



Hello Alta-Dutch Flat Families--

I trust you are excited for the holidays and the winter break that's quickly approaching.

The students are having fun with the traditional activities that we are having at school. The Turkey Feast was a hit. Many families and community members enjoyed the Thanksgiving performance provided by Mrs. Fejes' 1st and 2nd grade class. The Parents' Club provided a meal to all in attendance. It was a meal with all the trimmings: Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls, salad, gravy, and desserts! Everyone enjoyed themselves and gave thanks for all the support our school receives from the Parents' Club and community members.

We are looking forward to the Christmas performance in a few weeks and the continued excitement that is shared throughout our school and community. It is this loving environment that we are so fortunate to have. We pause for the families and students that have had tragedy recently with the fires and loss of homes. Please take a moment this Holiday season to discuss with your children all the special moments they have and what is really important to your family.

This December we will finish the calendar year strong with a strong academic focus. For our school to better assess learning performance, the students in grades 1-8 will take interim assessments in Math and English Language (ELA). These assessments will provide the teachers with data that shows each student's growth in both subjects from January through December of 2018. This data will help us customize academic support for each student and identifies areas within each discipline where they have excelled or needed additional support.

As we close out this busy month, I would like to thank each family for taking the time to support their child's emotional and academic wellness. There are many pressures and distractions in today's world. Please continue to talk with your child and know how they are doing with school work and social interactions. It may take some extra time, but the kids will appreciate it and feel the support.


Thank you and Happy New Year,


Mr. Wells

Alta-Dutch Flat School Bear Tracks

December 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3 All Week: Candygrams on sale during lunchtime	4 Sign Language 2:30	5 Leadership 2:30	6 5-8 th Enrichment 1:45	7 Bookmobile Preschool Storytime 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	8
9	10 8 th Graders – Future Falcon Night At CHS 6:00 All Week: Candygrams on sale during lunchtime	11 Sign Language 2:30 Annual Community Christmas Dinner 4:00-7:00 P.M. at Alta Community Hall	12 SOUP KITCHEN HOLIDAY NIGHT 5:30 P.M. Board Meeting 6:00	13 Parents' Club Meeting 2:30 P.M.	14 Bookmobile Preschool Storytime 9:00-11:00 A.M. Cub Club Closes at 3:30 Today	15
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Happy December

Atta Dutch Flat Families



Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated for our Thanksgiving feast. We couldn't have made it happen without all of your support!

Our monthly meeting for December is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th after school. Cub club is available for parents who would like to attend free of charge. We will discuss our upcoming soup kitchen and holiday night. We need homemade soup donations for our soup kitchen. If you are interested, please let Tracy or I know. The students will have a holiday performance starting at 5:30.

Soup kitchen will follow.

\$5 includes:

Bowl of soup, bread and lemonade
Soda and water available for purchase.

We will also be collecting Pennies for Paradise. Please bring your pennies to donate to the fire victims.

Thank you to the kids who participated in our mandarin fundraiser to earn money for their classes. Congratulations to **Rodney Arashi** who was our top seller, selling 30 bags of mandarins. He earned our \$50 gift card prize! Way to go Rodney!

Thank you,

Victoria Best
Parents' Club President
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AWARDS RECOGNITION

Perfect Attendance for First Trimester

August 14, 2018 – November 2, 2018

Serena Bailey, Cooper Best, Arthur Kernacs, Harrison McDonnell, Isabella Tiedemann,
Trinity Vernon-Cole, Carter Stetler

Gloria Bailey, Piercy Brown, Landon Holt, Chevelle Johnson, Brooke Lenz, Austin Samuelson,
Eva Saunders, Emmercyn Stetler

Cadon Harris, Jameson Rawlins, Charlotte Hazen, Kurt Peterson

Victor Bailey, Carter Harris, Hadley McDonnell, Dylan Lenz, Sailor McSorley, Shane Rawlins,
Emily Snider

Ryder Allbaugh, Jaxon Farren, Evelyn Roland

Thanks for making the effort to be at school every day for the first trimester! Way to go....

