information that we learned. Keep up the great work Kinders!



We look forward to the 2015 year, as I have many fun learning experiences planned for our students. I must say that these Kindergarten students are working very hard and are learning more and more each day. I am extremely proud of each and every one of them, as they continue to grow and learn. Way to go my little smarties!

Have a great winter and stay warm!



## Technology at AC-T by Mrs. Julie Bjork

We have been working through a coding unit with Kdg-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Learning the basics of coding is a new essential skill for our students growing up in our world today. It stretches their critical thinking and helps them to be problem-solvers as well as to be very detail-oriented. Did I mention that it is fun too? The students and I have enjoyed working through different coding websites with our favorite being code.org. Ask your students about coding and encourage those who have an interest in it! These students could take this skill and create amazing code in their future profession! Code is everywhere! It has been an exciting experience watching the students solve the problems with their code – to see their face and eyes just shine with pride from something they figured out on their own and made it work! I'm proud of our coding kids!

# NEWS FROM THE 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## Get To Know Our Sixth Graders

### JAYDEN HARDER

BY ALYSSA KRUSE

Jayden is a very athletic 12 year old boy. He participates in basketball, baseball, and football. His favorite school lunch is taco soup. He also has a 10 year old brother named Preston. His parents' names are Jake and Daniell. He hopes to go to Iowa State University when he gets older. His two favorite school subjects are math and science. He wants to be a football player when he gets older. Parker, Brady, Trevor, and Ben are his best friends. He also says Mrs. Spragg is his favorite teacher. His two favorite books are Kick Off and Rebounder. His favorite websites to visit are nike.com and underarmour.com. Madden15 is his favorite video game.

### Alyssa Kruse

BY: Tristan Loving

Alyssa Kruse is a 12 year old girl who enjoys sports. She is a 50/50 person on doing assignments and says she is doing ok

though. She has 2 siblings, Toby, who is 10 years old and is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Titus who is 4 years old and is in preschool. Alyssa says that those two sure can be a handful! Her best friend is a girl named Jenna Daly; whom by a little study of their friendship seems to be a great BFF! When she grows up she says she plans on running an orphanage. She says if she had 1 billion dollars, she would buy a hotel and turn it into an orphanage, pay bills, take care of her family, and then use the rest to tend to the children of the orphanage. She also says she plans on going to Iowa State University for her college education. Her parents' names are Amy and Jason Kruse. She says even though her parents and she get into arguments, she will always love them as they do her. She says her birthday is December 5th. Today, she lives with her parents, whom are not her blood parents. She says she lived in Pennsylvania and her mother could not take care of her, so Alyssa was flown by the government to Iowa to be with the family she lives with and loves today. Today she lives near the City of Storm Lake, and that she is happy with her life.

KYLENE HOWARD  
BY: MORGAN HEUTON

I wanted to interview Kylene because she is one of my closest friends and I admire her very much.

Her parents are Natalie Redecop and Justin Howard. She wants to be a gymnastics coach when she grows up. She has 4 sisters: Londyn almost 1,

Taylor - 6 years old, Karlina is 1 ½, and Katelyn is 16. Her sister Taylor Dolan, attends AC-T. Her friends are: Morgan Heuton Alyssa Willeford, McKenna Fuchs, Alyssa Kruse, and Jenna Daly. She has one dog named Molly (boxer). If she could go anywhere she would go to Paris. Her favorite sports are basketball and gymnastics. Favorite classes are Reading and Math. If she had 1 million dollars she would go on vacation and give the rest to charity. Her favorite College/University, is the University of Iowa (Hawkeyes). Kylie is my best friend and a great person to be around. Hope you have the chance to meet her. ☺

### **Keegan Kruse by Parker Elrich**

Keegan Kruse lives near Storm Lake, IA with his dad, Kevin. He has 3 siblings: 1 sister and 2 brothers. He likes to farm with his dad and he loves to play with cats Fluffy and Senior Mustache. He also loves to play soccer and football. He is always cheering on his favorite team the Green Bay Packers. His favorite foods are McDonalds and Hardees Cheeseburgers and French Fries. His favorite holiday is Christmas and he would want a Ford Shelby Super Snake 500 or Dodge Challenger SRT8. His favorite subject is PE. His favorite show is Modern Family. And that was my report on Keegan Kruse.

