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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

September/October/November 2009



Veterans Day

By: Tanner Orwig

The program was at 10:30 in the morning on Wednesday, November 11, 2009. In the program each class did something special for the veterans in attendance. Also special slide shows were shown depicting Arlington Cemetery and 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 lunch for the veterans and their spouses. We enjoyed having chili and cinnamon rolls. AC-T would like to thank our Veterans!

Support a Soldier

By: Anna Marie Ehlers

Albert City-Truesdale community school is supporting two soldiers: Sergeant Cory Simpson, the Fiancé of Ms. Goedert, AC-T 5th Grade teacher; and Captain Rusty Perry, the son-in-law of Keith Moe, one of AC-T's Janitors. Sergeant Simpson is fighting in Afghanistan. Sergeant Simpson has two kids: Megan (13) and Tyler (15). Captain Perry is the Husband of Emily Perry and the father of Eve Perry.

This year we had a donation box for these two soldiers. Students could drop off items for these two soldiers to remind them of home. Items like books, movies, jelly beans, disposable cameras, music CDs, air fresheners (Febreze or stickups), soup mix, hot cocoa mix, magazines, inflatable seat cushions and many more items they might need. We are still taking donations of money to help us pay for shipping the boxes overseas-you can contact Ms. Goedert or Mrs. Wenell if you would like to help in this way. On November 18, 2009 the students shipped 12 boxes (6 for each soldier).

PLEASE Help Support Our Soldiers!



The Kindergarten, 5th and 6th grade classes hope to spread holiday cheer to our two adopted soldiers as they decorated Christmas stockings for their units. The stockings will be mailed, along with boxes of items collected, to Afghanistan and Iraq. May holiday blessings abound to our deployed troops!



Thank You

Veterans!

Nurse Notes

The Nurse's office has had a flurry of activity this fall with regards to the H1N1 virus. We've been working with the BV County Public Health staff in offering a school-wide H1N1 vaccination clinic; however, our county is encountering the same problems as the entire country is in not receiving enough vaccine. We will have a vaccination clinic here at school for high-risk and Pre-Kindergarten students on November 23. Later this fall, we plan to hold a vaccination clinic for the remainder of students; we will send notes home as we have more information. We have been as proactive as possible by doing a lot of teaching about covering our coughs and sneezes with our elbows, using the antibacterial gels located in all the rooms, washing hands frequently and wiping down the hard surfaces like desktops, doorknobs and handrails. Please keep any sick child/ren home from school; they should not return to school until they have been without a fever for 24 hours (without the use of Tylenol or Motrin).

Fluoride rinses have resumed in grades 1 through 6. Nurse Julie finds the 60 seconds of swishing a good time to do teaching about a variety of health subjects. The captive audience is unable to interrupt and it is amazing how much can be taught in just 1 minute! Fall is also when Public Health comes to our school and audits our immunization records. Nurse Deb looks at these records very closely and notifies parents if the records don't meet the requirements set by the state. We must be meticulous about this, not only to keep each individual child healthy, but also the whole school. This helps to prevent the spread of very serious diseases. In December, we will be doing our annual mini-physicals and reporting our findings to parents in the 2nd quarter report cards. We assess height, weight, BMI (body mass index: a measure of body fat), pulse, and blood pressure, and also complete the vision screen. When we finish, the information is charted into each child's permanent health record which follows them throughout their entire school career.

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. One of us is usually here on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We look forward to working with you to keep your child/ren happy and HEALTHY!

Julie Olson, RN and Deb Clausen, RN
AC-T School Nurses
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New at AC-T! This last summer, our school was able to purchase an AED (automated external defibrillator). This computerized device is designed to be used in the case of sudden cardiac arrest, to shock the heart when it is not beating in a way that can support life. AED's are being placed more and more in public areas, so that they can be accessed easily and used almost immediately. We received grant money for this purchase from the Buena Vista County Community Foundation and the Iowa Department of Public Health. We were also able to conduct training for ten staff members here at school in August; they became certified in CPR, first aid and AED use. The AED is located in the front foyer, and hangs on the wall across from the large gym. Take a look the next time you come to school!

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 You can also sign-up with SNOWCAP text alerts through our website.

News from the 6th Grade

Get To Know Our Sixth Graders

Interview with Maddy Bjork

By Maggie Loving

"This is Maggie Loving live on the red carpet, and here comes Maddy Bjork in a lovely yellow dress and she is the newest celebrity."

