



# The Hurricane



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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

May/June 2007



## Graduation By Kyle Johnson

Graduation was on May 24<sup>th</sup>. It was the 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduating into Sioux Central. We got a diploma. We had three class speakers: Alex Terry, Isaac Richter and Nate Peterson. We have new gowns that are black and orange that were bought by the PACT group. The PACT group also served cake and orange floats.



## AC-T Students Exceed CMN Goal and Principal Received Pink Hair!

Throughout the school year the children of AC-T have been bringing their pennies to drop in the Children's Miracle Network buckets. Last year the students raised over a thousand dollars and the challenge was to beat last years total by \$100! Once the students achieved this, Principal Barbara Kady had promised to have pink hair! There were daily ideas

for how many pennies to bring as well as themed challenges. Tabitha Demers, an AC-T 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader, brought in pennies everyday! The Super Bowl provided a chance for students to vote for their favorite team by putting their pennies in their team's bucket. Also, when we reached our half-way goal, we had a pie-throwing event in which the students threw pies at some of the teachers.

Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, was declared "Pink Day" at AC-T. Mrs. Kady allowed students from all the classes to take turns painting her hair pink. Staff and students showed support by donning pink outfits as well. Brad Strader and Mary Johnson from the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center were present to support the event. They also provided a pink "Thank You!" cake for the students to enjoy. In total, AC-T students raised \$1201.28 for the Children's Miracle Network. Several students will be presenting this check to CMN on June 3<sup>rd</sup> during their annual televised telethon. That is quite an achievement for 89 elementary students! Great job kids!





**AC-T Pre-K Receive Gift from BV Farm Bureau**

An excited group of Albert City's Preschoolers are pictured with their new Lego Ag Building Set presented to them by Buena Vista County Farm Bureau. Pictured with the students and their teacher, Keara Cormany, is C.J. Bean, who made the presentation on behalf of the county Farm Bureau's Ag In The Classroom (AITC) committee. The Lego set consists of 98 pieces including farm people, animals, farming equipment and buildings.

In the background is the AITC Learning Barn that was moved from Albert City to St. Mary's School in Storm Lake. AITC Coordinator Andrea (Andy) Bean has stocked the barn with a multitude of ag-related items such as books, videos and toy farming equipment, items the teachers can use to incorporate agricultural facts into their curriculum. The two AITC Learning Barns are moved from school to school within the county during the school year.



**AC-T Students Attend Invention Convention**

Six Albert City-Truesdale TAG students and Mrs. Sievers, TAG instructor, attended the Invent Iowa District Convention at Pocahontas on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Each student designed an invention that would solve a problem, improve something that already exists, or simplify a person's life in some way.

Students participating included Corren Olson – Paintball Target Game; Chance Johannsen – Easy Feed; Evan Balder – Same Suite Game; Brad Aronson – Hand-held Electromagnet; and Mallory Bjork and Gloria Jensen – The Pretzel Book.

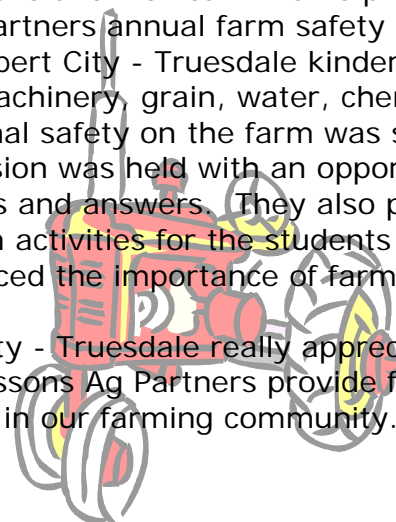
These students received feedback from two judges and also had a chance to see the inventions of students from different schools. Over 80 students from 14 schools participated.



**AC-T Kindergarten Class Learns Farm Safety**

Carol Buske and Monica Williams presented the Ag Partners annual farm safety program to the Albert City - Truesdale kindergarten class. Machinery, grain, water, chemical, and animal safety on the farm was stressed. A discussion was held with an opportunity for questions and answers. They also provided hands-on activities for the students as they experienced the importance of farm safety.