THE END.

### **McKENNA FUCHS BY JONATHAN WILSON**

I met this cool girl named McKenna Fuchs and I wanted to interview her. I asked what her parents' names are. She said their names are Melanie and Tim Fuchs. Then she said she had two dogs named Huckleberry and Bailey, and two cats named Maxwell and Sherman. She said she has two sisters named Kiley (older) and Addisyn (younger) and she added they are annoying sometimes. She also included that she lives on the street near the school. Then I started the interesting questions. I asked what she would do with 20 billion dollars. She said she would give 10 billion to charity and travel the world with the rest of it. Then I asked what her favorite sport is? She said soccer because she likes it and played it in her life. I asked what sports she plays she said that she plays basketball and soccer. I asked about what her parents do and she said her mom stays home, and her dad work on construction and owns his own business. She said math is her favorite subject because it is difficult and she likes hard subjects. I brought up a future career and she said she wants to be a zoologist because she wants to help and save animals. I also brought up what is her favorite part of the day and she said she likes reading. I brought up college and she said yes, because she wants to get a Master's Degree and has to take other classes to survive in the outdoors.

## *Morgan Heuton*

*by McKenna Fuchs,*

Morgan has been at AC-T for 8 years. She is kind, respectful, and has a good sense of humor. Her favorite things about school are the nice, friendly teachers and the awesome food cooked by Cyndie Holt. Her favorite school subject is reading and in her free time she reads and watches TV. She wants to be a book editor when she grows up. She also wants to go to The University of Northern Iowa. Morgan has three pets: two bunnies that are both girls named Lilo and Stitch and has one boy cat named Lilly. I asked her if she had 5 million dollars what would she do with it and she said she would buy a house and give the rest to charity. Her favorite thing to

do in PE is basketball and capture the pin. In music her favorite thing to do is all the activities. In art her favorite thing to do is making bracelets. Her parents are Deanna and Brad Heuton. She has one sister named Bailey. I have known Morgan since I was a baby. She is a great friend to have.

## *What Was Your Favorite Christmas Gift?*

- ✦ BEN CONLIN - BOW
- ✦ BRADY EHLERS - XBOX1
- ✦ MATTHEW GOELLER - SK15 WWE
- ✦ KEEGAN KRUSE - S3 PHONE
- ✦ MORGAN HEUTON - BOOTS
- ✦ CHAD MOBLEY - RCA TABLET
- ✦ MR. TIBBETTS - DRILL
- ✦ MRS. SPRAGG-BIG MINION
- ✦ MRS. FULLER-BIKE

MY FAVORITE GIFT WAS TIME WITH MY FAMILY.

*By Alex Cross*

## *Veterans Day* *By Chad Mobley*

Our Veterans Day Program was on November, 14 2014. We had the Albert City Boy scouts post the flags of Iowa and the USA flag. Mr. Tibbetts did a welcome in the beginning welcoming the Veterans to our school. We also had songs to sing like "God Bless the USA" and "God Bless America". Mrs. Bjork had a slide show with pictures of soldiers that have passed away or are still living. This was a very great slide show and Cyndie made a really nice lunch. Thank you Cyndie for the nice lunch. We honor the people that did serve and the ones that are still living. Thank you Veterans.

## **The Christmas Field Trip** **By Jenna Daly**

In December, we went to the Pocahontas Rialto Movie Theater and we saw the movie Big Hero 6. It was a very good movie and I would like to thank the PACT group for helping out with paying for the movie. It was about these two brothers and a robot and some friends. The robots name was Bay Max and the brothers were



named Tadashi and Hero. In the beginning of the movie the little brother Hero was in robot fighting and he was doing it to win some money. In the first match he had lost to the robot fighting but in the second match he had won the match. Then the guy he was fighting with had become mad and they started to chase him for the money he had. But then, all of a sudden his brother Tadashi came out on his motorcycle to help him. Next they had gone to Tadashi's University and Tadashi had introduced him to all of his friends. Then after that was done they had gone to Tadashi's lab and he had showed him the robot he made. The robot he had made was a robot that was like a robot that helped out others when they were ill and hurt. So when he was looking at the robot the brother had said he should go this invention contest and he did. When he went there was a fire. They had both exited safely but then Tadashi had realized that his professor was still in there so he went to go save him but when he had went into the University it had exploded. When his brother had passed away Hero had kept Bay Max. Then the brother had found out that someone had stolen his invention from him the day there was a fire. Then when he went back to the university to look at his brother's things and when he did that all of Tadashi's friends were there too but they had decided to go on this adventure with Hero to get his invention back and to find out who took his invention. Thank you for reading my article.

