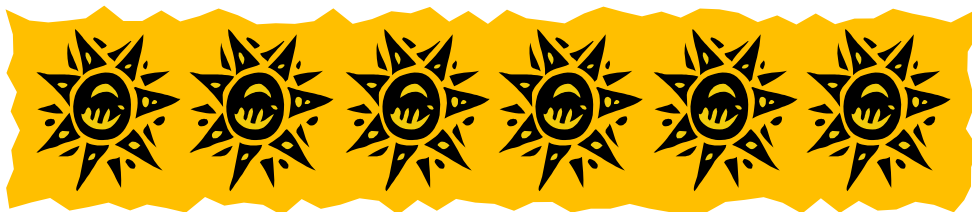


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# Sioux Central - April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Subject to Change Without Notice						
		1 Track (B&G) @ Early - 5 pm	2	3 College Planning Night @ 6:30	4	5 Middle School Quiz Bowl @ Schaller Boys Track @ Cherokee - 11am IHMA Solo & Ensemble Festival
6	7 Track (B&G) @ Holstein - 5 pm	8 Boys Golf @ Newell - 4:15 pm Girls Golf @ Aurelia - 4:15 pm	9	10 JH Track (B&G) @ Early - 4:15 Girls Track @ Laurens - 5 pm FFA @ 7:00 PM	11 Boys Golf (JV-V) @ Sioux Rapids-4pm Girls Golf (JV-V) @ West Bend - 4pm Girls Track (JV-V) @ Spencer - 5 pm Boys Track @ Estherville - 5 pm	12 Middle School Quiz Bowl @ Sioux Central
13	14 Boys Golf @ Laurens - 4:15 Girls Golf @ Alta - 4:15	15 Golf (B&G) @ Harris- Lake Park - 4 pm Girls Track @ Pocahontas - 4:30 pm Boys Track @ Spirit Lake - 5 pm MS Spring Concert @ 7 pm	16	17 Boys Golf @ Storm Lake - 4:15 pm Girls Golf @ Schaller 4:15 pm JH Track @ Laurens - 4 pm	18 Boys Track @ Pocahontas - 4:30 pm Girls Track @ Estherville - 5 pm Golf (B&G) @ Spencer - 4 pm	19 Boys Golf @ Aurelia - 8 am Prom
20	21 JH Track (B&G) @ Aurelia - 4 pm Girls Track @ Early - 5 pm Boys Track @ Milford - 5 pm School Board Mtg- 7 pm	22 Girls Golf @ Sioux Rapids - 4:15 pm Boys Golf (V) @ Aurelia - 4:15 dm	23	24 Middle & High School Jazz Band @ 7 pm	25 Boys & Girls Golf (V) Makeup Date - 4:15 pm Track (B&G) @ Milford - 5 pm	26 Middle School Solo Recital Middle School Quiz Bowl @ Mallard
27	28 Boys Golf (V) @ Sioux Rapids - 4:15 pm Girls Golf (V) @ Laurens-4:15pm Track (B&G) Conference @ Laurens -4:45pm	29 Golf (B&G) Harris- Lake Park @ Sioux Rapids - 4pm 4 pm	30			



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## NHD NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

### AC-T Students Qualify for State History Day

by Gloria Jensen

Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> Mallory Bjork, Gloria Jensen, Evan Balder, and Gus Loving went to Emmetsburg for the District History Day Contest. We did a documentary about School Consolidation Conflict and Compromise. It was about what conflicts there were and are about schools closing or joining with other schools, but also about the different compromises there were. We used Microsoft Movie Maker to make the documentary. We took a field trip to the Albert City Museum to see and experience what it was like to be in a one room school house and to also find pictures of the school. We also found yearbooks to find information and pictures in. Although it took us a lot of time we finally got it finished and it was time to bring it to Emmetsburg. When we got there we got it all set up and ready to go because we were the first ones to show our documentary. When it was finished they asked us questions and let us go. We went to look at all the other different projects and they were really good. At 11:00 we ate lunch and at 1:00 they announced the winners and we were one of them and we are going to state. We are going to Des Moines to stay the night in a hotel and they will judge us on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank Mrs. Sievers, TAG instructor and Mrs. Bjork, Technology Coordinator, for all their help!