Principal's List 3.8- 4.0 GPA (4th-8th graders)

Serena Bailey, Harrison McDonnell, Trinity Vernon-Cole, Kaylie Alden, Carter Stetler

Gloria Bailey, Elisa Barber, Hudson McDonnell, Katie Walker, Rodney Arashi, Brooke Lenz

Jade Holt, Kylie Samp

Honor Roll 3.0 – 3.79 GPA (4th-8th graders)

Cooper Best, Marty Lowenstein, Nathaniel Owen, Peyton Sladek, Elise Bye, Izzy Volpe

Milas Ellison, Aidan Owen, Olivia Clark, Delia Pullman, Lily Samp, Eva Saunders,
Emmercyn Stetler

Isabella Best, Jo-Jo Cook, Cadon Harris, Jameson Rawlins



Holiday Candygrams

Would you like to send your friends a candygram? If so, the 7th/8th grade class will be selling them during lunchtime for the next two weeks starting December 3rd. For \$1.00 you can write a note and have a candy delivered on Friday, December 21st before the winter break. Parents, you can send one too...see Tracy in the office so you can surprise your kiddo.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION **
TOPS FOR EDUCATION**KEEP
MY BOX TOPS!!



SEND THEM TO THE OFFICE ** BOX
CLIPPING THOSE BOX TOPS ** LOVE

Office Notes:

- Cub Club will be closing an hour early on Friday, December 14th. Please mark your calendars and make arrangements to pick up your students by 3:30 P.M.
- There will be NO cub club on Friday, December 21st. All students dismissed at noon.
- Winter Break is Monday, December 24th – Friday, January 4th. Students will return to classes on Monday, January 7th.

Be Safe * Be Respectful * Be Responsible

We love rewarding those students who are caught being safe, respectful or responsible. This year we have been drawing names for a weekly \$5.00 Scoops ice cream certificate. Congratulations to the following students who have been rewarded recently: *Piercy Brown, Carter Harris, Isabella Best, Sailor McSorley, Lily Samp, Kurt Peterson, Ava Clark*. WHO WILL BE DRAWN NEXT WEEK????

Kindergarten News w/Miss Hershey



It has been a rich and full month for the Alta Dutch-Flat Kindergarten class. We have been cooking, completing science experiments and even had a special guest give us a music lesson. While cooking the students have had the ability to practice fine motor skills impacting their writing in a positive way. In science for this month we learned about seasons and what weather conditions to expect. Along with all these activities the students have been working on their sight words, as well as mastery the sounds each letter makes. The classroom has been filled with joy as we grow closer to the Holiday and the students are anxious for the snow to come. In the month of December we will continue cooking, creating gifts, and enjoying this time of year!



Mrs. Fejes' First and Second Grade

Language Arts:

1st grade-A Musical Day

Blends with *l*, Words with Short *o*, Statements, and Informative Writing

2nd grade-Jellies: The Life of Jellyfish

Verbs in the Present, Past and Future, Contractions, Informative Writing, and Suffixes *-er*, *-est*

Math: (First Grade)

Count back 1, 2, or 3

Using addition facts to subtract

Thinking addition to subtract

Using make a ten to subtract

Breaking apart a number to subtract

Acting out a problem to subtract

Math: (Second Grade)

Using a model and number sentence to solve an addition problem

Adding 3 numbers

Using a number sentence to solve an addition problem

Adding 2-digit numbers

Other activities this month:

The Story of the First Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day, Why do leaves change color in the fall?, and What is the red thing on the turkey?





CANADA



If I could go anywhere, I would go...

- to London because I like the British. *Cody*
to the North Pole because it looks really cool. *Karly*
to Candyland because of all the candy! *Carter*
to Canada because it is full of live plants. *Wyatt L.*
to Disneyland because it is fun. *Grayson*
to Disneyland because there are rides. *Troyken*
to an Enchanted Forest to find an amulet necklace. *Jagger*
to an island because it looks cool and has stuff we don't have. *Taylor*
to the center of the Earth because it looks cool. *Dawson*
to the inside of a computer because I want to see how one works. *Albion*
to Candyland because it would be fun. *Noe*
to Paris and Disneyland because it's fun, there is pizza and games. *Aiyanna*
to Disneyland because it is fun. *Madelynn*
to the attic at my house because there are toys. *Patrick*
to Lake Tahoe because I have never been. *Jacob*
to Hawaii because it is always sunny and I could surf. *Hadley*
to space because I could bounce on the moon. *Kloey*
to Alaska because it is the last frontier. *Tristan*
to the Army because I like tanks. *Sailor*
to the North Pole to see Santa Claus. *Wyatt W.*
to where dinosaurs roamed to find footprints. *Emily*
to Egypt because of the mummies there. *Sawyer*
to the beach because I want to see sharks. *Shane*
to the Army because I want to see tanks. *Victor*
to Hawaii because you can surf and it is always sunny. You can get a cool hotel with a hot tub and a pool too. *Peyton*
to the ocean because it is fun. *Dylan*
to the zoo because I want to feed the giraffes and see the gorillas. *Elijah*

Disneyland
Park



3rd / 4th Grade

The 3rd and 4th graders go together like peanut butter and jelly. This class is cooperative, helpful and sweet. They like the routine, yet they're so darn flexible. It's a pleasure to work with every single one of them.

