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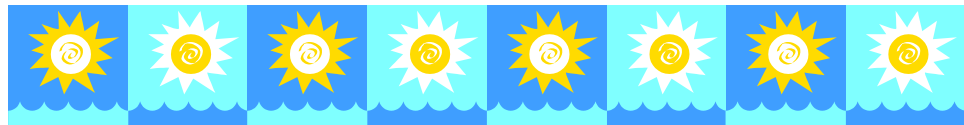
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AC-T 2012-2013 School Calendar

SUMMARY OF CALENDAR		M	T	W	R	F	Student Days	EVENTS
Days in Classroom	AUG	6	7	8	9	10		6-Aug Registration 10-7
85 First Semester		13	14	15	16	17		16-Aug Teacher Workshop
95 Second Semester		20	21	22	23	24	5	20-Aug Open House 8-10 AM
180 TOTAL both Semesters		27	28	29	30	31	5	20-Aug First Day of School 10 AM start
10 In-service/Work Days/Holidays	SEPT	3	4	5	6	7	4	20-Aug 2:15 PM dismissal
190 Teacher Contract Days		10	11	12	13	14	4	3-Sep Labor Day--No School
		17	18	19	20	21	4	8-16-Sep Clay County Fair
		24	25	26	27	28	5	14-Sep Teacher Development
	OCT	1	2	3	4	5	5	18-Oct End of 1st Qtr
		8	9	10	11	12	5	19-Oct Teacher Development
		15	16	17	18	19	4	30-Oct Parent Conferences
		22	23	24	25	26	5	
		29	30	31				
	NOV				1	2	5	1-Nov Parent Conferences
		5	6	7	8	9	5	2-Nov No School
		12	13	14	15	16	5	6-Nov Election Day
		19	20	21	22	23	3	11-Nov Veterans Day
		26	27	28	29	30	5	22-25-Nov Thanksgiving Holiday
	DEC	3	4	5	6	7	5	21-Dec 2nd Qtr/1st Sem End
		10	11	12	13	14	5	25-Dec Christmas Day
		17	18	19	20	21	5	Dec 24-Jan 2 Christmas Break
		24	25	26	27	28		
		31						
	JAN		1	2	3	4	2	1-Jan New Year's Day
		7	8	9	10	11	5	3-Jan School Resumes
		14	15	16	17	18	5	
		21	22	23	24	25	4	21-Jan ML King Day (Obs.) No School
		28	29	30	31			
	FEB					1	5	
1 21-Jan		4	5	6	7	8	5	
		11	12	13	14	15	5	
2 1-Apr		18	19	20	21	22	4	18-Feb Presidents' Day-No School
		25	26	27	28			
	MARCH				1		4	1-Mar Teacher Development
3 24-May		4	5	6	7	8	5	8-Mar 3rd Qtr Ends
		11	12	13	14	15	5	13-14 Mar Parent Conferences
4 28-May		18	19	20	21	22	5	15-Mar No School
		25	26	27	28	29	4	29-Mar Good Friday
5 29-May								31-Mar Easter
	APRIL	1	2	3	4	5	4	1-Apr No School
6 30-May		8	9	10	11	12	4	12-Apr Teacher Development
		15	16	17	18	19	5	
7 31-May		22	23	24	25	26	5	
		29	30					
	MAY		1	2	3		5	
		6	7	8	9	10	5	
		13	14	15	16	17	5	
		20	21	22	23	24	4	23-May 4th Qtr/2nd Sem Ends
		27	28	29	30	31	4	27-May Memorial Day
	JUNE	3	4	5	6	7	180	TOTAL STUDENT DAYS



KEY

In-service/Work Days

Vacation Days

Holidays

Begin Semester

End Quarter

1pm Dismissal for PD

SNOW DAYS

1 21-Jan

2 1-Apr

3 24-May

4 28-May

5 29-May

6 30-May

7 31-May



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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

June/July/August 2012



Congratulations to our Graduates!