### AC-T Preschool and Kindergarten Registration

A combination meeting for parents of children who are planning to be enrolled in preschool or kindergarten in the fall of 2008 will be held on Tuesday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the AC-T lunchroom. Please use the lunchroom door on the north side of the school on that night. Teachers will preview classroom curriculums and answer any questions that arise. Childcare will be provided. All updated immunization records and each child's birth certificate are needed at the meeting. Parents are encouraged to notify the school if unable to attend.

All 2008-2009 kindergarten eligible children are invited to a morning in the Albert City-Truesdale kindergarten classroom from 8:45-10:15 on Friday, April 3.



### Chance Johannsen Wins State Art Poster Contest

by Mrs. Bean, Art Instructor

On February 28, Chance Johannsen, fifth grade student at Albert City-Truesdale Elementary School received word that he won the state

Arbor Day Foundation Poster Contest sponsored by Toyota. Mrs. Bean's fifth grade art class all drew posters with the theme, "Trees are Terrific...inside and out!"

Teachers, cooks, janitors all voted on the one poster that would represent our school at state level. The student's names were covered for the voting. Cyndie Holt said, "That was a really hard job, there are a lot of good posters." Tom Farrell commented, "This is really hard, are you sure you can send only one?" Mrs. Bean noted that it was a difficult decision, as the class really got in to the theme and worked very diligently on this assignment. She said they did a nice job and she was proud of each one of them.



### The CMN Fashion Show and Lip Sync by Jessica Johnson

Our whole school is supporting the Children's Miracle Network to raise money. We started on October 1, 2008 and we made it to our half-way mark on January 22, 2008. To celebrate the AC-T staff put on a "Fashion Show" for the students. The students voted by their applause and cheers. We had three top winners. We had a tie for third place; it was Mrs. Spragg and Mr. Lovin. The second place winner was Miss Sporrer. The first place winner was Mrs. Wenell! I screamed so loud that I lost my voice. If we get over our money raised mark from last year, we get to watch the teachers perform a lip sync to different songs. They will even perform for the public in the evening. I think it will be really fun.

# News from the 6th Grade

Get To Know Our Sixth Graders

## **Julon Nehring** By Evan Balder

*Julon is in sixth grade at Albert City-Truesdale elementary school. He is eleven years old and his birthday is on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Julon loves sports; especially football, baseball, and basketball. His favorite college sports team is the Iowa Hawkeyes. His favorite professional football team is the Dallas Cowboys. His favorite professional baseball team is the Chicago White Sox. His favorite football player of all-time is Barry Sanders. His favorite baseball player of all-time is Shoeless Joe Jackson. Julon has one dog named Scooter and about seven cats. He enjoys riding dirt bikes, riding 4-wheelers, making model cars, playing PS2, and playing computer. His favorite food is tacos. He plays the trombone in band. When he grows up he wants to be a veterinarian and a farmer.*

## **Suneva Nielson** By: Mallory Bjork

Suneva Nielson is eleven years old and is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She has two brothers, one older, named Sven, and one younger named Thor. She has two dogs, a Husky named Demon and an English Pointer named Roxie. Suneva's favorite colors are green and yellow. Suneva also is really fond of Italian and Chinese food. She enjoys going to her grandparent's house, hanging out with friends, and doing sports in P.E. Suneva loves listening to her favorite singers Tobymac, Barlow Girl, Superchic(K), and Building 429. Suneva is a very nice girl and is also one of my best friends.