Albert City - Truesdale really appreciates the safety lessons Ag Partners provide for the students in our farming community.





# AC-T is proud of 22 Soil & Water Conservation Poster Winners!

1<sup>st</sup> Row L to R: Natalie Hartley, Laine Wolff, Alexis Amendolare, Makayla Bjork, Tabitha Demers, Dakota Richter, Kiley Fuchs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row L to R: Chance Johannsen, Corren Olson, Nathan Kulp, Madelyn Bjork, Kara Clausen, Sydney Redding. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row L to R: Brad Aronson, Anthony Eberle, Nathan Peterson, Evan Balder, Chelsey Blomgren, Mallory Bjork, Mercedes Dreyer, Ana Salazar, Breana Kulp.



## Honor Choir By: Nate Peterson

*On April 17 we went to honor choir in Sioux City. We practiced for 2 times a week for ten weeks here at school. There were 8 people who tried to go out but only 6 made it because they quit. They were Nate, Dallas, Cole M, Robert, and Anthony who made it and 8 more from Sioux Central. We spent the whole day at Sioux City practicing and ate there. That evening we sang in front of more than a 1000 people in Morningside College.*

# News from the 6th Grade

## Isaac Richter By Dallas Heuton



Isaac is currently in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and also will be drag racing this summer on week ends. He drag races at Humboldt County drag way and it is open to the public. He likes to ride his 4-wheeler and talk on the internet with friends. He has a brother that attends Sioux Central and that is where he will attend next year. He is 12 years old and his birthday was in March. His family all loves to drag race and they go about every weekend unless something important happens. Wish him luck.

## NATHAN PETERSON



Nathan is the son of Sid and Janet Peterson. Nathan enjoys skateboarding, paintball, farming, and Calvin & Hobbes. He cheers for the Iowa Hawkeyes and Minnesota Vikings. He loved watching Mrs. Kady get pink hair! Nathan said he will miss the food (especially Mac & cheese!) and teachers at AC-T. We wish Nathan luck at Sioux Central next year!

## Earth Day by Casey Eberle

For Earth Day the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade went outside and cleaned up the flower beds behind the school. We also picked up trash, snipped weeds, and snipped dead plants. Then we went to the front of the school and trimmed the bushes, picked up trash, and cleaned the flower beds by the sign. We took grass out of the flower bed, shook the dirt off in the place where it came from, then put the grass in a bag.

## Pop Tabs By Robert Taylor

**We are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The students at AC-T have collected over seven large gallon jars filled with pop tabs. We collected a lot more than we did last year.**

**Thanks to everyone who helped us collect tabs this year. We will be delivering them to the Ronald McDonald House this summer.**

## From the Principal...Barbara Kady

The summer months have arrived! The end of the school year is a busy time for students, teachers, staff members, and families. Class field trips, music concerts, track and field events, graduations, picnics, and many other events signal the end of the school year.



At AC-T we enjoyed a successful 2006-2007 school year, with many memorable events. Those in attendance at the sixth grade graduation ceremony saw a Power Point presentation created by Mrs. Wenell and Mrs. Bjork which featured many of these events. From the PACT Carnival before the school year began to programs for Grandparents, Veterans, Christmas, and Spring, to Children's Miracle Network celebrations, field trips, picnics, awards ceremonies, and graduation, the school year has been filled with many opportunities for the students, parents, faculty, and staff at AC-T.

Results from the Iowa Test of Basic Skills indicate our students are making great strides in their academic achievement levels from year to year. The AC-T faculty and staff are highly dedicated to ensuring our students are successful. Our students demonstrate an eagerness to learn. AC-T parents are actively involved in helping their students succeed. The community is highly supportive of the school. These are key ingredients to the make-up of a successful school. On behalf of the faculty and staff at AC-T, I want to say "thanks" for the part each of you have played in making the 2006-2007 school year a great one!

Our custodians will be busy with many summer projects both inside and outside on the school grounds and the ball fields. Projects such as painting classrooms and installing carpeting, and building a new playground area are among the items that will be completed this summer. We are currently looking for volunteers to help install the playground equipment during the week of July 16. If you can help please call the school office and let Janet know.