"Hi, it is such an honor to be here, and I would like to tell you a little about me. I was born in Storm Lake, Iowa on December 27, 1997 and I am 11 and a half years old."

"So you grew up in a small town."

"Yes and my dad's name is Chad, and my mom's name is Julie, my big sister's name is Mallory, and my little sister's name is Makayla, my little brother's name is Maxwell. My best friends' names are Kara, Maggie, Tina, Anna, Kaitlin, Nicole, Suzanne, and Luke"

"Do you have any activities you enjoy?"

"I enjoy softball, volleyball, basketball, church activities, reading, and music."

"You must be very active. Do you have any more favorites?"

"My favorite food is pizza, my favorite book series is the London Show series, my favorite stores are TJ Maxx and Maurices and my favorite color is yellow, and I have three tomcats and a dog named Rowdy, a horse named Gracie Lulu and a calf named Bentley."

"Well, time to go and I hope you win a lot of awards"

"Thanks bye!"

Interview of Jonathan Page Garvick

By: Madelyn Bjork

Let me introduce you to Jonathan Page Garvick or as we like to call him, "Jo". Jo is twelve years old and was born in the Storm Lake Hospital on July 14th. His parents are Jamie and Andy Garvick. Jonathan lives in Albert City, Iowa on Flower St. His favorite foods at AC-T are meatloaf and chicken nuggets. Jo loves

the color red and thinks it looks cool on him. He has three pets- Montre, Otis, and Pebles. He also has three siblings: Aiden, Areona, and Emma. Jonathan really loves scary movies like Friday the 13th and the Halloween series. Jo also likes the singer Akon and Snoop dogg and the band Slipknot. Thanks for the interview Jo!

INTERVIEW WITH ERIC ULCHINSKY

BY JONATHAN GARVICK

Erik was born in Punta Gorda, Florida. He was born Nov 15, 1997. His favorite subject is Social Studies. His parents' names are Sheri and Maurice. He has two siblings; their names are Tina and Lisa. His favorite holiday is Valentine's Day. His favorite subject in school is Social Studies. His favorite color is black. His favorite kind of food/snack is a pickle.

Homecoming Week by Tina Ulchinsky

The year is 2016 and I'm graduating from 12th grade soon. I'm writing a newspaper article about science. I stop and think when I was at AC-T writing articles. I remember I was writing an article about our homecoming week. It was such a fun week! I can remember Monday being hat day and everybody wearing wacky hats. Tuesday, my favorite, PJ day-everybody wearing their awesome PJs and some people wearing Iowa or Iowa State (a little rivalry going on between them). Wednesday is Hurricane day- rooting for our team! Thursday, I was twins with my teacher, Mrs. Wenell. We were wearing Iowa State shirts and wigs and bandanas on our arms. Last but not least, Rebel day! We went over to Sioux Central. We were supposed to have a parade but we were rained out. Then I remember being up on the bleachers with everyone playing their instruments and having a great time. Now I sit and think that those were the best years of my life, but I wonder what are my classmates doing right now?

The new Technology at AC-T

By: Kara Clausen

At AC-T this year, our school bought new technology which included: four smart boards with new projectors, 3 wireless slates, a set of clickers, 73 new laptops, 8 Elmos (new and improved overhead – shown in photo,) a big screen TV in the media center, and a new VCR/DVD player, we also got a new server for our laptops. We received our new technology from the 1% sales tax. I am happy that I can learn about these new things before I go to middle school and could not enjoy these fun things! I would like to thank Mrs. Kady and Dr. Lode for making the decision of getting these new things for us to use and I would also like to thank the school board for voting "YES"! ☺



Pop Cans by Chris Eberle

Albert City-Truesdale Elementary School is still collecting pop cans for money to go on our Field Trips. If you have any pop cans you want to donate to our school there is a big bin on the north side of Crossroads. When we go and get our pop cans we have to dump them out and take off the pop tabs and put them in an art box until we get back to the class room. Then we give the pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House. At the end of the year 5th and 6th grade teachers pick who ever worked the hardest to get to go with them to take the pop cans to Storm Lake and get a snack on the way back.



Halloween BY KAITLYN JONES

Here's what AC-T did for Halloween! There were class parties in student's rooms. Kids were able to wear their costumes to the party. Class party parents provided some treats too. I know the sixth grade party parents made little goody bags for each student. The parade was through the

classrooms. All the kids walked around so everyone was able to see their costumes.

The PACT group provided treats this year after the parade. When that was over the students were able to go back to their classrooms and play some games.

