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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

June/July/August 2009



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The Albert City-Truesdale school has been collecting money all year for "Pennies for Parkersburg". They raised \$1337.68 this year to help Parkersburg build a new playground. AC-T students had benefited from a new playground last year and wanted to help Parkersburg rebuild theirs. On Tuesday, May 26, AC-T students celebrated reaching their year-long goal. For the celebration, the theme of "Pennies" was carried out as students rotated to four different activity centers run by their teachers. At one center, they learned about four new designs for the back of the penny, in honor of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. Students were also able to pitch pennies in an outside activity, and guess how many pennies were in a jar during snack time. In another center, students viewed a short cartoon on how coins are made, and learned that a mint isn't just candy!! Members of the AC-T Elementary Student Council are holding the check (L to R) Maggie Loving, Makayla Bjork,



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Wednesday evening, May 27th, thirteen sixth graders graduated from Albert City-Truesdale Elementary School. Caitlyn Moens, class president, welcomed parents and guests. Speakers were sixth grade students Nicholas Baack, Amber Horton, and Caitlyn Moens. Awards were presented by Mrs. Bean, Mrs. Sievers, Mrs. Bobolz, Mrs. Cormany, Mrs. Wenell and principal, Mrs. Kady. The students enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation of their entire year which was a gift from Mrs. Bjork and Mrs. Wenell. Superintendent, Dr. Lode closed the graduation. Students and guests were treated to brownie and ice cream sundaes by the PACT group.

The 3rd and 4th grade plays were a huge success! The plays performed were The Crowded House, Click Clack

Moo, and Giggle Giggle Quack. Ms. Dirks and Mrs. Spragg were so proud of their performance.







JUNGLE BOOK KIDS

On Monday, May 11th, students in grades PK – 6 presented their spring musical, "Jungle Book Kids". Main characters included Nicholas Demuth-Baack as Baloo the bear, Hannah Conlin as Bagheera the panther, Nick Samuelson as Mowgli, Curtis Long as Shere Kahn the tiger, Chance Johannsen as King Louie the ape, and Caitlyn Moens as Shanti. The 5th and 6th grade bands also performed and the PK-2nd graders sang several songs. Many thanks to the PACT group for their financial support, and to all parents who helped provide costumes. Special thanks to those who helped add stripes to the bees the night of their work behind the scenes.



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Barb Kady,

Principal of Albert

City-Truesdale Elementary School, is shown with students Marcail Olson, Dalton Eberle, and Dalton Kulp as they are accepting a \$500 donation to the school from Mark Miller, Community State Bank of Albert City.



The annual <u>Little Hurricane Relays</u> were held on May 13th at the football field in Albert City from 12:15-3:00 pm. Grades PK-6 participated and everyone had a great time!



Honor Choir

Eight sixth grade students were selected to represent Albert City-Truesdale at the Northwest Iowa Choral Directors Association Honor Choir Festival, held in Spirit Lake on Tuesday, April 28.

These students spent several weeks learning their music ahead of time, so rehearsals that day could be spent finetuning the performance. There were approximately 200 students from all over Northwest Iowa in this select choir. Guest conductor was Amy Pollitt, music instructor from the Belmond-Klemme schools.

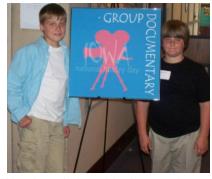
Congratulations to Lacey Roberts, Hannah Conlin, Caitlyn Moens, Kyrstin Erickson, Amber Horton, Nicholas Demuth-Baack, Curtis Long and Greg Bergen.



Albert City – Truesdale Students Participate in State History Day

AC-T sixth graders Kash Buse, Chance Johannsen, and Nicholas Demuth-Baack, participated in State History Day in Des Moines on May

4. The theme of this year's competition was "The Individual in History – Actions and Legacies." Nicholas presented an Individual Documentary on Chief Black Hawk. Kash and Chance produced a Group



Documentary on Grant Wood, and placed in the top six overall (out of 22 entries). They were assisted by AC-T Technology Coordinator Julie Bjork and Talented and Gifted Instructor Laura Sievers.