## **Brad Aronson** by Nick Sievers

Brad is 13 years old and his favorite football team is the New England Patriots. His favorite sport is football. He likes Dale Earnhart Jr. and the Cubs. His hobbies are playing the trumpet, talking on the computer and listening to music. His favorite kind of music is Country. His favorite song is "A Little Bit of Life" by Craig Morgan. Brad participates in 4-H enjoys swine and woodworking. He has three brothers and one sister-in-law. He likes to play baseball too. In the summer he likes to swim at the pool, and ride his bike around town

## **Jessica Hansen** by Suneva Nielson

*Jessica is 12 years old. Her parents are Tammy Hansen and Rob Holt. Her favorite food is pizza. Her favorite color is red. Jessica has a dog named Callie. Her favorite singer is Hannah Montana. Her favorite T.V. show is Hannah Montana. Her favorite things to do are play with her friends and shop.*

## **Jessica Johnson** by Breana Kulp

Jessica was born in Storm Lake Iowa, in 1996. She lives in Pocahontas Iowa. Her favorite color is yellow. She really likes American food, but her favorite is pizza. She has 5 pets, 4 cats and a dog named Abby. One of her favorite songs is "See You Again" by Miley Cyrus. Her favorite singer is Rihanna. In her free time Jessica likes to eat junk food, watch TV, and go on the computer. Her favorite sport is softball. She likes to go shopping. Her favorite flavor of lip gloss is blue raspberry. Jessica's favorite holiday is Halloween. When she grows up she wants to be a famous person. Her favorite animal is a puppy. Her favorite dessert is a slushy. Her favorite state is Florida.

## **Gloria Jensen** by Ana Salazar

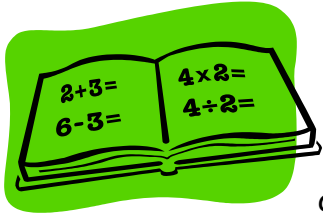
*Gloria Jensen was born on June 12, 1996. She is the daughter of Nola and Richard Jensen; she is also the sister of Natalie Jensen. Gloria's favorite hobbies are in the summer. She loves to jump on her trampoline and she likes to go swimming at the pool. Her favorite school subject is math. This year she is going to turn 12 and so it is going to be her "Golden Birthday". When she grows up Gloria is going to be a veterinarian. Her favorite school lunch is Italian Dunkers. Her favorite animal is a horse; she says she likes them because you can ride on them and it's fun!*

## **Garrett Radintz** by Gus Loving

Garrett is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at Albert City-Truesdale Elementary. Garrett was born in Minnesota originally but moved to Iowa in 1997. Garrett's favorite sport is baseball. He plays shortstop and outfield. He is also a big fan of the Minnesota Twins. Garrett raises 41,000 turkeys. Garrett is the son of Pam and Jay Radintz and has an older sister Allie. Garrett's favorite food is prime rib. Garrett's favorite television show is "The Simpsons". Garrett's birthday is July 1, 1996. Garrett would like to be a turkey farmer when he grows up.

## New Math by Mercedes Dreyer

The 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes are trying a new math together. It is called math investigations; this is part of our new math book series by Addison-Wesley.



This is taught by Mrs. Wenell, Miss Sporrer and Miss Bump. Now we are working on prisms and pyramids which is 3-D geometry and measurements.

Investigations uses math manipulatives to help kids make sense of mathematical concepts. When we get done with this we (6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade) should be experts. When we started this new math it was sort of different than what we were used to, but now that we are in the middle of it I think we all get it. The new math curriculum includes an investigations component that all the grades are utilizing.

## Peter and the Wolf and Art Museum Field Trip to Sioux City

On January 10<sup>th</sup> we went to see Peter and the Wolf and then went to the Art Museum. Grades 3-6 went on the trip. First we went to Peter and the Wolf in the Orpheum Theater. Jackie from channel 44 was there to narrate the story of Peter and the Wolf. Then we ate in the basement of the Art Museum. We then took a tour of the Museum. We all had a great time. My favorite part of the trip was the bus ride there and back.