We say farewell to faculty and staff members Theresa Dahlstrom, Lisa Ellis and Nancy Johnson this year. We thank them for their years of service to the students at AC-T and wish them well!

As we head into the summer months, there will be many opportunities for families to enjoy special times together. We know from educational research that the home and family have a huge impact on the level of success that students achieve. \*The following practices have been demonstrated time and again to be effective:

1. Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers. What parents do to help their children learn is more important to academic success than how well-off the family is.
2. The best way for parents to help their children become better readers is to read to them – even when they are very young. Children benefit most from reading aloud when they discuss stories, learn to identify letters and words, and talk about the meaning of words.
3. Children improve their reading ability by reading a lot. Reading achievement is directly related to the amount of reading children do in school and outside.
4. A good way to teach children simple arithmetic is to build on their informal knowledge. This is why learning to count everyday objects is an effective basis for early arithmetic lessons.
5. Children who are encouraged to draw and scribble "stories" at an early age will later learn to compose more easily, more effectively, and with greater confidence than children who do not have this encouragement.
6. A good foundation in speaking and listening helps children become better readers.
7. Many highly successful individuals have above-average but not extraordinary intelligence. Accomplishment in a particular activity is more often dependent upon hard work and self-discipline than on innate ability.
8. Belief in the value of hard work, the importance of personal responsibility, and the importance of education itself contributes to greater success in school.

\*U.S. Department of Education

At AC-T, we know the level of success our students will achieve is greatly influenced by the support of the home and family. Thank you for your continued support throughout the summer months. We look forward to seeing you in the fall at the start of the 2007-2008 school year! The PACT will again sponsor a back to school carnival and open house on the evening of August 15. School starts on August 20.



## After School Club Update by Twila Lange

Some new things were added to the After School Room in March. A Lego table and chairs were purchased with grant money from the Iowa After School Association. The table is a busy spot in the room because children are able to work as a group or individually if they wish. Another new addition is two boxes of Magformers from the National After School Convention. Several of the children have learned to make a ball and other shapes too. This toy received the Oppenheim Platinum Best Toy Award for 2006. Thank you for your support of the After School Program. So many people have made donations, it is impossible to mention them all. Food, toys, books, and craft items have been donated all year long and we do appreciate your thoughtfulness.



## The New Playground Construction has Begun!

On June 13<sup>th</sup> volunteers from Ag Partners, the City of Albert City, US B I O and parents started to put together the first new piece of equipment on the new playground. More progress will be made over the summer with more playground pieces being moved over during the week of July 16<sup>th</sup>. A playground dedication is planned for August 15<sup>th</sup> during the Back-to-School Night and PACT Carnival. PACT is still working to raise funds to purchase the tile that will be on the floor of the playground. The tiles are \$100 each approximately. Businesses or individuals that wish to donate to this cause can send their donations to *Jill Sievers, 5639 240<sup>th</sup> Ave, Albert City, IA 50510*. Donations of \$50 and higher will be acknowledged on a plaque that will be located in the playground. \$50-\$74

bronze level, \$75-\$99 Silver and \$100 and above gold level. At a future date local businesses will be contacted directly to help with this cause. Questions may be directed to Tanya Moens, President of PACT 843-2288 or Principal Barb Kady 843-5416. Thanks so much for your support and contributions to PACT that have and will continue to help the students of AC-T and the new playground! The students are very excited to enjoy the playground!

## ALBERT CITY-TRUESDALE SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

### PRESCHOOL

- 2 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- scissors (Fiskers)
- 1 box crayons (16)
- 2 pencils (not the fat beginner pencils)
- 1 bottle washable glue  
(No “no run” glue or glue sticks)
- markers (optional)
- 1 spiral notebook (wide-lined)
- 2-pocket folder
- 1 pink eraser
- small box for supplies
- 1 box of baggies (any size)
- book bag to carry things
- blanket or mat for resting
- extra set of clothes
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**

(Please label everything with a permanent marker.)