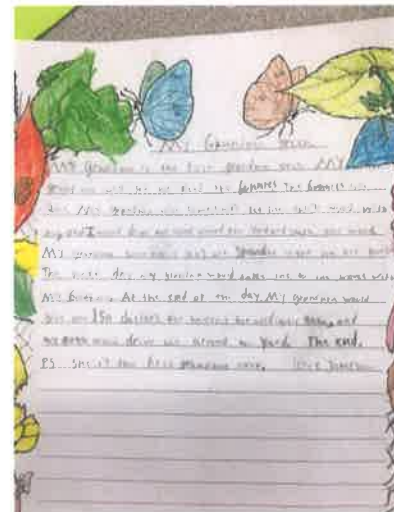
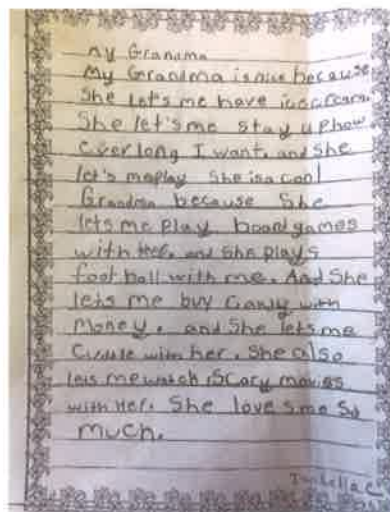
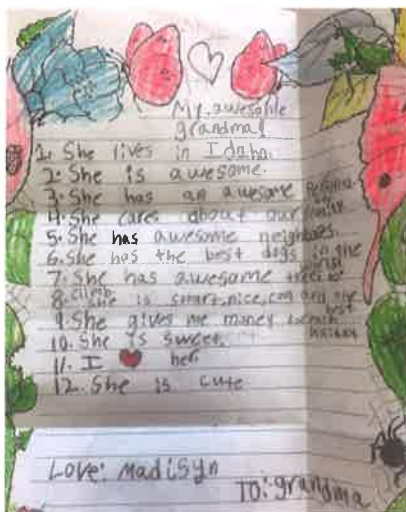
Math The third graders are learning that multiplication is repeated addition. This chapter teaches single digit multiplication, one digit at a time. Please practice multiplication facts at home daily. The kids are also learning skills such as distributor property, which the book also calls the break-apart method. It's simple to use and is the beginning steps of algebra. This is the time of the year when I see students work quickly and without reading the word problems. However, many of the word problems have multi-step operation, so please check their homework.

4th are learning long division, and most of them are grasping the concepts easily. They all agreed that the better you know they know their multiplication facts the easier division is.

Social Studies Students are learning about the culture of California Native Americans before the Europeans explored. They know the tribes can be divided into four regions and are working on naming the natural resources and climate in each region that dictated the food, shelter and clothing for each tribe. I am hoping to set up a field trip to the Maidu interpretive center in January.

Language Art: We finished listening to a wonderful book on tape called Morning Girl by Michael Dorris. In the story, the chapters alternate between a big sister and brother. Listening to it, you get a glimpse of life for an indigenous family on a Bahamian Island in 1942. In the end, Christopher Columbus discovers the island. We took a comprehension quiz. Thank you for practicing spelling words during the week. I can see improvement in their tests.

The students are given time in class to silent read. However, reading improves the more students read. **Our next book report is due January 11. Each book report should be about 1 to 2 pages typed depending on the grade level.** Please help your child with editing and adding relevant details.



Letters to grandma are special...

Fifth and Sixth Grade

After a lovely Thanksgiving break, we are back, hard at work, until winter break in three weeks. Here's what we'll be focusing on.

