



Alta-Dutch Flat School

November 2018 Bear Tracks

Hello Alta-Dutch Flat Families--

As we finish the 1st trimester of the school year, I would like to commend the students and teaching staff for a job well done! The rigor of curriculum that is being taught and the expectations that are being set in the classrooms, are examples of both teachers and students striving for a higher level of learning excellence.

We have had our challenges this school year; however, everyone on campus has done their part by filling in where necessary and going above and beyond when needed. The school year is in full stride and continued attention to detail has been exhibited by all.

As you know, conditions for a functioning school are slightly changing. Power outages may become a new normal for us in dry and windy conditions. Either in the Fall or Spring, conditions may warrant us to curtail school days due to these power shortages. Combine these issues with snow fall in the winter, we may see days ahead where we may not have school and communication is on a short notice.

We will commit that you will be notified as quickly as possible to the status of our school day during extreme weather conditions. We will use the following as informational outreaches:

- School Messenger via phone calls
- Facebook sites such as 389 and Parents Club
- Email messaging
- Direct communication to families

Your work and family schedules are busy and complicated. The timeliness for our communication will be centered around making decisions as soon as possible to help you make adjustments as needed. We ask that you trust us by knowing that we want to have school each day for your students, but the safety and welfare of everyone will be our main concern.


Thank you for your continued support of our teachers, aides, and staff members. We have a special and unique school that offers an educational experience that is second to none. The door is always open to you for discussions or simply a casual hello.

I hope everyone gets some rest from our busy lives and enjoys the season of thankfulness.

Mr. Wells
Superintendent/Principal

Happy Thanksgiving – No School November 21 – 23

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Parents' Club Meeting 2:30 Chess Club 2:30	2 Bookmobile <i>Preschool Storytime</i> 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	3
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends Turn your clock back an hour	5 *All Mandarin Fundraiser Orders Due	VOTE VOTE VOTE 6 Sign Language 2:30	7 Leadership 2:30	8 RIB DINNER FUNDRAISER 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.	9 Bookmobile <i>Preschool Storytime</i> 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. K,2,5,8 Vision/Hearing Screening w/Nurse	10
11	12 Veteran's Day Holiday – No School	13 *Mandarins delivered Sign Language 2:30	14 Leadership 2:30 BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M.	15 Chess Club 2:30 (LAST ONE!)	16 Bookmobile <i>Preschool Storytime</i> 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	17
18	19	20 <i>School Wide Thanksgiving Feast</i> MINIMUM DAY – NOON DISMISS (No Cub Club)	21 Thanksgiving Break – No School	22 	23 Thanksgiving Break – No School	24
25	26 Sign Language 2:30	27 Sign Language 2:30	28 Leadership 2:30	29 1:30 – 2:15 CHS Link Crew visiting 8 th graders	30 Bookmobile <i>Preschool Storytime</i> 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. SPIRIT ASSEMBLY 8:40 A.M.	



Alta-Dutch Flat School 8th Grade Class

Rib Dinner Fundraiser

Ribs Catered by Dickey's BBQ Pit

Thursday, November 8, 2018

5:30 – 7:00 P.M.

Alta-Dutch Flat School Multi-purpose room

Tickets available now-

Adults \$15.00

K-8 Students \$10.00



Pie Auction - 50/50 Raffle

Raffle Prizes: *Colfax Beauty Bar, Café Luna, Blondies, The Pour Choice, Buzz Through Joe's, Colfax High School, Eisleys Nursery, Machado's, etc....*

Auction Items: *Come on down to the gym and make a bid on baskets and items.*



One especially: Your very own reserved parking spot in the turnaround for YOU for the entire school year.

Alta-Dutch Flat School Lunch Menu



November 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Penne Pasta w/Meatballs Green Beans Pears	2 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Carrots Apple
5 Chicken Sandwich Potato Wedges Watermelon Cup	6 Pizza Salad Apple	7 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Crinkle Fries Sliced Peaches Biscuit	8 Quesadilla Carrot/Celery Black Beans Sliced Pears Salsa	9 Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Orange
12 Veteran's Day Holiday – No School	13 Pizza Salad Fruit	14 Chicken Poppers Carrot/Celery Orange Lemon Dinosaur	15 Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Peas Sliced Pears Dinner Roll	16 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Frozen Blueberries
19 Corn Dog Carrot/Celery Apple	20 School-wide Thanksgiving Feast	21 Thanksgiving Break – No School	22 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	23 Thanksgiving Break – No School
26 Orange Chicken Rice Bowl Applesauce Fortune Cookie	27 Pizza Salad Fruit	28 Pasta Alfredo w/ Vegetables Broccoli Pears	29 Roast Chicken Carrots Peas Apple Biscuit	30 Chicken Sandwich Potato Wedges Watermelon Cup

PARENTS CLUB

Hi parents!