After a fantastic two-day, end of the year trip to the Iowa State Capitol, Science Center, and Living History Farms in Des Moines, Albert City-Truesdale Elementary School graduated 14 students. Sixth grade speakers for the evening were Thor Nielson, Carter Beckman, Makayla Bjork, Leslie Salazar, Gabby Long, Lainnie Miller and Emma Garvick. Students and their guests also enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation of their 6th grade year. The PACT group served brownie sundaes to all in attendance.



The 3rd and 4th grade plays!!



AC-T Spring Concert and Musical 2012

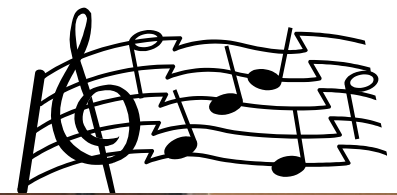
Tuesday, May 15th, was the date for our annual spring band concert and musical. The evening began with the 5th and 6th grade bands playing a variety of selections, including a group number "Frere Jacques", which was performed in the style of a round. The PK through 2nd graders entertained with several numbers, followed by the Disney, Jr. Musical "Aristocats Kids". When the Aristocat's owner, Madame (Shera Smith), declares she will leave her fortune to her cats (Makayla



Bjork, Leslie Salazar, Gabby Long & Laine Wolff), evil butler Edgar (Thor Nielson) kidnaps the Aristocats. With the help of Thomas O'Malley (Carter Beckman), his band of Alley Cats (Brandon Demers, Lainnie Miller, Emma Garvick, Hannah Johnson, and Mercedes Unger), Roquefort the Mouse (Crystal Johnson), and the Gabble Sisters (Natalie Baack and Kylie Fuchs), the Aristocats make it back home and expose Edgar for the crook he is. All students grades PK - 5 also participated as alley cats or dogs. Special thanks to PACT and the Albert City Music Boosters for their support of this event.



AC-T Spring Concert



3rd-6th Grade Field Trip- Kelly Wolff

Grades 3-6 went to Peterson Park for a fun day of activities. The B.V. Naturalist and associate, Diane, provided us with a great day of fun. The Naturalist taught the students to use the Garmin GPS. After a few minutes of training on how to use the system, students were grouped in pairs and given coordinates to find. At each location was a different colored crayon. Students colored the corresponding number on their sheet to show that they found the correct coordinate.

While one group of students did the GPS, the others were on a nature hike. Diane led us on a great hike. We were to pretend that we were pioneers blazing a trail through the region. She pointed out plants that the pioneers would have used for various reasons: dyes, medicine, and food; to us. We also talked about what animals we would find in the area and why they were important to the pioneers. At the end of the trail was the big finale – a steep climb back up to the top. After a lot of huffing and puffing, and a doe running in front of us, we finally reached the top for a much needed rest and lunch. Students had a great time learning how to use the GPS and the hike was also fun, we just hope next time it's not so humid!



Albert City – Truesdale Students Qualify for State History Day Event

“Revolution, Reaction and Reform” was the theme for the annual AEA8 District History Day event held at Okoboji Middle School on Saturday, March 17. Sixth graders Makayla Bjork, Carter Beckman, Shera Smith, and Gabby Long presented a documentary on the life of Carrie Chapman Catt, a revolutionary leader in women’s suffrage, and were chosen to move on to the state event on Monday, May 7 in Des Moines. Students are coached by Laura Sievers and Julie Bjork. The Sundholm Foundation provides financial support for the project.



Soil Conservation Poster Contest Winners: L to R 1st Row - Addisyn Fuchs, Constance Laursen, Isaac Albeus, Reagan Wolff, Emily Salazar, and Paige Eral. 2nd Row - McKenna Fuchs, Makinzie Miller, Dustin Heuer, Chad Mobley, Shelby Johnson, and Cheyenne Long. 3rd Row - Rachel James, Makayla Bjork, Gabby Long, Mercedes Unger, and Haylee Beckman. We had four 1st place winners who received plane rides! Congrats!



Mr. Lovin's annual Little Hurricane Relays were held on Friday, May 11th at the football field in Albert City. Grades PK-2nd participated in their events from 9:30-10:45 while grades 3rd-6th held their field and running events at 1:30 to the end of the day. Mr. Lovin would like to thank those that helped make it a fun day and the PACT group for providing goodies for the kids. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a good time! See ya next year! 😊



A Note of Thanks We would like to thank everyone who wished us well as our days at AC-T came to a close. Whether it was a card, a note, a gift, a spoken word, or a hug, the acts of kindness really touched us.