5th grade goes to Sioux City!! By Kate Goedert, 5th Grade Teacher

The fifth grade recently went on their class field trip which led them on the trail of Lewis and Clark. They started out for Sioux City with the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center as their destination! Once there, they received a guided tour along the journey of these great explorers, and found many interesting facts, and replicas of items that they probably carried with them on their journey. They then proceeded outdoors to have a gorgeous picnic complete with sack lunches at the playground/shelter house next to the Interpretive Center. After enjoying a short time at the playground, they headed out for their last stop at where else...THE CANDY SHOPPE! They were able to enjoy a sweet dessert at the Palmer Candy Company Candy Shoppe, where they also received a lesson on how to make a Twin Bing! It was a great day and the weather was perfect for exploring!

6th Grade Iowa History Field Trip to Des Moines by DJ Wenell, 6th Grade Teacher

As a culminating activity for their study of Iowa History, the sixth grade class at Albert City-Truesdale visited Des Moines on May 18th and 19th. Students first toured the Capitol building where they learned that the original capitol building in Des Moines set across the street from the current building. A favorite part of the tour was climbing to the top of the capitol. In the afternoon, students visited the Science Center. They attended a program called Zap about electricity. They spent the rest of the afternoon exploring interactive sights. The class spent the night and the next day visiting the Living History Farms. They saw the progression of farming from the Ioway Indian village to the 1900's farm. They also toured many of the buildings at the Walnut Hill town. It was exciting to see the parts of the bank that were donated from Albert City. Students had a great time!



Kindergarten and 1st Grade receive books!

The Alpha Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a national teacher's women's group donated books to the Albert City-Truesdale Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms. Doris Fondroy presented the much appreciated books to the students in these classes. Our kids love books!

2nd Grade Acrostic Poem
T ake shelter
O minous clouds
R un for your lives
N o time to waste
A twister is coming
D angerous destruction
O h no, it's coming toward me!!

Albert City-Truesdale Library Hatches Eggs by Joan Olney, Librarian

If you visited the library at Albert City-Truesdale School in the month of May, you may have been surprised to see that there was more there than books. Joan Olney, librarian, as part of a Farm Bureau grant, did an egg-hatching project. Although the project was aimed at the third and fourth grade classes everyone at the school was excited about it. With the money received from the grant an incubator/brooder kit was purchased. Sixteen eggs then made their home in the incubator for three weeks. Once the eggs started to hatch the sound of peeping could be heard throughout the library. The students in grades 3 and 4 learned about the life cycle of chickens,

some of the many animals that lay eggs, including two mammals, and the different stages of development in the egg. 10 out of 16 eggs hatched and nine chicks survived to go home with Deb Jesse, a Para educator, who lives on a farm. Some of the students were surprised how weak and tired a chick was when it hatched. Another student observed that it is really hard to get out of an egg. Still others were surprised that a chick can develop in only 21 days. This was a learning project for everyone, even for Miss Olney, as she had never done anything like this before. Before they left, all of the chicks had been named. AC-T will miss the baby chicks!

2009 SOIL CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST ANDREA BEAN ART INSTRUCTOR AT AC-T ELEMENTARY

I'm proud to say as a school, all of the students in Kindergarten through sixth grade at AC-T participate in the B.V. County Soil Conservation Poster Contest that is sponsored yearly by the B.V. County Soil and Conservation Service. Personally, it's something that's very dear to my heart. I love the land, farming and everything there is about the rural life. With the urban population out numbering the rural, we must keep the growing population informed about the land and how we can and do take care of it. We here in the Midwest have promoted and encouraged this idea, long before it became so popular to promote the "green" agenda.