### KINDERGARTEN

- 2 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- scissors (Fiskers)
- 1 box crayons (16)
- 4 oz. Elmer’s washable glue
- pencils (regular size)
- pink eraser
- 1 spiral notebook (wide-lined)
- 2-pocket folder
- markers (optional)
- 1 box Ziploc bags (any size)
- rug or mat for resting
- box for supplies
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**

### 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE

- 2 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- scissors (Fiskers)
- crayons (16)
- markers (optional)
- 4 oz. washable glue
- glue sticks
- 2-spiral notebooks (wide-lined)
- 12” ruler (standard/metric)

- 12 #2 pencils-sharpened
- erasers
- school bag
- (2) 2-pocket folders
- addition flashcards
- subtraction flashcards
- 1 box Ziploc bags (any size)
- small box/basket that will fit in desk for supplies
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**

NO ink pens

### 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE

- 2 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- pointed scissors
- crayons (24)
- colored pencils
- markers
- 1 large. bottle washable glue
- art box
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 12 #2 pencils-sharpened
- zippered pencil bag
- erasers
- addition flash cards
- subtraction flash cards
- 4 2-pocket folders
- 1 box of Ziploc bags (qt. or gal.)
- book bag
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**

NO ink pens

### 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- pointed scissors
- crayons (16)
- colored pencils
- markers (optional)
- 4 oz. bottle washable glue
- erasers (chunky & pencil top)
- several #2 pencils (can have mechanical, but must also have wooden-sharpened)
- 4 2-pocket folders
- several ball point pens (red & blue)
- 1 highlighter (any color)

- multiplication flashcards
  - division flashcards
  - ruler (standard/metric)
  - pencil sharpener
  - 4 wide-lined notebooks
  - 1 inexpensive calculator
  - 2 small memo pads (for scratch paper)
  - box or basket for supplies
  - 1 box Ziploc baggies (qt. or gal.)
  - gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**
- Assignment notebook (purchase @ registration)

### 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- small box for supplies
- scissors
- crayons (16)
- markers (optional)
- colored pencils
- pencil bag
- 1 large bottle washable glue
- ruler (inches/millimeters)
- several #2 pencils (can have mechanical, but must also have wooden-sharpened)
- erasers (big & for pencils)
- red checking pens
- 1 inexpensive calculator
- 5 spiral single-subject notebooks (wide-lined)
- 4 pkgs. loose leaf paper (wide-lined)
- 5 2-pocket folders
- U.S. State flashcards
- 1 box Ziploc baggies (quart)
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**

**NO Trapper Keepers**

Assignment notebook (purchase @ registration)

### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- several #2 pencils with erasers-sharpened
- erasers

◆ School Registration is August 7<sup>th</sup> (2:00 pm – 7:00 pm) and 8<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am – 11:00 am) in the library.

◆ The Back-to-School Night/PACT Carnival is August 15<sup>th</sup>.

◆ School begins on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your summer!!

- several colored checking pens
- 6 single-subject spiral notebooks (college-ruled)
- 4 pkgs. loose-leaf writing paper (college-ruled)
- 8 plain 2-pocket folders (horizontal pockets)
- 1 pkg. 4”x6” lined index cards for research report
- plastic see-through ruler with clear markings for inches & centimeters
- highlighters
- 1 small art box with scissors, crayons & glue
- calculator (basic)
- 2 boxes Ziploc bags (quart or gallon)
- 1 pack disinfecting wipes
- gym shoes-**NO BLACK SOLES**

Assignment notebook (purchase @ registration)

### 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- 6 spiral, single-subject notebooks
- several #2 pencils (sharpened)
- erasers
- several colored checking pens
- 4 pkgs. college-ruled, loose-leaf paper
- 3 inch 3-ring binder for Iowa History
- colored highlighters for Iowa History
- 1 pkg. 4” x 6” lined index cards for Iowa History
- 1 small art box with scissors, crayons (24) & glue
- plastic see-through ruler with inches & centimeters
- 8 plain 2-pocket folders
- calculator (basic)
- 1 box Ziploc bags (quart or gallon)
- 1 pack disinfecting wipes
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Fabric for Art/Iowa History-1 ¾ yds. & ¾ yds. (See note from Mrs. Bean for details)

Assignment notebook (purchase @ registration)