Fire Prevention Week by Dalton Demers

Fire Prevention week was October 5-9. This year the kindergartners got to ride a fire truck. The firemen came and showed us all the things they needed if someone was in trouble. We also got to shoot the fire hose. When we got back inside we all got candy. This year as a fundraiser we are donating money to the fire department for new equipment. Our goal is at least \$1337.68 for this year - we are calling it "Funds for Firemen"!



Grandparent's Day



By Eric Ulchinsky

Grandparent's day was in the new gym on September 25, 2009 at AC-T Elementary. The whole school performed songs; some all together, or one song by each grade at a time. Then we showed our grandparents our class, our teacher, and where we sit. Before everyone's grandparents left with their grandchild, we ate cookies and drank juice and then went home. Thank you grandparents for coming. We Love You!

AC-T Sixth Grade Girls Attend Conference in Ames by Mrs. Laura Sievers

Albert City-Truesdale sixth grade girls, along with talented and gifted instructor Laura Sievers recently attended "Taking the Road Less Traveled", a career conference for girls put on by the Program for Women in Science and Engineering at Iowa State University.

The conference consisted of various sessions highlighting careers and hobbies dealing with science or engineering. Presenters gave girls valuable first-hand experiences and information on what certain careers like pharmacy, food science, or forensic science are really like, including what high school and college classes one should take if they are interested in the career.

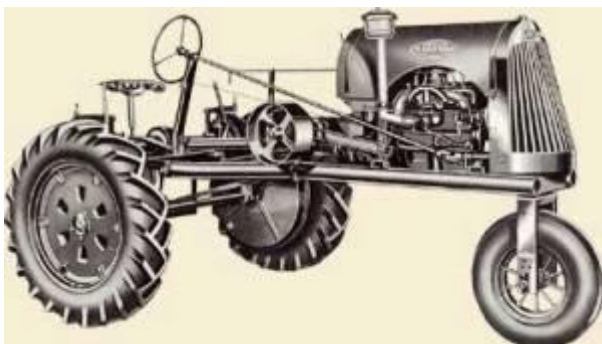
There were also tours and hands-on demonstrations throughout the day.

"Our tour of the Textile and Clothing Department was very interesting. We especially enjoyed a presentation of different fashions designed by high school students and famous designers," stated Maggie Loving. Maddy Bjork commented, "I didn't realize that real life CSI investigators' lives are very different than what we see on TV." "The glass blowing demonstration showed how different colors of glass could be created. I didn't realize how many steps were involved in making colored glass," said Kara Clausen. Everyone agreed that they learned new things and had an enjoyable day.



****History Day Students Need Your Help!****

The Theme for this year's History Day competition is "Innovation in History: Impact and Change". We have students researching Superior Manufacturing and Thieman Tractors. If anyone has any information,



pictures, or first-hand experiences/memories they would like to share, please contact Laura Sievers at school 843-5416 or home 843-5601, email lsievers@albertct.k12.ia.us
Thank you for your help!



Mrs. Tjeerdsma – Sioux Central Talented and Gifted
Mrs. Sievers – Albert City-Truesdale Talented and Gifted

3rd Graders Learn How to Barter

The 3rd 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 3rd 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!!!



NEW ROOM FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB!



When the 2008-2009 school year ended, work began in moving the After School Club room to a new location. Books, puzzles, games, and craft supplies were boxed and stored until the new room was ready for the move. The room was previously used as a computer lab and the kids were happy to find that three computer stations would be left in the room. In the room was also a large storage area for craft supplies. This area



gives easy access to all of the craft supplies for children of all sizes. The large gym is across the hall and we have a short walk to the outside playground. This keeps us in the center of most activities. If you are in the building, stop in and check out our new room. We would like to show you our new location!

News from the AC-T Superintendent – Dr. Marlin Lode

It is with mixed emotions that I choose to retire from Albert City-Truesdale at the end of December. After 39 years in education, I've decided to find new directions meaning more time with our kids, grandkids, and traveling.

Over the course of my time in education, I've worked in five different schools and worked with thousands of great kids and educators. My four years at AC-T highlight my career.

From my first day at AC-T, it was obvious that this school stands for something. The staff takes good care of kids in an environment where ALL students get an opportunity to participate. Outstanding test scores and student performance at school verify first-rate academic achievement. Students enjoy the best in services including: an outstanding lunch program, clean and maintained buildings and grounds, the latest in technology, and a safe and up-to-date transportation system.

Mrs. Kady is well prepared to take over as superintendent and will serve your school with dedication and compassion. Because of her experience, background, and leadership skills AC-T will continue its reputation of providing the best in educational opportunities.