Our days at AC-T have been so gratifying. Working with the students in this district filled our days with challenges. All teachers will agree that no two days are alike. Thus, we found the days, the weeks, the months, and the years just flew by. Our fond memories of this school will always be in our hearts.

Thanks again for letting us share our lives with the lives of your district children. It was a privilege! In AC-T Pride, Mrs. Bobolz, Mrs. Bruns, and Mrs. Lange

Nurse Notes

Summer is here! As another school year comes to a close, we want to thank you for the time we spend with your child, watching them grow and learn all year, and take the opportunity to remind you of a few items...

Immunizations: Please make your summer appointment *now* (if you haven't already!) for your child to visit your doctor. Ask them to look at your child's immunizations at that well-child check-up and make sure that your student has all shots needed for school, and that they were given at the right times. Students without the proper immunizations are not allowed to start school. It is far easier to do this right away in June, rather than scrambling to get an appointment time in August!

Dental and Vision Checks: Kindergarteners are required by Iowa law to have a dental screen done within the last two years before starting kindergarten. Please contact the school office if you need a form (ours are orange); or, you may obtain one from your dentist's office. This is required for all K students; but it's a great idea for all children to get their teeth AND eyes checked during the summer!

Medications: All students who need to take meds at school **MUST** have a form giving directions and permission, signed by a parent, before we can give those at school. This applies to meds taken all year, or those your child only needs to take for a few days. Students are **NOT** allowed to carry meds to and from school; they must be in the original container, and an adult must drop them off and pick them up. Pharmacies are willing to give you a separate container for school; ask for one when you fill a prescription. Our medication policy and permission form are both available on the school website, under "Resources".

Food Allergies and Intolerances: For any food allergy, we need you to fill out a form, have it signed by your doctor, and return it to us before the start of school. (Forms can also be obtained in the school office and faxed by your doctor to 843-2195.) Please understand that there is a difference between true food allergies (that cause throat swelling or hives) and food intolerances (that cause upset stomach).

Head Lice: We like to remind parents at every opportunity to continue to check the head of every child in your home weekly, for at least 15 minutes, looking for nits (eggs) and adult lice. They like to stay close to the scalp, and the nits are attached firmly; they do not come out without being pulled off. If discovered, you can check with your child's doctor for treatment. Usually an over-the-counter shampoo is sufficient, used according to the directions, and repeated in 10 days. You must also wash and dry all bedding and articles that came into contact with that child's head, as well as vacuum all surfaces and furniture where they may have been. Please teach your child never to share hats, combs, pillows, hair articles or other items that come into contact with the head!

Be sure to practice summer safety with all of your activities, especially near water and in the sun. Use sunscreen (apply sunscreen first if also using insect repellent) and make sure all family members drink plenty of water!

Summer will fly by; we wish you a fun and healthy summer!

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



AC-T AWARDED BUS GRANT FOR DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION

AC-T was selected to receive \$33,000 in reimbursement as a match for this new school bus to replace the oldest school bus still in regular use. AC-T is one of six school districts in the state to receive this grant. The six districts will also receive full reimbursement for retrofits to reduce diesel emissions on bus engines older than 2004.

This 2013 Thomas 67 passenger school bus was purchased in part with funds from this grant, with the balance of the purchase paid for using funds generated through 1 per cent sales tax dollars. The purpose of the grant is to reduce diesel emissions from school buses which are in close proximity to children.

AC-T has purchased the 2013 bus to replace a 1991 bus which has higher emission levels, and will also be retrofitting one bus to meet new diesel emission standards.

Other school districts receiving the bus funding are: East Union, North Iowa, Rock Valley, West Harrison and Westwood. Sibley-Ocheyedan received retrofits only funding.

Funding is provided by the Iowa DNR through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Diesel Campaign. The Bus Emissions Education Program (BEEP) has also assisted in the grant program.