## Christmas Program By Ben Conlin

5<sup>th</sup> Grade band kicked off the Christmas Concert. 5<sup>th</sup> grade did the songs "Hot Cross Buns", "Jingle Bells", "Good King Wenceslaus", "Dredyl - Dredyl", and "Holiday Sampler" they did very well. Their Members are Toby Kruse and Isaac Albeus who play the Trumpet. Larene Scruggs who plays the Flute. Sara Feeley who plays Percussion. Ethan Schultz who plays the Clarinet. Paige Eral who plays the French Horn. Matthew Goeller who plays the Tenor Saxophone. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade band was next they played the songs "Sweet Caroline", "Deck the Halls", "Up on a Housetop", and "Holiday Fantasy". Their Members are Alyssa Kruse and Kylie Howard who play the Flute. Jenna Daly who plays the Clarinet. Tristan Loving and Brady Ehlers who plays the Trumpet. Keegan Kruse who plays the Cornet. Ben Conlin who plays the Trombone. Alyssa Willeford who plays the Alto Saxophone. Morgan Heuton, McKenna Fuchs, Jonathan Wilson who play Percussion.

Now on to the singing concert, PK-2<sup>nd</sup> did "The Three Piggy Opera"

Pipsqueak was played by Jack Stepec

Peppa - Micah Scruggs

Larry - Graham Welle

Mother Pig - Daniele Madsen

Stick Peddler - Duane McGregor

Straw Peddler - Dominic Heinsohn

The Three Piggy Opera went very well. It was about the big bad wolf who wanted food, so he found three pigs and they had to protect themselves, so separately they bought different items like Sticks, Straw, and Bricks to add to the houses for protection. In the end it didn't end up well for the Wolf.

3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade

They did the songs "Get it Together, Harambee" which 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> played Musical Instruments. "Worry, Worry" which Instruments were played by 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. Then they all sang together in the songs "Rockin' on the Housetop" and "Winter Fantasy" which Morgan Heuton, McKenna Fuchs played the Jingle Bells. At the end of the program all the students sang "We wish you a Merry Christmas". My favorite song was "Sweet Caroline" that 6<sup>th</sup> grade played in band. Thank you for reading my report.

## History Day!!!

By Micheal Unger

History Day started out like every normal day. There were four of us, **Morgan Heuton, Tristan Loving, Kysene Howard,** and me, **MICHAEL UNGER.** We got to school and sat in our desks, as usual. Then Mrs. **Sievers** walked into the class room. We walked outside and saw the new AC-T car. A white Ford. We piled in and began our ride. We talked a lot and listened to music. We also ate Jelly Belly jelly-beans. We got there and in front of us was Sioux City. As we pulled up to Morningside College. I thought to myself, "I'm in college!" We went into the library and went into the archives. Then we researched some things on two people, **Ann Landers** and *Abigail van Buren.* Mainly we looked for **Ann Landers.** Then we went to **Wendy's** for lunch. We all got ice cream. I was eating mine when I

noticed some melted ice cream. I picked it up to drink it, and while drinking it, it fell on my face! I was shocked.

**Morgan** looked at me and started laughing. When we finished our food we went to the *Museum*. We went into their archives and looked around. It was **HUGE!** I was amazed by all of the old things. There were rocks, antiques, Indian tools, and jackets. We pointed out a **GIANT** head. There was also a dog made of ice cream. Not real ice cream, of course. Then we explored the rest of the *Museum*. When we were finished, we got in the car and headed home.

## RECYCLED RACERS BY BRADY EHLERS

This is Recycled Racers. Recycled racers is an after school activity from 3:30 to 5:30. Our teacher is Mrs. Severs and we have it every Tuesday for about a month or two. When we are in Recycled Racers we make cars and wheels and race them. We also have snacks and we add parts to our racer. We have a huge amount of stuff to use, we have big pieces of cardboard for the ramp to ramp the racers. On the last day we had four engineers from Valero about how it is to be an engineer and to tell us and show us how they did their job. For example when there is something new they want to take it and make it better. The day after they came we got our picture taken and it was put in the newspaper and our cars were put in the trophy case in our school. Thank you for reading my article.