Many thanks to the students and the second-to-none staff, who have always made me feel welcome in their classrooms. Thank you to the AC-T school board members for their support and their kids-first attitude in setting policy for the school. To the citizens of the AC-T school community; thank you for allowing me to serve as your superintendent. I will always consider it an honor and privilege to be part of this progressive community.



Pre-K
Photos



Above - Pre-K enjoyed a trip to Pumpkin Hollow to pick out their class pumpkin. Also above, Faith Whitmore's grandparents, Bob and Polly Whitmore, came to talk to the students about the island of Yap where they live as missionaries. Yap is a small island north of Australia. Left - During Fire Safety week, members of the AC Fire Dept. visited our class. They talked to the students about fire safety and showed the students what they would look like if they came into their house during a fire so they would not be scared.



AC-T's 1st Quarter - by Barbara Kady, AC-T Principal

We are off to a great start to the 2009- 2010 school year at AC-T! Just before school started, the PACT sponsored a Back to School Ice Cream Social on the AC-T playground. The ice cream social was a great event, with many students and family members attending. Thanks to everyone who helped us kick off the new year with such a fun celebration! A special thanks goes to those businesses and individuals who provided donations for prizes that were given.

The Grandparent's Day Program was held in September. We were delighted to have many Grandparents and substitute Grandparents attend the program! We hope to see many of you throughout the year for all of our special events and activities.

In October students began a fundraiser that will span the course of the school year. Students will be bringing "Funds for the Firemen" to school throughout the year to help raise money for our local fire department. Local firemen, Luke Ehlers and Marty DeMuth spoke with the students to let them know the money raised will go towards new radios for the fire department.

The students and staff will be honoring local Veterans with a program on November 11. Following the program, Cyndie and the AC-T students and staff will be serving a meal to Veterans and their guests.

The AC-T Christmas Program will be held on December 7 at 7:00 PM in the gymnasium.

This year your AC-T School will be periodically featured on KAYL's Spotlight on Education Program. The dates AC-T will be featured are December 3, January 7 and 28, February 18, March 11, April 1 and 22, and May 13. Tune in to KAYL at 7:25 AM on those dates for news about the students, staff, and school.

At AC-T we are taking extra precautions this year to prevent the spread of illness. Although we have had some students and staff members out due to illness, it has not been wide spread throughout the school. Faculty and staff are taking extra measures, such as disinfecting desk tops, door knobs, and hand railings. Students are encouraged to wash their hands frequently and cough into the crux of their arms. The Public Health Department will be coming to AC-T on November 23 to provide immunizations for students in the pre-school as well as students who are at high risk due to other health concerns. Parental permission is required for the shots to be administered. Our school nurses will be sending more information home with students about the immunization clinic at AC-T.

I would like to say a special thank you to our PACT group for their continued support of AC-T students and staff. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend the PACT meetings on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the staff work room. The PACT is a group of parents and teachers who work together to enhance educational opportunities for our students.

Thank you for your continued support of your AC-T School! The students and staff are grateful to its community members for demonstrating the importance of providing students with a quality education. Thanks also, to each of you for the role you play in helping our young people succeed, and for helping to make the Albert City Community School "A Great Place to Start!"



AC-T's 1st Qtr.



Albert City-Truesdale Elementary - December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sioux Central's calendar is available on their website. www.sioux-central.k12.ia.us</p>		<p>1 4:00 Boy's JH BB @ AC-T</p>	<p>2 1:00 Early Dismissal</p>	<p>3 7:25 a.m. School Spotlight w/KAYL</p>	<p>4 "Tis the season! Wear Red Today!</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7 7:00 Christmas Program & PACT Bake Sale</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Deck the Halls! Wear Green Today!</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>Penguin Patch Shopping at AC-T – PACT sponsored store open from 12:00-1:00 PM and 3:20-4:00 PM</p>						
<p>13</p>	<p>14 6:00 School Board Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Ho Ho Ho! Wear your Santa hat today!</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>Winter reading testing at AC-T</p>						
<p>20</p>	<p>21 PK-K to Santa's Castle 6:30 PACT Meeting</p>	<p>22 Grades 3-6 to Rec. Center in Emmetsburg</p>	<p>23 Red and Green Day! 2:15 Early Dismissal End of 1st Semester 2:00 Holiday caroling in gym</p>	<p>24 Christmas Break Begins</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Classes Resume on Monday, January 4</p>	
<p>Happy Holidays from everyone at AC-T!</p>						