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REMEmber Every 1st, 3rd And 5th Wed. Of The Month Is One Hour Early Release

Feb 6 – In-Service half day
Feb 12 – K-5 Science night
Feb 18 – No School Presidents’ Day
Feb 25 – MS Boy’s BB awards after home game
Feb 25 – School Board 6PM
Mar 1 – No School Mid winter Break
Mar 25 – School Board 6PM
Mar 25 – Musical Matinee 1PM
Mar 26 – MS Musical 7PM
Mar 27 – Half day In-Service End of 3rd Qtr.
Apr 1- Apr 5 Spring Break
Apr 17 – Class pictures
Apr 22 – School Board 7PM
Apr 29 – Spring Concert 6:30PM
Apr 30 – May 3 – Book Fair
May 24 – (Possibly) No School
May 27 – No School Memorial Day
June 1 – HS graduation
June 7 – Last Day early release at 10:30AM

JV Team 2018/19
Emma Whitaker, Abby Dormire, Malorie Baergen, Kearra Higgs, Kady Murray, Mariah McWalter, Kinzie McCall, April McGuire and Aubrey Rimel with Assist. Coach Jason Evers

Varsity Team 2018/19
Prairie Parrish, April McGuire, Natalie Evers, Beth Okamoto, Kayleigh Elder, McKenzie Baergen, Kinzie McCall and Kaylee Wodtka with Coach Matthewson
**K-1 enjoy Christmas**

Here are the kindergartners and first graders posing for a silly photo before heading up to perform at the Christmas concert.

Back row: Curtis Brunner, Mase McKay, Walter Walker, True Parish, Rylee Goetz, Kaitlyn Rimel, Emmie McCall, Charlotte Nachtigal

Front row: Aubrey Eagle, Kaelynn Carstensen, Lexa Benson, Kami Wright, Addyson Elder, Melissa Alig

(not pictured: Nate Okamoto) The K-1 students had a great time getting ready for Christmas in their classroom during the holidays. Many craft projects were completed, Santa letters and pictures were submitted to the local newspapers, songs were sung at their Christmas program, and a fun party was enjoyed right before they left for their Winter Break.

Now that they’re back from vacation, they have been engaged in their Polar unit. They learned that polar bears can smell things ten miles away and that seals love to eat penguins for dinner! Submitted by Mrs. Anita Sieg

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**4th & 5th Grade Happenings**

While we are still doing reading, writing, math, and social studies in our room, we have made time to include some other projects. So, the Fourth and Fifth graders have been busy working on their most current Makerspace Projects - Stop Animation. This is a process that takes many days of planning and then making. First, they had to start by deciding what they were going to make their animation movie about. Next, they had to write a script for their movies. Then they had to create their characters and their backgrounds for their stop animation. The students are now done with all the preliminary things so they can start creating their stop animation movies and will be starting the final steps over the next few weeks. We cannot wait to share our final products. When they are finished, the movies will be put on our classroom web page to share with everyone, so be on the lookout.

Submitted by Mrs. Nicole Conway

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**K-5 Ocean STEM Night Feb. 12th from 6:00-7:15**

K-5 has been fully immersed in the Ocean Unit in science. We’ve gone to great depths in our studies and seen so many beautiful and amazing creatures. We’ve also found that humans don’t always interact with nature in a positive way. We can learn new ways to reduce our impact so that no other species suffer.

K-5 students and their families are invited to attend a night for solutions. After a short assembly, families will rotate through two engineering and one “take action” station. Working together we will attempt to solve major human impact issues. Come join us for an evening of brainstorming and problem solving! (and fishy fun).

Students will have displays from classwork and lite snacks will be provided. Contact Susan Douglas with any questions.

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**Music with Mrs. Okamoto**

We have just begun work on music for our spring program. This year we want to celebrate who we are, where we come from, and the amazing world around us by singing and playing music about diversity and culture! Inspired by the book: Drawn Together by Minh Le, that shows that art can be a force that brings us all together. Right now the pre-K thru 8th grade concert is tentatively set for Monday, April 29th at 6:30 pm, save the date!
Boy’s Basketball 2018/19
Front: Toby Schmauder, Carter Pitts, Jameson Conley, Jeremy Pinar, Jack Molitor, Joey Allsbrook, Jaxon Baergen
Back: Denim Kenney, Cody Allsbrook, Jim Holcomb, Ethan Olsen, George Chapman, Devin Groh, Nathan Hinkle, John Pierce

2018/19 WRESTLERS
Left: Coach Fox with Everett Wood
Bottom left: Coach Fox with Carter Pitts

Jack Molitor, Carter Pitts, Tristen Wood, Joseph McGuckin, John Pierce, Everett Wood and Coach Allen Fox in back
FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT’S DESK