I just wanted to send a couple reminders.

Our mandarin fundraiser is due Monday November 5th. Please make sure presale orders are paid in full and turned in on time!

Top seller in the school will receive a \$50 gift card!

Also our 8th grade rib dinner fundraiser is Thursday November 8th 5:30-7pm. Please come out and support our 8th grade class! Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. We have some awesome auction items so don't miss out on the fun!

Lastly our annual Thanksgiving feast will be Tuesday, November 20th. We will need parent volunteers to help in the kitchen along with food donations such as, baked turkeys, 5-10lb bags of potatoes, boxes of stuffing, olives, rolls, desserts etc. We will be sending home a list of items needed. Please let me know if you'd like to help in the kitchen or can donate some of the food items.

Thank you for your support,
Victoria Best
Parents' Club President
530-368-3737



OFFICE REMINDERS:

- Box Tops for Education helps support assemblies at our school. Each label is worth a dime and they add up quickly. Don't toss...send them to the office.
- Please make sure you notify the office if you change your phone number. We like to stay current for our automated messages and emergency contacts.

KINDERGARTEN 😊

A shout out to our Kindergarten students for being flexible, loving, and learners. They have shown perseverance as they have had a few different substitute teachers in this transition period. We are excited to have Miss Hershey back on our campus and we know she will be the consistency piece we have been missing. Three cheers Alta Bears!

Hello Kindergarten Students and Families,

My name is Sydney Hershey. I am excited to be the kindergarten teacher and to have the opportunity to get to know all of you. The early years of education hold a special place in my heart and I have a great passion for education itself. Last April I graduated from Grand Canyon University with my bachelors in Early Childhood Education. Prior to graduation I had the privilege of completing student teaching under Mrs. Fejes at Alta Dutch Flat Elementary. This school taught me the frame work of being an amazing teacher. I look forward to meeting you all and having a great semester. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Miss Hershey





Mrs. Fejes' First and Second Grade

Language Arts:

1st grade-Gus Takes the Train/Jack and the Wolf

Adjectives for Color and Number, Double Final Consonants and *ck*, Words with short *a*, Complete Sentences, Informative Writing

2nd grade-Diary of a Spider/Teacher's Pets/Animals Building Homes

Plural Nouns, Common Final Blends, Informative Writing, Collective Nouns, Prefixes *un-* and *re-*

Math: (First Grade)

Changing the order of addends to add

Count on to add 1, 2, or 3

Using double facts to add

Adding 3 addends

Using strategies and drawings to solve addition words problems

Math: (Second Grade)

Adding 3 addends

Double facts

Representing number of objects in equal groups

Identifying correct subtraction facts

Representing subtraction problems using a number sentence

Other activities this month:

Statue of Liberty, 911 Training, Columbus Day, Spiders, Writing letters to 5th and 6th grade, Inside a pumpkin and bats



What is the hardest thing about being a kid?

Halloween time, because my dad eats 90% of my candy. *Jagger*

Doing chores at home. *Noe*

Going to school. I want to stay home/sleep and go in my hot tub. *Jacob*

Eating all the food I have to so I can grow. *Karly*

Doing hard projects at school. *Dylan*

Homework, waking up early and going to bed. *Hadley*

Doing my homework and listening to my Dad. *Aiyannah*

3rd / 4th News FLash

Social Studies: The kids and parents had a great time at the Bernhard Museum. The students experienced what it was like to live in the early 1900. Even the fabulous parent volunteers had a great time. It was a treat to have two husband-and-wife chaperones. Thanks to all of you! The kids made biscuits, churned butter, did laundry the old fashion way, constructed sodden crates, sewed pouches for the marble game, and made dolls from scrap. As far as the classroom learning, the students are learning about natural resources and conservation.



Reading: The students first book report was due October 30. It's thrilling to hear what books the students read. 3rd Grade is usually the first time they have completed a typed report. Our newest audio novel is Old Yeller. The students are learning about making predictions, identifying theme and summarizing.

Math: The 3rd graders just finished a chapter with graphs - bar graphs, picture graphs and line plots. All the students now know how to create a simple chart or graph on Google Sheets. The next chapter is multiplication. Start memorizing multiplication facts! The fourth graders just finished a chapter on multiple digit multiplication.

