Winter Newsletter

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REMEmber every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wed. of the month is one hour early release

Feb 8—1/2 day—InService
Feb 14—Get out and Vote!
Feb 16—Eagle Festival
2nd thru 5th grades
Feb 20—NO SCHOOL—President’s Day
Mar 3—NO SCHOOL—Late Winter Break
Mar 22—Musical Matinee
Mar—23 & 24 Musical “Friday Knight Fever”—7PM
Mar 29—1/2 day InService
Mar—31—End of 3rd qtr.
April 3 thru 7th—Spring Break
May 10—Child Find
May 29—NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day
June 3—HS graduation
June 13—LAST DAY early release at 10:30.

There are 16 players turning out for ACH Middle School basketball this year. This is the lowest number in quite a few years. Even though the team is down in numbers the Warriors are off to a strong start with the Varsity posting a 5-1 record. “The goal is always the same, to develop athletes who are prepared to participate and contribute at the high school level,” quoted coach Matthewson. “I really enjoy working with the student athletes at this level. We have made a lot of improvement this year in the boys’ defensive fundamentals. I am hoping that the remainder of the year will continue to show improvement in fundamentals and team work at both the JV and Varsity levels.”

Varsity basketball team: Casen Murray, Grayden Murray, Cooper Correia, Carson Fox, Reece Isaak, George Garski, Parker Roberts and Dane Isaak

JV basketball team: Casen Murray, Cody Kagele, George Chapman, Jaxson Seiler, Cole Evers, Carson Fox, Brandon Tucker, Tristen Wood and Jim Holcomb
ASB News

It’s been an eventful first half of the year! The ASB put on two assemblies, threw a Halloween party, held a Christmas party, and celebrated the 12 Days of Christmas for student’s pre-K to 8th grade. We also organized three fundraisers; Little Caesar’s Pizza Kits, Apple Sales, and Turkey Bingo. We ended up raising a total of $3,389.61 to go toward the end of the year field trip, referee fees, educational field trips, general ASB expenses/fun experiences for students, and more! Thank you all for supporting us!

Upcoming events include:
“Valentines for All!” A school-wide Valentine’s Day give-away for all students from the ASB.
Elections for ASB officers will be happening in the Spring.

I have enjoyed getting to know your children over the past few months, as well as you, the parents. What a blessing to work in such a welcoming and supportive community! Submitted by Anna Thomas

Almira School District #17
Information Regarding Replacement Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Levy
February 14th, 2017
The Almira School District will be asking our patrons to vote on a replacement three – year levy for the existing levy that expires in 2017. This is not a new tax.

What does the levy pay for?
The levy helps maintain the following programs.

• Technology for classroom instruction and support
• Food Service Program
• Substitute teachers
• Special programs for struggling and highly capable students
• Maintenance of facilities and grounds, and student activities not funded by state or federal dollars
• Traffic Safety Education
• School Nurse Services

Thank you for the continued support to make Almira School District a place where GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!
Cool Activities for K-1

The K-1 students in Almira are in the middle of their Polar unit. This year, for the first time ever, we have an igloo in our classroom. Deborah Peha, mom to Camryn and Quin in kindergarten, thought we might like to have one so a year ago she twisted Mrs. Sieg's arm and it was agreed upon. Our class has been the recipient of hundreds of milk jugs. We'd like to thank all who donated theirs for this great recycling project. The actual building of the igloo took about 5 hours with two, and sometimes three, adults working on it. Most of the K-1 students are featured in front of the igloo. To give people a better view of the Inuit lodge, we have just three first graders in another picture. (One student did not want to be in the picture and two others were absent.) Besides spending time in the igloo, the students have made snow scenes, were Husky dogs in some Iditarod events, made paper penguins, listened to many stories which took place in the Polar regions, babysat their "ice babies," and are currently working on a writing piece about either polar bears or seals.

The students in the Almira building celebrated National Hat Day on Friday, January 27th. This has been an annual event at our school for decades. Students came sporting a variety of interesting hats that day.