In January each year we receive the yearly rules and theme. It's open to all students kindergarten through sixth grade. Posters can be $8 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" up to 22" x 28". Type of art material is up to the individual. No glued on material. This years' theme was "Dig It! The Secrets of Soil". March 30^{th} was the date to have all the posters into the B.V. County Soil and Conservation Office.

We talked about soil and dirt and what the difference is between those two words. We compared different types of soil and just how fortunate we are to live in this area where we are so blessed with good soil. Iowa ranks number one in the nation's production of corn and soybeans. We rank 3rd in the nation in agricultural products with California and Texas ranking 1st and 2nd. We talked about the difference in the amount of area those two states have in comparison to Iowa. Without the soil that the United States has, we would be homeless, naked and starving. We made note of the fact that third world countries are countries that do not have the soil quality to produce food enough for their population. We then shift to how and what we can do to preserve this resource and how it's every ones responsibility to take care of the land.

The wheels begin to turn in the students' heads. They get their ideas down on paper. We incorporate lettering, spacing, framing (measuring), drawing, pen and ink work and color pencil work into this project. They are taught how to use various colors and pressure on colored pencils to obtain dark and light values.

This year ten schools in the county participated with roughly 1250 students entering. AC-T won 23 awards. We had 2 first place (they won an airplane ride touring B.V. County), 2 - second places, 5 - third place, 2 - fourth places, 2 - fifth places and 10 honorable mentions. I'm proud of each student who did a poster as well as those who won. It's not just the awards that make this project worthwhile. It's learning about the land and how everything we have can be traced back to the land. That's why it's so important to take care of this natural resource. I'm so grateful that our county Soil and Conservation District encourages the youth with this educational project.



L to R 1st Row: Mercedes Unger (HM), Carter Beckman (HM), Tristan Loving (HM), Alaina Lyons (HM), Shelby Johnson (2nd), Alyssa Feeley (HM), Abby Bean (3rd), Bailey Heuton (HM), Sami Hays (1st), Keaton Lindner (3rd). 2nd Row: Dalton Eberle (HM), Jonathan Garvick (HM), Maggie Loving (5th), Anna Marie Ehlers (HM), Madelyn Bjork (4th), Kara Clausen (3rd), Hannah Conlin (3rd), Caitlyn Moens (HM), Chance Johannsen (1st), Jenny Sievers (5th), Makayla Bjork (3rd), Marcail Olson (4th), Tabitha Demers (2nd).



It is so hard to believe that another school year has flown by and we are saying "Good Luck and Farewell" to another class of 6th graders and will soon be welcoming a new group of eager Preschoolers. As nurses, we have all the facts and figures as to how much your child has truly

grown this year physically but as we have contact with your child through teaching opportunities, weekly fluoride treatments or the occasional bumps and bruises, we know your child is growing in many other ways as well. So as this year ends, we want you to know that we enjoy interacting with your child and look forward to seeing how much they grow over the summer months.

As we look ahead to the fall, we want to remind you that summer is a good time to check on you child's immunization history and update it as needed over the summer. This is particularly important for Preschoolers and Kindergarteners. Check with your doctor or public health provider because many changes were made this year. Preschoolers MUST have up-to-date pneumococcal vaccinations (often called Prevnar) and Kindergarteners MUST have a SECOND varicella vaccination (for chicken pox) as well as a 5th DPT, 4th Polio and 2nd MMR after the age of 4. We don't want to leave out our older students when it comes to immunizations. Even though it is not required of them yet, a second varicella vaccination is something to discuss with your doctor. The reason it became required for Kindergarteners was because they found that one dose did not give lifelong immunity. A booster for your child's tetanus immunization is recommended at age 11 and many doctors also recommend getting a meningitis vaccination (often called Menactra) starting at age 11. It is much easier to get these vaccinations done early in the summer, BEFORE registration, as waiting until the last minute only adds to the stress of the newness of starting school. Please remember to ask for copies of your child's immunization record and have it ready for us at registration in August. In addition, if your student has completed fifth or sixth grade, please ask your doctor to complete a spinal screening on your child. This simple exam checks for scoliosis and abnormal curvatures of the spine, for which early detection is key in preventing future problems. An early summer well child check-up is a great time to take care of all of these items!