Science: We've been doing a lot of activities using Mystery Science this trimester. We love Doug!

Enrichment: All of the students have been looking forward to the hour long enrichment period once a week. The kids will rotate classes starting next week. Our class has the privilege of square dancing again with Mrs. Rosenquist.

Fifth and Sixth Grade

Math:

Fifth grade is in the middle of Chapter 3, Add and Subtract Decimals. This topic includes rounding and estimating with decimals as well as finding patterns in powers of 10 and decimals. Next up is Chapter 4, Multiply Decimals.

Sixth grade is just finishing up Chapter 3, Portions and Integers. They are learning to add and subtract positive and negative numbers, and learning about the concept of Absolute Value. Chapter 4 is next, which covers Variables and Ratios. We'll take our time on this challenging chapter.



We have started our study of Basic Structures of Organisms. We've learned about plant and animal cells, and next we will study how materials move through plants. Finally, we will focus on how cells get and use energy. We will start our cell models shortly, and they will serve as the Chapter 3 assessment. This is an in-class assignment, but your kiddos may ask you for a few items they can use for cell organelles (parts). The cell models will be due in two weeks.

We had a field trip down the Yuba River to view salmon on October 31st , and this fit perfectly into our unit on life science.

Language Arts



READ! READ! READ! That's what I'm saying! The class continues to spend lots of time with independent reading books. We are reading *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds as a class and loving it! We continue our #BOOKADAY program where we start every class with a picture book. Finally, we are learning to look for signposts in our reading like Contrast and Contradictions or Aha Moments! To help us really stop and think about what we are reading. Also, we are studying parts of speech as the building blocks of writing. Drowning in words, that's our goal!

Social Studies

We are reading about the development of agriculture and why it's such a huge development in human civilization. Can you tell your student why?





SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

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Math:

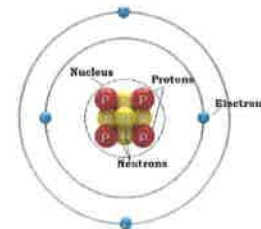
Seventh grade continues to review concepts for mastery. They will soon move into Chapter 3: Arithmetic Properties, in which they will learn more about expressions, terms, and order of operation. They will move into evaluating algebraic expressions, calculating integers, multiplicative inverses, reciprocals, and finally, fraction division. This is a lot to learn, so please make sure your student(s) are completing their daily homework.

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Eighth grade is beginning Chapter 4: Multiple Representations. Representations are the many ways we can display data. The students will look for growth patterns and connections and then begin to work on Patterns Webs. This is a short chapter, so they may move into Chapter 5: Systems of Equations.

Science:

The class is just starting Chapter 4: Understanding the Atom. They will learn about these basic units of matter, the parts of an atom, and how atoms of elements, isotopes, and ions differ.



The students got a little break from classroom science and recently spent a day learning about salmon, rivers, and much more in the great outdoors.

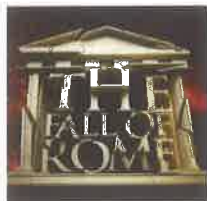
LANGUAGE ARTS

We continue to work on various aspects of our Food unit, culminating with speeches on a favorite family recipe. We've written food memoirs, restaurant reviews, and now a canned food drive. All food donated will stay in our community.



Remember that **Article of the Week** topics make for great dinnertime conversation!

Social Studies




We are discussing all the reasons for the fall of Rome and the rise of Christianity. From here, we will move on to the rise of the Byzantine Empire and Islam.



Thanksgiving Feast

Our annual school-wide Thanksgiving Feast is planned for Tuesday, November 20th, 2018. This is an annual Parents' Club tradition where the students all sit down together and eat a home-cooked meal in the cafeteria. In order to make this event successful again, we need your help. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would be willing to donate any of the following.

- _____ Donate a turkey (cooked and delivered to the school by 10:00 AM)
- _____ Donate 5-10 pounds of potatoes – They will be cooked here at school
- _____ Donate Can of Olives
- _____ Donate Box of Stove Top Stuffing
- _____ Donate bag of rolls
- _____ Donate pumpkin pie, apple pie or cookies 
- _____ Kitchen help?

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Questions: Contact the school office at 389-8283.

The First/Second graders will be presenting "The First Thanksgiving" starting at 10:45 A.M.

This is a minimum day. All students will be dismissed at noon. Students will return to school on Monday, November 26th.