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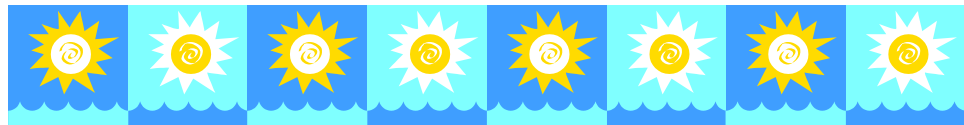
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AC-T 2013-2014 School Year Calendar

SUMMARY OF CALENDAR		M	T	W	R	F	Student Days	EVENTS
Days in Classroom	AUG	5	6	7	8	9		5-Aug Registration 10-7
85 First Semester		12	13	14	15	16		15-Aug Teacher Development
95 Second Semester		19	20	21	22	23	5	19-Aug First Day of School
180 TOTAL both Semesters		26	27	28	29	30	5	
10 In-service/Holidays								
190 Teacher Contract Days	SEPT	2	3	4	5	6	4	2-Sep Labor Day--No School
		9	10	11	12	13	4	11-Sep Patriot Day
		16	17	18	19	20	4	13-Sep No School
		23	24	25	26	27	5	16-Sep Teacher Development
		30						
	OCT		1	2	3	4	5	
		7	8	9	10	11	5	18-Oct 1st Quarter Ends
		14	15	16	17	18	5	21-Oct Teacher Development
		21	22	23	24	25	4	28,29-Oct Parent Conferences
		28	29	30	31			
	NOV					1	5	1-Nov No School
		4	5	6	7	8	5	3-Nov Standard Time
		11	12	13	14	15	5	5-Nov Election Day
		18	19	20	21	22	5	11-Nov Veterans' Day
		25	26	27	28	29	3	28-29-Nov Thanksgiving Holiday
	DEC	2	3	4	5	6	5	
		9	10	11	12	13	5	
		16	17	18	19	20	5	20-Dec 2nd Qtr/1st Sem End
		23	24	25	26	27		25-Dec Christmas Day
		30	31					Dec 23-Jan 3 Christmas Break
	JAN			1	2	3		
		6	7	8	9	10	5	
		13	14	15	16	17	5	
1 27-May		20	21	22	23	24	5	
2 28-May		27	28	29	30	31	5	
	FEB	3	4	5	6	7	5	
3 29-May		10	11	12	13	14	4	14-Feb Teacher Development
4 30-May		17	18	19	20	21	4	17-Feb Presidents' Day-No School
		24	25	26	27	28	5	
	MARCH	3	4	5	6	7	5	7-Mar 3rd Quarter Ends
		10	11	12	13	14	5	9-Mar Daylight Savings
6 3-Jun		17	18	19	20	21	5	11+13-Mar Parent Conferences
		24	25	26	27	28	5	14-Mar No School
7 4-Jun		31						31-Mar Teacher Development
	APRIL		1	2	3	4	4	
		7	8	9	10	11	5	
		14	15	16	17	18	4	18-Apr Easter Break
30-Aug		21	22	23	24	25	5	
27-Nov		28	29	30				
	MAY				1	2	5	
20-Dec		5	6	7	8	9	5	
17-Apr		12	13	14	15	16	5	
		19	20	21	22	23	5	23-May 4th Qtr/2nd Sem Ends
		26	27	28	29			26-May Memorial Day
	JUNE	2	3	4	5	6	180	TOTAL STUDENT DAYS



KEY

- In-service/Work Days
- Vacation Days
- Holidays
- Begin Semester
- End Quarter
- 1:00PM Early Dismissal for PD

SNOW DAYS

- 1 27-May
- 2 28-May
- 3 29-May
- 4 30-May
- 5 2-Jun
- 6 3-Jun
- 7 4-Jun

2:15 DISMISSALS

- 30-Aug
- 27-Nov
- 20-Dec
- 17-Apr



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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

June/July/August 2013



Congratulations to our Graduates!

~ Mrs. Dj Wenell

Each year sixth grade students go on an overnight trip at the end of the school year to Des Moines. This trip is a culminating activity for their study of Iowa History during the year, and a trip to celebrate their years at AC-T. Since this year's class was small, they had time to visit several places in Des Moines. On Thursday, May 16th students visited

the Living History Farms. This allowed them to see what life was like in Iowa from the middle of the 1800's to today. The following day they visited the governor's mansion, the sculpture garden in downtown Des Moines, and the Jordan House. The Jordan house was an Underground Railroad site that students had studied about for their History Day presentation. They also toured the capitol and spent the afternoon at the Science Center. Graduation for sixth grade students took place on Thursday, May 23rd. Albert City-Truesdale Elementary School graduated five students. The graduates and speakers for the evening were Bailey Heuton, Rachel James, Haylee Beckman, Laine Wolff, and Mataya Morris. Students and their guests also enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation of their 6th grade year. The PACT group served refreshments to all in attendance.