The Almira School District is excited to be the recipients of the Small Rural Modernization Grant! Almira School District has never received a grant of this size, and out of the over 70 schools that applied for this grant, only 15 were selected to receive funding. Almira was awarded $465,000 for the following projects: Roof, Interior/exterior doors, intercom/sound system and phones. These are much needed upgrades to our building that will have a big impact on future energy costs and improve the safety and well being of staff and students. Almira is grateful for this opportunity to move forward on projects that have been needed for several years. This is a tremendous award and one we are thankful to receive. If you have further questions regarding this grant or the project details, feel free to contact Shauna Schmerer at sschmerer@almirasd.org

WARRIOR CONNECTION

What is it? We are implementing a new program called the Warrior Connection. The WC is a new piece being added to our school “tool box,” between teachers, students and the communities. The WC has been formed to help build a bridge for the needs within our school by reaching out to our communities. For example, we have teachers that have a need for volunteers to help with after school programs; organizing books; special projects in the classroom; book fair volunteers; STEM AG day and more. We also have had a number of community members wanting to volunteer and we love and welcome them! So, if you would like to join our Warrior Connection team, please call Luci at 639-2414 to join us and offer your talents. It is all about making our children successful and it really does “take a village.” We can’t wait to hear from you and see you in our school in the future! BIG thank you to all the volunteers for all you have done and continue to do for our kids!

GO WARRIORS!!

Ducktails & Bobbysox

A 1950’s Musical Comedy

Presented by
ACH Middle School Drama

Tuesday, March 26th
7:00 pm
Almira Gymnasium

Matinee performance March 25th at 1:00PM
Congratulations to the WarriorBots

Our Warriorbots have had a tremendous ground breaking season! They finished with a perfect score in Core Values and highest scores ever in Project, Robot Design and Robot Games. They have blazed the path and set the standard for all future teams! It has been such a privilege to work with them as their coach.

Quotes from their judges yesterday: "Absolutely fantastic research project!", "Team has clear plan on how to problem solve!". Strengths in research, inspiration, teamwork, strategy and innovation. We are so proud of them!

Along with the team and other coaches and mentors, we'd like to thank the 50+ fans that traveled on the rooter bus or by private vehicle to watch us compete. Thank you to many community mentors who've given time to develop a deeper understanding in programming, technology, mental health, and virtual reality. Thanks, especially to the parents/families of the team members. This last month has required many additional meetings and intensity in our work! This STEM program is possible only because of the support given by the Almira School District and our local community. Thank you to all those who have helped these seven students explore this whole new world! We are already looking forward to our next season, more teams, and new and exciting experiences! Coaches: Susan Douglas, Kristi Okamoto and Dennis Pinar.

Mrs. Elder’s 8th grade WAX MUSEUM

Mrs. Elder’s 8th grade Historical Project class was asked to portray their favorite historical figure. They learned the history of their chosen character and played their parts in front of parents and students. Kneeling in front: Alexis McGuckin and Amelya Husko. Left to right: Jim Holcomb, Jordyn Bailey, Kaylee Wodtka, April McGuire, Ethan Olsen, Isabel Brink, Hailey Gerlach, George Chapman, Kearra Higgs, Cody Allsbrook, Ehlana Higgs, McKenzie Baergen, Kinzie McCall, Tristen Wood and Prairie Parrish.
2nd 3rd Grade News

Second and Third grade have been very patient and excited to have our classroom trout join us this quarter. We have started learning about the life cycle of a trout and the type of environment they need to grow strong and survive in the wild. This year the class was responsible for learning about the different parts of the fish tank and they also put the tank together themselves. There were students washing rocks, putting the filter pieces together, learning how the chiller worked, and also how to record daily data. This class loves watching the eggs through the viewing windows, and we had just found an egg that hatched! (Figure 1) We will start feeding the trout once they start swimming in the fry state and they will be released into Banks Lake at Steamboat Rock State Park in June. Submitted by Ms Megan Osborne

Trout growing from the egg stage to the alevin stage.

Kaydence Burda and Jackson Elder cleaning rocks.

6th Grade showing off Mechanical Dioramas

The 6th Grade recently did mechanical dioramas to review the lesson they just finished in Social Studies. Each group presented the main information for one of the four empires of Mesopotamia. Each student had a part and provided a prop as a visual. Submitted by Mrs. Sarah Sample

Top: Jameson Conley, Brooklyn Troupe, Shalissa Peters, Aubrey Rimel and Paul Stout
Bottom: Gabe Alig, Jack Molitor, Anthony Garrett and Denim Kenney
**Valentine’s Day** is fast approaching! Once again, the ASB will be providing school-wide Valentine’s Day gifts for all students so please do not send deliveries to the school.

The ASB is also planning on a "Spring Cleaning" fund raiser right after Spring Break. The students will be selling items like dish soap, laundry detergent, fabric softener, shampoo, bath bombs and MORE!

Mark your calendars! We will be inviting the book fair back to our school the last week of April! Buy one get one half off!

**“HAT DAY” A long standing tradition at our school**
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.