We also want to let you know about something new at AC-T that will affect everyone who enters our building, young and old! Nurse Julie Olson worked very hard on grant-writing this spring. She received two grants, from the Buena Vista County Community Foundation and the Iowa Department of Public Health, to cover the cost of an automatic defibrillator to be located in our building. This has the potential to save the life of anyone who goes into cardiac arrest. There will be training for staff on how to use it, even though it is something we hope we don't have to use. As you can see, this new equipment is something that will benefit more than just students and staff, but ANYONE who comes to our building. Tell Julie "Thank You" the next time you see her, for caring about OUR kids! Have a safe and fun summer and we will look forward to seeing you in August!

Deb Clausen, RN & Julie Olson, RN AC-T School Nurses



AC-T Faculty & Staff present check to Tim Bruns

Faculty & Staff of Albert City-Truesdale are proud to present the Tim Bruns family with the profits from the benefit supper that was held on May 11, 2009 at AC-T. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans of Buena Vista County also provided supplemental funds.

Thank You from Tim and Annette Bruns

It is with great humility that we write this thank you. We were overwhelmed by the caring and compassion shown to us at the benefit for Tim. What an amazing place to live. Thank you, sincerely from the bottoms of our hearts. Prayer and friendship are

better medicine than anything the doctors can give!!

The faculty and staff of Albert City-Truesdale recently hosted a **FIGHT LIKE A GIRL** benefit for Rachel Krenk, mother of Rebekah Spragg. Rachel is currently fighting breast cancer. The following note was part of a thank you sent to them by Rachel. "Thank you to all the teachers and their friends at AC-T who also helped and supported the (Fight Like a Girl) benefit. This gift will help with expenses for my cancer treatments that I'm still taking. What you wonderful people have done for me means more than I can say. I appreciate all of your support. You are my angels. Thank you and God bless, Rachel Krenk"

We at AGT wish Rachel the very best. Remember--- Fight Like a GrI!!!!

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Barb Kady

As you read this, summer vacation will be underway. The faculty, staff, and administration at AC-T would like to say thanks to each of you for your support of our students and school. We are extremely proud and excited about the accomplishments of the students over the course of the school year. Congratulations to the 13 sixth grade students on their graduation from elementary school this year!

In this issue of the newsletter we have highlighted some of the accomplishments and special programs offered at AC-T. We hope as you read through the list and look at the pictures, that you, too, will feel a sense of pride in all that has been accomplished this year.

Our custodial staff is busy this summer with numerous projects. Along with the typical cleaning projects done during the summer months, these are some of the things being done at school this summer:

- Lower the ceilings and improve the lighting in the 5th and 6th grade classrooms
- Replace several windows with siding on the south side of the building to increase energy efficiency
- Combine the computer lab and library to make a new media center
- Relocate the after school club room to the former computer lab room
- Relocate the preschool to the after school club room

Mrs. Bjork will be busy this summer ordering and installing many new technology purchases. Students and staff will come back to school in the fall to a new computer lab, including a large screen television and smart board, new laptops, smart boards in grades 4, 5, and 6, and Elmo machines and projectors in the classrooms. We are extremely excited about this project!

So, you can see, the school will be a busy place throughout the summer months! We wish you an enjoyable, safe summer! Again, we want to thank each of you for the support you have shown our students, staff, faculty, administration, and the school board over the past school year.

See you next fall!

- School Registration is August 10th (10:00-7:00) at AC-T and August 11th at Sioux-Central.
- The Back-to-School Open House is Tuesday, August 18th from 5:30-7:00 pm
- The first day of school is Thursday, August 20th.