Kindergarten class of 2012-2013 by Mrs. Taby Frederick



Wow, time flies when you're having fun in Kindergarten! I can't believe how fast this school year has gone. I have enjoyed watching every one of my students grow and learn more each day. I am very proud of how far they have come in their Kindergarten year. The success of my students brings great joy to my life and each one of them has a spot in my heart. We have had many great times this year. I have also had two wonderful helpers in my classroom this year. Mrs. Totten and Ms. Jackson have been great with the kids this year. I want to thank all of my students, families, helpers, volunteers and staff who have been a great support throughout this year. I can't wait to come back to school next year and see how much

my students will change and grow this summer. Thanks to all who have given me great compliments and support. I absolutely love my job in Kindergarten and want to everyone a happy summer!



Soil Conservation Poster Contest Winners: L to R 1st Row – Andrew Anderson, Isaac Albeus, Trevor Ehlers, Kurtis Wood, Gavin Thams. 2nd Row – Brady Ehlers, Parker Ellrich, Selena Unger, Constance Laursen, Kylie Anderson, Deklan Willeford. 3rd Row – Vanessa Unger, Berkley Johannsen, Maxwell Bjork, Daniele Madsen. 4th Row – Abby Bean, Brandon Johnson, Shelby Johnson, Dustin Melby, Haylee Beckman, Bailey Heuton, Rachel James, and Laine Wolff. We had four 1st place winners who received plane rides! Congrats!

- ❖ Registration is Monday, August 5th (10:00am-7:00pm) at AC-T.
- ❖ School supply lists will be included in the school registration newsletter mailed in July.
- ❖ The date for the Back to School Open House for parents and students will be provided at school registration.
- ❖ The first day of school is Monday, August 19th at 8:15 am-1:00 pm.
- ❖ The second day of school is Tuesday, August 20th from 8:15 am - 1:00 pm. The early dismissals are for Professional Development.
- ❖ Contact the AC-T office with any questions! 712-843-5416

Student | Lower

<http://bbyt.es/67LRL>

Parent

<http://bbyt.es/67LRP>

Please take this brief technology survey for students or parents!
Your responses will help our school improve!
~Thanks!





Mr. Lovin's annual **Little Hurricane Relays** were held on Monday, May 13th 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! 😊



Nurse Notes

Wow! Another school year is over, and our students are another year older! I so enjoy the time I spend with your children, and am thankful for a great year. As we gear up for time outside and summer vacations, I want to remind you of a few things...

Immunizations: Pre-K and Kindergarten students must have required immunizations completed before they are allowed to attend school in the fall. 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 time. Early summer is usually a much better time to get this done, rather than adding to the back-to-school stress in August!

Dental and Vision Checks: Kindergarten students are required by Iowa law to have a dental screen completed within the last two years before starting kindergarten. Please contact the school office if you need a form; or, your dentist will have one that they can fill out at your appointment. This is required for all K students; but it's a great idea for all children to get their teeth AND eyes checked at least once every year!

Medications: As you start planning for school next year; please remember that 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".

Head Lice: Lice don't take summer vacations! I 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!

Sunscreen: The FDA has changed the labeling on sunscreens; for more information, visit their website:

<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm352255.htm?source=govdelivery>

Have a fun, safe summer!

Julie Olson, RN AC-T School Nurse



AC-T STUDENTS DONATE FUNDS TO THRESHERMEN SCHOOLHOUSE

Students at Albert City-Truesdale Elementary School do a yearly service project. This year it was decided to earn money for the upkeep of the schoolhouse located at the Threshermen's site just outside of Albert City. Students worked hard to earn money to help with replacing the windows in the schoolhouse. Their goal was to earn \$1,000 for the year. Principal, Barb Kady, told students that if they reached their goal, she would allow them to duct tape her to the wall. By the middle of May, students had earned \$1,231.77, exceeding their goal, and each student in the district helped tape Ms. Kady to the wall the day before school let out. A check was presented to members of the Threshermen's organization at the awards assembly on the last day of school.



The 3rd and 4th grade plays! Awesome job kids!



NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION by Barb Kady

As you read this, the 2012-2013 school year will have come to a close. Five 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 participating with a regional consortium of educators in a study of the Common Core Curriculum, with a focus on best practice methods of meeting the needs of all learners. This work will continue during the 2013-2014 school year. AC-T is working to help students develop 21st century skills. Technology resources are continually reviewed and regularly updated to provide students with up to date hardware and software resources to enhance all curricular areas. Smart boards have been installed in all classrooms. 2 portable iPad labs are in place for student and staff use. In addition, 2 smart tables are in use by students at AC-T. This summer, the district looks to replace or update computers in the lab and classrooms. The use of technology is being incorporated into teaching and learning in a variety of ways in each classroom. Laptops provide a nearly one to one ratio of computers to students at AC-T. In addition, AC-T 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 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. Thank you to the many volunteers who contribute in so many ways to providing AC-T students with a great education. Parents, students, faculty, staff, and community members all play a huge role in helping to make AC-T "A Great Place to Start!"

