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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

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3rd/4th Grade performing for Grandparents' Day

We had a celebration on September 16th because it was Grandparent's Day. Every class performed a special song, dance, or reading. A PowerPoint presentation was shown with the grandparents of AC-T students. The finale of the memorable afternoon was an All-Elementary Song of "God Bless the USA". Children found their grandparents and led them to the refreshment line and then to their rooms for special gifts. The AC-T Elementary wants to thank all who provided refreshments and all the grandparents who came to our program. We Love You Grandparents!



Kindergarten Class sings and plays "You are My Sunshine"



The 1st and 2nd Grade sings "Just for You"



Albert City Museum Tour by Mrs. Rebekah Spragg

The AC-T students in grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th were treated to an exciting and educational trip to the Albert City Museum. Marilyn Bolte was kind enough to contact the Albert City Historical Society for volunteers. Several members donated their time to take the students on an amazing tour of Albert City's past. The students were absolutely thrilled with the museum. This was a new experience for almost every student. The majority of the students want to visit the museum again with their parents. The teachers and students want to thank all the people who have donated their time, money, and personal treasures to the museum.

Pop Cans by Jasmine Nehring

Our fifth and sixth graders collect pop cans from Albert City Corner Market AKA Pronto. We sort into bags that contain glass, cans, bottles, or trash. The teachers, Mrs. Wenell and Mrs. Bruns, help in watching us kids make sure that we are sorting them right. Big thanks to everyone who contributed their pop cans and be sure to keep adding them for the rest of the year. Also a big thank you to Kent and Kyle Clausen for putting our AC-T sign up on the pop can bin.





Students and staff at Albert City-Truesdale welcomed Brad Strader from the Buena Vista Medical Center in Storm Lake and Shelly Donhoffer from the St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City. They kicked off a school-wide effort to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. This project will involve the entire school year as donations are gathered in change buckets in each classroom. Another way to raise funds is selling glow-in-the-dark bracelets for \$1. The students have purchased over 100 already. Some students are shown

below showing off their bracelets from the Children's Miracle Network.



Albert City-Truesdale proudly accepts this community service challenge of generating funds and support for all children. The mission statement of the network is as



follows, "The mission of Children's Miracle Network is to generate funds and awareness programs for the benefit of children and its member hospitals. We welcome the Albert City-Truesdale Community to get involved with us! Contact the school or a student to send a change donation or to buy a bracelet. Thank you!

Fifth Grade Welcomes Three New Students by Mrs. Annette Bruns

There are many new faces this year at AC-T. Three of them are in the 5th grade classroom.

Isaac Richter returned to AC-T after several years of being away. Isaac was here in Kindergarten and 1st grade, and has now returned. Welcome back Isaac! His parents are Chris and Melissa Richter, and he has a brother, Jason, in 7th grade.

Joining us from Spokane, Washington is Alex Terry. He is the son of Steve and Jennifer Terry, and has a 4th grade sister, Olivia. Alex has lived in a number of other states including Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and Michigan to name a few. His dad is the head of food service at BVU. Alex brought his pet bulldog, Scooby, to visit out classroom.

Another new face is Judy Valenzuela. Judy comes to us from Minnesota. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jose Valenzuela, and she also has a younger brother not yet in school. Judy was a welcome sight as she made the third girl in our class. That's right we have 12 boys and only 3 girls. However, we may be few in number,, but we are mighty!! Right Ladies?

Welcome to all new faces at AC-T. We're glad you came!!

News from the 6th Grade

Get To Know Our Sixth Graders



Karissa Erickson

Karissa Erickson is one of the students in the 6th grade. She is the Secretary of our class and enjoys being with friends and family. She also enjoys spending time with her animals, like her dog Brandie and, her cats Marshmallow and Gizmo, Max, Mia, and Willie. Her favorite colors are Pink, Green, and Baby blue. She lives in town with her parents Kent and Tonya Erickson, her brother Kole who is 14, and sister Kyrstin who is 7. She likes to watch MTV music videos as her favorite T.V. show. Karissa likes playing softball, basketball, volleyball, and soccer. By Cassandra Hoops

Chandler Johannsen enjoys the school's Italian dunkers, Cavatini, Beef Stroganoff, Spaghetti, and Cinnamon Rolls. Her favorite color is lime green. Her parents' names are Joni and Tory Johannsen. She enjoys PE and Gymnastics. Her siblings are Chance and Berkley Johannsen. By Callie Jordan Buske



Chandler Johannsen

Becky Martens enjoys Crispitos, Pizza, Mashed Potatoes, and Cinnamon Rolls. Becky also enjoys PE and Gymnastics. Her favorite colors are lime green, pink, yellow and orange. Her parents' names are Mary and Neil Martens. Her siblings' names are Peter, Mike, and Cody Martens. By Callie Jordan Buske



Becky Martens

Let me introduce Jasmine Nehring. She goes to Albert City Truesdale and is funny and caring and enjoys being with friends. Jasmine enjoys things like playing outside, playing sports, jumping on the trampoline, riding her bike and enjoys being with her family. Jasmine loves to hang out with friends and likes to listen to music. Her favorite TV show is "Fear Factor". Her parents are Craig and Rosalinda Nehring and you can't forget about her brother named Julon. Her favorite books are mysteries, and nonfiction books. She has a horse, a dog, and lots of cats, chickens, sheep, cows, and pigs. She lives out on a farm and her favorite color is Blue. By Karissa Erickson

Jasmine Nehring



Manners Unit - By Jared Hanson

This year in the 6th grade at AC-T we are doing something new called manners units. We are looking for kids in the school with good manners. The kids with good manners will get a certificate and will get a reward the next morning before school starts, they must have the certificate or they will not get the reward.