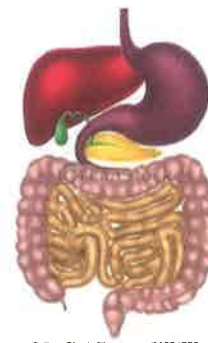
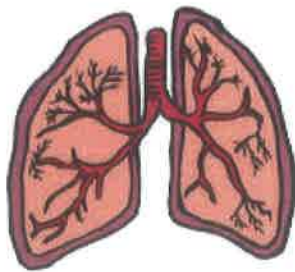
Math:

Fifth grade just started a chapter on multiplying decimals. It is challenging to count decimal places and then place the decimal correctly in the product. Fortunately, an entire math chapter is devoted to just that!

Sixth grade is has almost completed up Chapter 4: Variables and Ratios. We had a perfectly timed visit from our math coach, Mrs. Burke, and she spent an entire class period showing the class how variables and algebra work. Students said they were fearful of algebra before the lesson, and then they said they LOVED algebra when they finished. Sixth graders taking math very seriously and understand that what they're learning now will be useful in 7th grade and beyond.

Science: We finished our cell models just before Thanksgiving, and they are up on a bulletin board outside our classroom. They were creatively and inexpensively made using items such as buttons, jelly beans, ramen noodle, and much more. Come by and have a look.

We are now working in a chapter on human body systems. The three systems we study are the circulatory, respiratory, and digestive. We are currently reading the three lessons, and then I have some fun learning activities planned as well. My goal? To have my kiddos be able to look at pictures of hearts and lungs and say "Cool!" instead of "Ewww!" Our human body is an incredible machine!



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SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

Math:

Seventh grade has jumped right into Chapter 4: Proportions and Expressions. They are learning more about unit rates, proportional relationships, and drawing scale models.

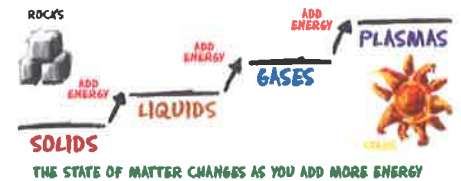
Proportion

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$$

Eighth grade is beginning Chapter 6: Transformations and Similarity. They will be learning about and working on rigid transformations, multiplication and dilations, similar figures and transformation.

Science:

The class has moved on to Chapter 6: States of Matter. They have learned about states of matter in previous grades, but now the students will be delving deeper. They will learn about forces and motion in particles in matter, how states of matter change, and then about the various types of energy and potential energy.



LANGUAGE ARTS



Parents! Do not let your students spring it on you that they have to share a recipe with their class! We've been working on them for some time. The students are working on being thorough in their writing and translating that to recipes. They created Lego sculptures and then wrote the recipe for a classmate to recreate. Next week speeches and then on to Camelot when we return from vacation.

Social Studies



Castles and peasants and knights! Oh no! We are headed to Europe in the Middle Ages. We will use lots of simulations --What's it like to be a serf or a knight? -- as well as building castles and making illuminated manuscripts.



Language Arts:

Students continue to find books they love. Our TBR lists are growing and our Book Talks are flowing. Be sure to ask your student if there are any books they'd like to add to Santa's List. Ask them to describe Aha Moments and Tough Questions and Words from the Wise.

Every single student wrote a five-paragraph essay before Thanksgiving. They did a fabulous job on organization and topic sentences. Here's a sampling:

thankful

Milas: *"The first think I'm thankful for is my family. I am thankful for my mom because she takes care of my whole life. I am thankful for my dad because he makes me laugh and is always messing with me. I am thankful for my brother and sister because I can always do something with them. I am thankful for all of them because they are always there for me."*

Landon: *"The second thing I am thankful for is my home. It is welcoming to friends and family. We always have people over for a BBQ. The second reason why I am thankful for my home is because it is where I sleep in my bed. It is very comfortable. The third reason I am thankful for my home is that it is warm and cozy. There is always a fire going in winter."*

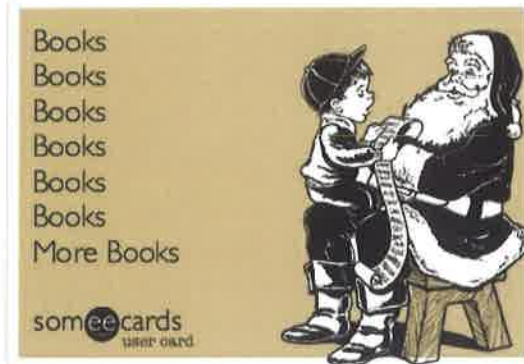
Brooke: *"In addition, I am thankful for my pets. The first reason why I am thankful for them is they are funny and always find a way to make you laugh. The second reason I am thankful for them is because they are fun and always want to play fetch. The third reason I am thankful for them is because they are always by my side."*

Delia: *"The first thing I am thankful for is food. I am thankful for food because without it everyone would die. I also like food because it tastes good and I love to bake. I love baking because it is fun to mix all the ingredients together and then put it in the oven. In the end you get something delicious to eat like cake or muffins."*

Social Studies:

We are studying Ancient Sumeria and will move towards Egypt as we sail down the Nile River. Watch for embalming in January!