Judging for the grant was based on the strength of each school district's idling reduction policy, the age and use of the bus to be replaced, efforts each school district makes to reduce air pollution, and efforts made to teach programs and develop curriculum for air quality, mobile source pollution and its effect on the earth's atmosphere.

BEEP is an effort to reduce childhood exposure to harmful diesel exhaust. Its objective is to reduce emissions in school bus fleets. The partners include the School Administrators of Iowa, the Iowa Association of School Boards, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the Iowa Department of Education, and the Iowa Pupil Transportation Association.

NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION by Barb Kady

As you read this, the 2011-2012 school year will have come to a close. Fourteen sixth grade students graduated from AC-T in May. We wish to congratulate them and wish them well as they move on to the next step in their education!

The faculty, staff, and administration at AC-T would again like to say thank you to each of you for your support. You can feel proud of your students and your school when looking at the accomplishments over the course of the school year. You will be reading about many of these accomplishments throughout this newsletter.

Our faculty is continuing to work on implementing the Common Core Curriculum. The Common Core Curriculum:

- Is about the success of all students;
- Communicates the expectation that all students learn at high levels;
- Honors prior work the district has done to develop curriculum;
- Focuses on 21st century skills;
- Includes state content standards;
- Encourages instructional practices that deeply engage students as active learners and critical thinkers who can apply their knowledge.

As part of the implementation plan, the AC-T faculty has been studying Characteristics of Effective Instruction, with a focus on differentiating instruction to meet the needs of all learners. Next year, AC-T faculty will collaborate with neighboring school districts to implement the Common Core in each of our schools. Four professional development days have been set aside for this work throughout the course of the 2012-2013 school year. As a way of helping students develop 21st century skills, technology is being incorporated into teaching and learning in a variety of ways. iPads are used by students and staff to provide individualized activities aligned with student needs. Smart board technology is used to engage the learner through a variety of different activities. Over the summer we will complete the initiative to have smart boards installed in each of the elementary classrooms. Laptops provide a nearly one to one ratio of computers to students at AC-T. In addition, ACT continues to partner with the Sioux Central School to implement a one to one computer initiative for students in grades 7 through 12.

Included in this newsletter you will find the calendar for the upcoming school year. Attendance is so very important to a successful school year! As plans are made for the upcoming school year, we encourage parents to schedule appointments or out of town trips during times or days that school is not in session, in order to minimize the amount of time students are absent from the classroom.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize four of our AC-T faculty/staff members who will not be returning in the fall. Jan Bobolz is retiring after teaching at AC-T for 31 years. Annette Bruns is retiring after teaching at AC-T for 29 years. Twila Lange is retiring from being a Para Professional/After School Club Coordinator after 9 years at AC-T. Melissa Loving has resigned her position after teaching at AC-T for 5 years. We wish to thank each of these educators for their dedicated service to students and for the countless lives they have touched during their careers. We wish them well as they begin the next chapter in their lives!

We wish 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. Supportive communities are key in helping to make AC-T “A Great Place to Start!” Have a great summer!

The 4th Grade at the Grotto!



- ❖ School Registration is Monday, August 5th (10:00am-7:00pm) at AC-T.
- ❖ School supply lists will be included in the school registration newsletter.
- ❖ The Back-to-School Open House for parents and students is Monday, August 20th from 8:00-10:00 am
- ❖ The first day of school is Monday, August 20th at 10:00 am-2:15 pm
- ❖ Contact the AC-T office with any questions! 712-843-5416



Bike Safety with the Iowa State Troopers!!



Mrs. Bobolz and the Kindergarten class at The Fort in Fort Dodge!

The AC-T Students collected money all year for new playground equipment and they raised \$800.00! So far, they have purchased Soccer and Playground Balls, Hula Hoops, and a Hopscotch Board. The Student Council will decide in the fall how to spend the rest of the funds. Great job!



The 3rd Grade at the Grotto!

The 6th Grade Students worked on their Iowa History Quilt project all year. Natalie Baack is shown with her finished quilt. Thanks to Mrs. Bean for all her hard work piecing the blocks together and guiding the students through this project!

6TH GRADE QUILTS!