New Faces at AC-T By Chandler Johannsen

I asked Olivia Terry a few questions about herself, and how she likes Albert City so far. Olivia is in the fourth grade and says that her favorite thing about school is the teachers. Olivia also likes art class and likes to play football with her older brother, Alex. Alex is in the fifth grade and is very athletic. Alex and Olivia raise baby bulldogs on their farm. They also have many other kinds of dogs. Their parents' names are Steve and Jennifer Terry. Alex and Olivia moved here from Washington State. Welcome to AC-T Olivia and Alex!

Get to know the staff by Kyle Clausen

Let me introduce you to Margo Forbes. She has been working at AC-T since the fall of 1990. She became interested in custodial work because her father, Willie Wilbur, was a custodian here and when she was in grade school she helped him. She liked to clean when she was a kid because it was expected of her and her parents worked outside of their home. Her favorite food is steak and baked potatoes with lots of sour cream. Her favorite colors are lavender, blue, and light green. She likes working with the staff at Albert City-Truesdale. She also likes her work and the kids she helps. Thanks for the good job, Margo!

Let's meet one of the new teachers at Albert City-Truesdale. By Katie Sievers
Laura Sievers graduated from the University of Iowa and has been teaching for about 20 years. When she was little she wanted to become a teacher. Her first job was babysitting and walking beans. Her last job before she came to AC-T was a music teacher at Newell-Fonda. She wanted to become a teacher because she always enjoyed school and she enjoys working with children. The people that influenced her were: her band director, Frank Hoskins, her parents, her grandmother, and her aunt and uncles who were all teachers. Welcome to AC-T!



*Thank the cooks
Thank you for the food that you make for us.
Their names are Cindy and Nancy.
The food is always good and when I go to a different school;
I know that the food will not be as good as the food here.
By: Becky Martens*



There's exciting news in the Albert City-Truesdale Library! We were lucky enough to receive over two hundred new books with a grant from Prairie Lakes AEA. These books are for all levels of the elementary from Pre-Kindergarten to 6th. Some of these new books are a big addition to our non-fiction section such as:

Glacier National Park by Mike Graf
China by Laura Purdie Salas
U.S. Army Rangers by James Koons
Green Cars by John Coughlan
Tyrannosaurus Rex by Helen Frost
Fingerprint Evidence by Barbara B. Rollins
Tony Hawk by Jeff Savage
Where Does the Mail Go? By Daniel Shepard
Sojourner Truth by Kristal Leebrick
Weapon Carrier Helicopters by Michael Green
Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the "John J. Harvey" by Maria Kalman



We also added to our fiction shelves with such titles as:

Afternoon on the Amazon by Mary Pope Osborne (Magic Treehouse Series)
Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus by Barbara Park

Brian's Return by Gary Paulsen
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen by Cynthia Rylant
The Butter Battle Book by Dr. Seuss
Angelina's Halloween by Katharine Holabird
Slowly, Slowly, Slowly Said the Sloth by Eric Carle
The Mystery of the Flying Mummy by M. J. Cosson
Babe and Me by Dan Gutman
Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert



The students have been having fun finding these new books among their old favorites and I'm sure they will discover even more than have already been found. ~Joan Olney, Librarian

From the Principal's Pen ~ David Baker

I have been asked on several occasions what would draw me to Albert City-Truesdale to serve as the Principal. What was going through my mind when I said I would move to serve a school of only about one hundred students? I have pondered those questions as I decided whether to accept the position or not. Here is my reply.

First of all, I have been very impressed with the students of the district. They are good kids who want to get a good education. They are workers. They may be in different stages of the cycle, but they are workers. They seem to enjoy the small community environment. I grew up in a small community myself. I know the positives of being able to grow up knowing there are many neighbors looking out for the best interest of the kids. They are friendly and have welcomed me as part of the school. The students have made a very big impression.

The second is the dedicated staff in this school. They are willing to listen to new ideas. They are open with their responses when a question is asked. They are truly professionals who are committed to seeing this school move forward. This is evident in the scores of the achievement tests the students have taken. In comparison, I found that a small school district many times scores higher on those tests. I believe this is due in part to the individual attention the students receive. The teachers spend many extra hours beyond the contracted time to make sure the classroom is ready for the next day. Funding is not always available for the resources they would like to have, but they still find a way to teach the students what they need to know.

Finally, I see the support of the community as essential to the success of the school. I was very pleased to see almost 150 people in attendance at the Grandparents' Day celebration. We hope to build relationships with many others through activities that are planned throughout the year. Our goal is to keep you informed of those events and activities that will be coming up in the future.

Why would I want to move? It is because I was excited to be a part of a school system that is dedicated to its students.

Albert City-Truesdale Schools will hold a public hearing on the issue of continuing the whole grade sharing agreement currently in effect with the Sioux Central School District, Sioux Rapids IA. The meeting will be held October 10, 2005 at 6:00 PM in the school library.