Above: Cade Carstensen shows off his coon skin cap and Cooper Braun is wearing his cowboy hat.


Faith Parrish, Savannah Monson and Wyatt Ogle
4th/5th Grade Happenings

What’s new in our room? Well, we have currently acquired bouncy bands, wobble stools, and bean bag chairs through a donorschoose.org funding (Thank you to all who supported this undertaking). We have several alternatives for seating in our room now to accommodate all styles of learners. This was added to our two stand up desk with the kick bars and the standup table with stools. In our classroom, there are ways to get the wiggles out while we learn. All the students have an opportunity to enjoy these different alterative seats as we have a rotation system set up. Students are able to focus better while learning and read comfortably!

Megan Osborne enjoying the bouncy band on her desk, while Gabe Alig and Aubrey Rimel sit on their wobble stools.

Ethan Ogle, Kayleigh Elder and Christine Keeley relaxing in the new bean bag chairs while they read in the library.

Newest Staff Member

Please help us welcome our newest staff member, Megan Osborne! Megan is a long-term substitute for 2/3rd grade and will be with us until the end of the year. As a former graduate of ACH High School, class of 2009, Megan is happy to be back home and is excited to be teaching our students! If you have a child in her class and would like to volunteer for the Valentine's Day Party on Tuesday, February 14th, please let us know! We would love to involve you!

Mrs. Douglas’s 2nd/3rd gr Science Class

Grades 2/3 examine owl pellets and look for similarities of rodent skeletons to human skeletons.

Emmy Evers and Harvest Parrish enjoy this dirt task!
7th / 8th grade Elective Class with Mrs. Sarah Sample

In Mrs. Sample’s 7th and 8th grade elective Class the students are working on String Art. It involves hammering nails into a block of wood and winding the thread or string around the nails in such a way as to create a picture. The 6th Grade is making a heart string art for Valentine’s Day. Great job!

Courtney Rimel  Jadin Benson  Back: April McGuire, Prairie Parrish and Kinzie McCall  Front: Kearra Higgs and Kenzie Baergen

ACH Middle School Drama

Presents

Thursday, March 23rd
Friday, March 24th
7:00 pm
Almira Gymnasium

a full length musical comedy
tribute to the 1970’s
On Wednesday January 25 the Almira Elementary and ACH Middle School had their first Agriculture Science and Technology Day. With four community members, Kari McKay, Jason Evers, Dave Dye, and Shawn Groh as presenters in their professional area, students were given 30 minute presentations. Each special guest prepared PowerPoints and brought materials that pertain to their jobs. Kari McKay brought years of cattle ranching and the story of Little Johnny Deere to the K-8 students. Jason Evers discussed soil sampling, demonstrating the tools and how computers and reports are used for applications. Shawn Groh showed videos and introduced students to global mapping systems and how sophisticated this technology has become in farming, giving farmers very detailed reports of soils, yields and how this information is essential in creating the most efficient practices. Dave Dye used his wealth of knowledge in plant growth to help students understand how seeds are planted, measured and treated for the environments they are planted in. Students have a deeper understanding of the wealth of science and technology that surrounds them in their community. This Ag Science Day will provide additional learning this spring with a field tour in the late spring. Students will have opportunities for hands on learning in soils, field studies, exposure to machines, and warehouses and seed plants. For more information or to be involved, contact Susan Douglas
6th Grade News

ACH 6th Grade has finished up their math units on Ratios and is now learning about several arithmetic operations including divisions of fractions. We have taken our study of Egypt one step further and are doing a data based question (DBQ) unit about How the Nile shaped Ancient Egypt. We have looked at several primary source documents and are currently writing our essays about this topic. We continue our keyboarding practice and working on our code skills in technology.

The 6th graders love their hats! Above was Crazy Hat Day and Below they are wearing hats representing our local agriculture businesses for Ag Science Day.
Look for sports schedules, lunch and breakfast menus, school calendar, daily bulletin etc. Parents check out the “Family Access”! Keep track of your students lunch money, attendance, and grades too if you have a middle school student. Call for your user name and password.