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for seven great years at Albert City-Truesdale School. I have accepted a superintendent position in North Dakota and will begin my duties there on July 1. The North Dakota position is in a location that is closer to my children, and close to the area in which I lived for many years. I look forward to seeing my children more often, as well as the opportunity to continue my career in the state. However, I will greatly miss the students, faculty and staff, parents, and community members I have come to know during my years in Albert City! I do leave knowing the district is in great hands, with two very capable and talented administrators joining the AC-T staff on July 1. You will read more about this transition in this newsletter. I am confident many great things are in store for AC-T students and staff under Mr. Dicks' and Mr. Tibbetts' direction! Have a great summer!

Albert City-Truesdale and Newell-Fonda to Share Superintendent AC-T Hires Full Time Elementary Principal Cody Tibbetts

The Albert City-Truesdale Board of Education along with the Newell-Fonda Board of Education, are happy to have announced an agreement to share current Newell-Fonda Superintendent, Jeff Dicks. Dicks will replace current Superintendent and Elementary Principal, Barb Kady, who has served the district since 2006 and is leaving to become the Superintendent of Wilton Public School, Wilton, North Dakota.

“We could not be more pleased to have Jeff Dicks, who has successfully led the Newell-Fonda district as superintendent, since 2007, as our superintendent”, states AC-T board president Bryan Beckman. “We look forward to working with Mr. Dicks as we continue the tradition of strong academic programs and educational opportunities for Albert City-Truesdale students.”

“Jeff Dicks is a highly capable individual that has provided leadership for the Newell-Fonda district and has led us in some innovative programs,” stated Roger Sarchet, Newell-Fonda board president. Sarchet continued, “Jeff has led us through some rapidly changing times and we have full confidence in his abilities to lead both districts, without a compromise to either district’s individual vision.” “I have had a great relationship with this board and appreciate the professional and progressive environment we have formed to this point,” stated Dicks.

“In interviewing with the AC-T board, I feel the same sense of pride and proactive mentality that exists at Newell-Fonda, and see that style as a good fit for me” stated Dicks. Both districts will benefit from Operational Sharing Incentives for positions like superintendent. “Both boards are acting in a very proactive nature, and each district will be able to provide more opportunities for their students,” added Barb Kady, current AC-T Principal and Superintendent. Additional employee sharing opportunities are being discussed between the districts.

AC-T will switch their leadership format from a dual-role elementary principal and superintendent to a full-time PK-6 principal and shared superintendent. Cody Tibbetts was hired to serve as the AC-T principal at a special board meeting on Wednesday, May 22. Beckman added, “Mr. Tibbetts’ strength as an instructional leader enables him to focus on teaching and learning in a full time capacity.” Mr. Tibbetts completed his undergraduate studies at Buena Vista University, earning a bachelor’s degree in elementary education, with a minor in special education. He completed a Master’s Degree Program through Iowa State University, earning his K-12 Administration and Special Education Director Certification. Mr. Tibbetts has taught kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms, and has also held softball, baseball, basketball, and football coaching positions. Mr. Tibbetts leaves a position as an elementary special education instructor with the Storm Lake Community School District to become the principal at AC-T.

Equal Opportunity Policy

The policy of the Albert City – Truesdale Community School District is to ensure that students and employees shall be treated equitably in educational programs, activities, and employment regardless of their race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity, national origin, religion, age, SES, or disability. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact Barbara Kady, Affirmative Action/Equity Coordinator, Albert City-Truesdale Community School District, 300 Orchard Street, Albert City, Iowa 50510. [\(712\)843-5416](tel:7128435416)
bkady@albertct.k12.ia.us

Homeless Children and Youth

The board will make reasonable efforts to identify homeless children and youth of school age within the district, encourage their enrollment, and eliminate existing barriers to their receiving an education which may exist in district policies or practices. These policies and practices include the areas of school records, immunization requirements, waivers of fees or charges, enrollment requirements/placement, residency,

transportation, and special services. The designated coordinator for identification of homeless children and for tracking and monitoring programs and activities for these children is the school nurse.

A homeless child is defined as a child or youth from the age of 3 years through 21 years who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes the following:

1. A child or youth who is sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; is living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; is living in an emergency or transitional shelter; is abandoned in a hospital; or is awaiting foster care placement;
2. A child or youth who has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
3. A child or youth who is living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or similar setting; or
4. A migratory child or youth who qualifies as homeless because the child or youth is living in circumstances described in paragraphs “1” through “3” above.