By: Julon Nehring



# Invent Iowa

by Brad Aronson

The Invent Iowa competition was held at the college in Emmetsburg Iowa. There were seven students participating from AC-T. The AEA held the competition. Sadly there were no state qualifiers from Albert City-Truesdale Elementary. The competition started with the judging (two judges per invention). Madelyn Bjork from 4<sup>th</sup> grade made the Stay In Place Picnic Plate and Cup. This invention keeps the items on the table when the wind blows or the ground is uneven. Kara Clausen from 4<sup>th</sup> grade made a Pie Cutter so the pie is cut into even pieces. Dalton Demers made 4-Wheeler Easy Shift. This invention makes a foot shift easier to shift. Corren Olson from 5<sup>th</sup> grade invented the Improved Grain wagon for Corn Shellers. Last is Brad Aronson who invented the Easy Baseball Plate Cleaner. His invention blows the clay off home plate when a person slides in. The umpire doesn't have to bend down. That's all and they all look good.

**D**id you ever think that you don't know everything about your teacher? How well do you really know your teacher? Guess the answers to these questions and find out if you got it right on the side of the page. Have Fun! By Chelsey Blomgren

- 1.) Which teacher loves to ride motorcycles? Hint: She has the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest class.
- 2.) Which teacher would love to run a marathon? Hint: She has three children.
- 3.) Which teacher climbed to the top of Diamond Head in Hawaii? Hint: She has two grandchildren.
- 4.) Which teacher played in the State softball tournament in 1989? Hint: She coaches girls' softball in the summer.
- 5.) Which teacher taught in a town near the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest in Arizona? Hint: She graduated from Iowa State University.
- 6.) Which teacher was runner- up for Miss Albert City during the Diamond Jubilee? Hint: She teaches in a classroom that has two teachers.
- 7.) Which teacher was a DARE Role Model while in high school? Hint: She is one of the younger teachers here at our school.

## Jump Rope for Heart by Jessica Hansen

We will be doing jump rope for heart on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. We will jump in grades 3-6. Then we will jump for an hour and 15 minutes in the new gym. We will have treats. The treats will be cookies and orange drink mix. Our coach is Mr. Lovin. We will listen to music in the new gym. We will get to play in the new gym. The games will be limbo and Double Dutch. Packets were sent out February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and due March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Packets earning prizes will come in about a month to the school.



## News from Mr. Lovin

Grades 3-6 participated in Jump Rope for Heart on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:45-3:00 pm. Cookies and orange drink were provided. These students collected donations over a two week period that started Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. The money goes to the American Heart Association and the students

will receive gifts based on the amount each collects. The total this year of \$2079.03 was our most ever. This beat the previous best by \$55 and we had 10 fewer kids in which to collect. Great job kids! The Little Hurricane Relays will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> in connection with "Go the Distance Day" which is a school-based event that promotes the importance of daily physical activity. Grades PK-2 will hold their events in the morning followed by 3-6 in the afternoon. The rain date is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

1.)Mrs. Weneil 2.)Mrs. Wolff 3.)Mrs. Bobolz 4.)Mrs. Bjork 5.)Ms. James 6.)Mrs. Jesse 7.)Miss Sporer

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Teacher By: Olivia Terry

I have been asking the 6<sup>th</sup> grade student teacher, Miss. Bump, some questions, to learn more about her: What made you want to become a teacher?

*I wanted to be a teacher since I was about 5 years old. One teacher that inspired me was my 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Mr. Jensen. He made teaching fun, and made me want to do the same thing.*  
What are your plans for next year?

*I don't really know what I am planning for next year.*  
How do you think your teaching experience went here?

*I think it has gone really good. I had an awesome group of kids that made my teaching experience extremely memorable.*

Miss. Bump was a student teacher for Mrs. Wenell. Miss Bump says "she was very fortunate to have her, and to teach under Mrs. Wenell."



Nurse Julie Olson presented a hands-on health program to the kindergarten class. The students brushed soda stained eggs and practiced flossing between egg carton sections. Everyone agreed that good dental health is a must for healthy living.

The PACT Group will be sponsoring a Cake Raffle during the Spring Concert and would like to ask for volunteers to donate a cake. Please contact Karen Feeley at [dkfeeley@iowatelecom.net](mailto:dkfeeley@iowatelecom.net) or 843-2289 if you wish to help in this way. Thanks for your support!