## *Iowa Assessments* by Jayden Harder

We will soon be taking the Iowa Assessments. There are some good things about the Iowa Assessments; we get to eat pudding and have extra recess. The Iowa Assessments are to show the state how smart our school is. Our school finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of all schools in Iowa last year. We had some BVU students provide motivation to do our test. They wished us good luck! We appreciate the Buena Vista University students for coming and giving motivation at AC-T.

## *Honor Band 2015* by: Alyssa Willeford

Alyssa Willeford (me) and Kylie Howard had an awesome time at Honor Band. We drove to Sioux City on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>. We drove there with some girls from Sioux Central, Mr. Perry (band teacher) and Mrs. Sievers (music teacher). When we arrived at Sioux City, we went to Wendy's. Thanks to the school; our lunch was free! When we arrived at West Middle School in Sioux City, we got our alto saxophone and flute out and started practicing. We started at 12:00 and went until 4:00. Kylie and I were part of the gold band. There were two bands: the gold band and the purple band. After we practiced, we went to watch the directors' concert. Mr. Perry and Mrs. Sievers were in the directors' concert. It was fun to watch (Mr. Perry played the Alto Saxophone and Mrs. Sievers played the Clarinet). After the directors concert, we ate pizza and mozzarella sticks for supper. Then it was time to get ready for our concert! After we were ready we went into the band room and waited for the concert to start. The purple band went first and they did really good on their songs then it was the gold band's turn! I think we did really good. It was a really fun day at Honor Band!!

## CHRISTMAS BREAK BY TREVOR DEMERS

Hi. I'm Trevor Demers and I'm telling you about what some people did over Christmas Break. I asked Brady Ehlers and he enjoyed spending time with his family and hunting. Next is Ben Conlin. He went hunting, spent time with his family, and he scrimmaged at half-time at the Rebels' game. Now I'm going to ask Dakota Holt. She went to her grandmas and went to her friend's house. Then I asked Sarah Christensen. She went to her aunt's and grandma's all on the same day! Emily Salazar spent time with her family and called to Mexico to talk to her grandparents. Then I asked Preston Harder. They went swimming at a hotel and they opened presents! The last person is McKenna Fuchs. She went to her aunt's and then stayed at her house for the rest of her break.

## FAVORITE SCHOOL LUNCH BY KEEGAN KROSE

I asked a few teachers and a few students what their favorite school lunch is. Alex said his favorite lunch was Cyndie's tacos. He likes them because they taste like Taco Bells' Tacos. Paige said her favorite lunch is Mandarin Chicken. She likes it because the flavor of the chicken and the sauce. Mrs. Sievers said her favorite lunch is the Thanksgiving lunch. She likes it because it's all her favorite foods in one lunch. Brady said his favorite lunch is Chili and Cinnamon Rolls. He likes it because it tastes good to him. And Mrs. Bjork said her favorite school lunch is also the Thanksgiving meal. She also likes it because it's all her favorite foods in one meal. And my favorite lunch is Cheeseburgers and French Fries. And that's what the teachers and students said their favorite school lunch is.

## *Guess the Teacher by Kylene Howard*

Here are some facts about a certain teacher in our school. At the bottom of this article there are three choices. After reading these 10 facts you can try to guess the teacher.

1. This teacher went to Buena Vista University.
2. She has two siblings.
3. This teacher's favorite book is "Where the Red Fern Grows."
4. Her favorite movie is The Little Mermaid.
5. When this teacher is not at school she enjoys spending time with family, watching movies, exercising, and being outside.
6. Her favorite part about teaching is all of the kids she gets to teach.
7. Her favorite sport to do is running.
8. This teacher's favorite childhood activities were swimming and being outside.
9. If she could go anywhere in the world she would go to Thailand.
10. If this teacher had one million dollars she would pay off her student loans, buy a new car, and save the extra money.

So which teacher do you think it is?

- a. Mrs. Fuller
- b. Ms. Lorenz
- c. Mrs. Bjork

Answer: Ms. Lorenz