Summer is here! As you look forward to spending time with your child, please remember to include apportunities for learning into your child, schedule. Even simple activities, like letting your child help.

opportunities for learning into your daily schedule. Even simple activities, like letting your child help with the cooking by reading the recipe and measuring ingredients, are beneficial in teaching your child important skills and concepts. Look for opportunities to encourage reading and mathematical thinking skills [using addition, subtraction, estimation, measurement, etc.] through the activities you are already planning. Have your child read everyday! It doesn't matter what the material is—magazines, books, road signs, cereal boxes--just read!!

Also, if your child has access to a computer, take advantage of the free online sites designed to help your student practice essential skills. Most of the sites have fun activity ideas and interactive games to engage your child in learning. Some sites are more appropriate for certain age groups, so make sure to help your child get to a site were they will feel confident! Here are just a few sites to get you started:

http://www.k111.k12.il.us/King/math.htm#Money

- A large list of sites focusing on a variety of math skills

http://www.primarygames.com

Multiple interactive games

http://www.softschools.com

- Games and printables sorted by grade level

http://www.gamequarium.com

- Interactive games sorted by topic
- Free online movies...fun to watch!

http://www.funbrain.com/

- Games sorted by grade level

http://childparenting.about.com/od/mathgamesonline/Math Games Online.htm

A large list of math games and activities

http://www.starfall.com/

- phonics and reading activities

Here are some more tips, from the Center for Summer Learning:

Practice math daily. Measure items around the house. Track daily temperatures. Add and subtract at the store. Cooking is a chance to learn fractions. Everyday experiences can offer fun opportunities for kids to learn.

Get out and play. Limit TV and video game time, just as you do during the school year. Physical activity contributes to healthy development. **Do good deeds.** Students learn better and "act out" less when they engage in community service. Have a great summer! ~Mrs. Benedict, Elementary Resource



ALBERT CITY-TRUESDALE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

PRESCHOOL

- 2 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- scissors (Fiskars)
- 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
- 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 glue sticks
- 2 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- scissors (Fiskars)
- 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

1st GRADE

- 1 container antibacterial wipes
- 2 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- scissors (Fiskars)
- crayons (24)
- Colored pencils (12)
- 4 oz. washable glue
- glue sticks (4)
- 2- Non-spiral notebooks (wide-lined)
- 12" ruler (standard/metric)

- 12 #2 pencils-SHARPENED
- Erasers (pencil-top and large)
- school bag
- (3) 2-pocket folders
- addition flashcards
- subtraction flashcards
- 1 box Ziploc bags (quart or gallon size)
- Pencil box for desk storage
- gym shoes-NO BLACK SOLES
- NO ink pens

2nd GRADE

- Crayola crayons (24 ct.)
- Colored pencils (12 ct.)
- 1 small bottle washable glue
- 1 small art box
- 12 #2 pencils-SHARPENED
- 1 red checking pencil
- Erasers----pencil top & large ones
- 1 zippered pencil bag
- 6 2-pocket folders
- 1 set *Addition* flash cards
- 1 set *Subtraction* flash cards
- 3 boxes of 200 ct. tissues
- 2 boxes zip lock bags ---- 1 qt. & 1 gal
- 1 container antibacterial wipes
- 1 book bag
- No ink pens
- gym shoes-NO BLACK SOLES

3rd 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)

4th 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 <u>single-subject</u> notebooks (widelined)
- 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)

5th GRADE

- 3 boxes of Kleenex (200 ea.)
- several #2 pencils with erasers-sharpened
- erasers
- several colored checking pens
- 6 <u>single-subject</u> 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 container antibacterial wipes
- gym shoes-NO BLACK SOLES
- Assignment notebook (purchase @ registration)

6th 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 container antibacterial wipes
- Gym shoes-NO BLACK SOLES
- Assignment notebook (purchase @ registration)