The Spring Concert will feature the "101 Dalmatians" musical along with performances by our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands. Plan now to attend on



May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the AC-T New Gym and see our students shine in music!



The snow days will be made up on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the Last Day of School!

## Notes from Principal Kady

As we move into the final quarter of the 2007-2008 school year, we know we have accomplished many things throughout the school year. This newsletter highlights just a few of those accomplishments. As we look to the final weeks of the school year, there are many things we are still looking forward to!

Our school will have a state site visit on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Officials from the Iowa Department of Education will visit our school. They will talk to faculty, staff, parents, administrators, and school board members about a variety of topics. We will also have a visit in April from state officials to review our Reading First Program. We look forward to these opportunities to demonstrate and share many of the great educational opportunities our students have at AC-T!

Our faculty is in the process of reviewing our science curriculum. Standards are being developed and goals are being studied. We will be reviewing science materials and textbooks to help with teaching the standards. Our faculty is reviewing the National Science Standards and will seek to align our local standards closely with the national standards. If you wish to review the National Science Standards you may do so in the school office, or on the internet at: [www.nap.edu](http://www.nap.edu).

(\*Type science standards in the Search Box and click on Search.

\*Scroll down and click on National Science Education Standards.

\*Under Free Resources in the Read Box (1<sup>st</sup> box about half way down the page), click Full Text.

\*You can view the standards on line or print sections of the book by clicking on various topics in the Table of Contents.)

The faculty and staff continue to implement the new math program that was purchased last spring. The new resources offer a combination of traditional math and hands-on instruction. The hands-on activities challenge students to explore and discuss their understanding of math concepts and problem solving strategies.

Participation was high at our March parent teacher conferences. Thanks to our parents for attending conferences and also for taking the time to fill out the survey you were given. We appreciate your input!

Thank you for your continued support for AC-T, the faculty, students, and staff members. The support that the communities and parents provide is truly appreciated and valued as we continue to strive to make AC-T a "Great Place to Start!"

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentations of:

❖ Sir Bookworm

❖ Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

❖ Anne of Green Gables

❖ Name This American

Date: Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>



Time: 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

The PACT group will be selling refreshments for you to enjoy during our short intermission. If you cannot attend the evening performance, we will be having a matinee for the students that you are welcome to join on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00-3:00p.m.

Place: AC-T Old Gym

Admission: Adults \$2.00

We cordially invite you to attend our plays!

Children \$1.00

~Mrs. Spragg, Ms. Dirks,  
and the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

\*This money will help pay for play costumes, props, and supplies. The students also plan on having a cast party.



# April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Pre-K & Kdg. parent information meeting for 2008 – 2009 at 7:00 in AC-T lunchroom	2 Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m Regular dismissal at Sioux Central	3 Storyteller @ AC-T Barbara Funke	4 Kdg. Round Up 8:45 -10:15 a.m. in Kdg. room	5
6	7	8 Comprehensive School Site Visit by Iowa Department of Education	9 ↓	10	11	12 4-H Overnight lock in from 5:30 p.m. on Saturday to ↓ Quiz Bowl @ Sioux Central
13 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning ↓	14 6:00 School Board Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 6:30 PACT meeting	22 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade play 2:00 p.m.	23	24 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade play 6:30 p.m. 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ag-Citing field trip	25	26 Solo Contest
27	28 History Day State Competition Good Luck AC-T TAG Students!!	29 Farm Safety Camp program for grade 3 Honor Choir	30			

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# May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
4	5 Spring Musical and Band Concert 7:00	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 6:00 School Board Meeting	13 Grade 6 Outdoor Classroom	14 Pre-K's Fishing Class Trip	15 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade class trip overnight to Des Moines	16 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade class trip to the Omaha Zoo	17
18 Sioux Central Commencement 2:00	19 6:30 PACT Meeting	20 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:00	21 Snow Day make up	22 Snow Day make up Last Day of School End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29 Report Cards may be picked up at the school office starting today.	30	31

## 2008