Buy Books for the Young Readers in Your Life!

Books make a wonderful gift! It sends a powerful message to a child that reading is important. This time of year, a simple google search will turn up lots of lists with Best Books of the Year. Some reliable websites:

www.indiebound.org

New York Times Best Books of 2018

NPR Best Books of 2018

New picture books:



Chicken Talk by Patricia MacLachlan



Dragon Night by JR Krause



Harold Loves His Woolly Hat by Vern Kousky



I'll Love You Till the Cows Come Home by Kathryn Cristaldi

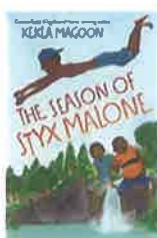


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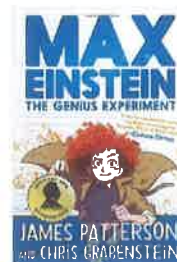
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By Kelly Lang



Louisiana's Way Home
By Kate DiCamillo



The Season of Styx Malone
By Kekia Magoon



Max Einstein
By James Patterson

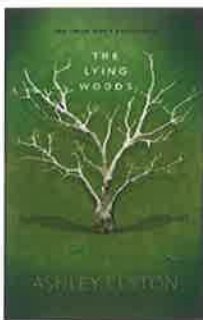
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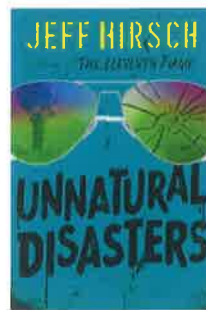
The Hazel Wood
By Melissa Albert



To Be Honest
By Maggie Ann
Martin



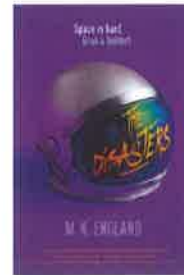
The Lying Woods
By Ashley Elston



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Ashley Elston



*The Knife
Of Never
Letting Go*
By
Patrick Ness



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By M.K.
England



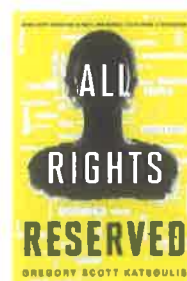
*The Genius
Revolution*
By Leopold Gout



The Program
By Suzanne
Young



*Girls of Paper
And Fire*
By Natasha Ngan



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Alta-Dutch Flat School Lunch Menu



December 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Orange Chicken Rice Bowl Applesauce Fortune Cookie	4 Galaxy Pizza Salad Mixed Fruit	5 Penne Pasta w/Meatballs Green Beans Fruit	6 BBQ Pulled Pork Baked Beans Carrots Apple	7 Chicken Sandwich Potato Wedges Mandarin
10 Bean & Cheese Burrito Baby Carrots/Celery Orange	11 Nada Pizza Salad Apple	12 Chicken Poppers Celery Sticks/Carrots Banana Lemon Dinosaurs	13 Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Pears Dinner Roll Fruit	14 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Frozen Blueberries
17 Orange Chicken Rice Bowl Applesauce Fortune Cookie	18 Galaxy Pizza Salad Fruit	19 BBQ Rib Sandwich Broccoli French Fries Fruit	20 Chicken Mashed Potato Bowls Apple Lemon Dinosaurs	21 Corn Dog Baby Carrots/Red Pepper Mix Black Beans Orange
24 Break – No School	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 Break – No School	27 Break – No School	28 Break – No School
31 Break – No School	1 Break – No School	2 Break – No School	3 Break – No School	4 Break – No School

*Reminder when shopping Amazon...sign up for AmazonSmile and designate Alta-Dutch Flat School as your charity and the Parents' Club receives a kickback automatically. Also, don't forget Mar-Val's in Colfax will also send us a kickback if you sign up for their card. Exciting!!! And it doesn't cost a thing...

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Mark Your Calendar

Holiday Night/ Soup Kitchen

December 12, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.

More information to follow...