



Bear Tracks

Alta-Dutch Flat School District

Hello Alta-Dutch Flat Families--

We have had a great start to the school year! After only 3 weeks, the students are working diligently at their studies and teachers are enthusiastic about the overall kindness and positive cultural that has been demonstrated.

The classrooms have had many enhancements made to start the school year. Classroom voice projection systems have been a hit for students and teachers. Having surround sound and equal access for all students has been helpful with classroom instruction and management. Each student now has a Chromebook assigned to them. This 1:1 Chromebook approach has worked in creating a learning environment that can accommodate individual learning and differentiated instruction for our students. Much work was done during the summer to get our school ready. Mr. Sutton and his team beautified our campus and added new carpet, flexible seating, and collaborative desks in the classrooms. An upgrade within our IT network created additional capacity and access for all students at any given time.

With such a great start to the school year, I would like to recognize the teachers for their steadfast commitment to our students. The teachers attended a 2 day workshop retreat during the summer where we planned out the school year and have started with a synergy that makes Alta-Dutch Flat School a special place for families and students.

We have many fun opportunities for our students this school year. With weekly enrichment opportunities in coding, Spanish, cooking, and other fun skills, this year will be a growing experience for all.

Please come by the office and say hello when you can. We are fortunate at our school to have sincere relationships with parents, students, staff, and the community. You are welcome anytime and I will look forward to seeing you soon.

All the best to you,

Michael Wells

September 2018



Parents' Club News

Hi ADFS families –

Parents' Club will be meeting the first Thursday of every month. Our first meeting will be **Thursday September 6th** after school in the staff room. Child care is provided free of charge by cub club! A special thank you to Maridee for looking after the kids.

Parents club has two new monthly fundraisers this year. And we need your help! There will be sign up posters at the school on the bulletin board right outside of the school office.

♻️♻️ALTA RECYCLING SHED♻️♻️

We have taken over the recycling shed from the Girl Scouts. The funds raised will go to our Parents' club general fund. If you'd like to know more about what our general funds are used for I'd be happy to give you the information. We are looking for 1-2 families each month to sort the recycling and take it in to collect the money. If you're interested in helping please contact me and I will give you more information! A special thank you to the parents who have helped with the recycling so far. And who have signed up.

SEPTEMBER- *Marissa McSorley*

OCTOBER- *Kara Rawlins*

MONTHLY BAKE SALE

This year we will be doing a monthly bake sale. All of the bake sales will be held on the last Friday of every month after school, except for February's will be on Valentine's Day, and we won't have one in December. We will need donations of baked goods and a volunteer or two to help after school at the table. Please specify on the sign-up sheet if you'd like to bake or help with the table and which month(s) you'd like to volunteer for. September bake sale will be on Friday September 28th after school in the quad area. If you're interested in helping you can contact me or sign up at the school. Thank you!

Victoria Best

Parents Club President 530-368-3737



Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

This year we are focusing on having students be present with their parent at their conference time. It's a team approach to student learning. Notices will be coming out soon with your conference time. We will have minimum days on Monday, October 1st, Tuesday, October 2nd and Wednesday, October 3rd with noon dismissal. Teachers will be sending home a questionnaire about your goals for your child this year. Please complete and bring with you to the conference. Child care for siblings will be available at no charge during your conference time. Our goal is to meet with every parent/student together!

Activities



Cross Country Team – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday mornings 7:30 – 8:15 A.M.



7th/8th Leadership – Wednesdays after school 2:30 – 3:30 P.M.



Chess Club – Thursdays after school 2:30 – 3:45 P.M. for 4th-8th grade students



Art Club – Fridays after school 2:30 – 3:45 for 4th-8th grade students

Reminders

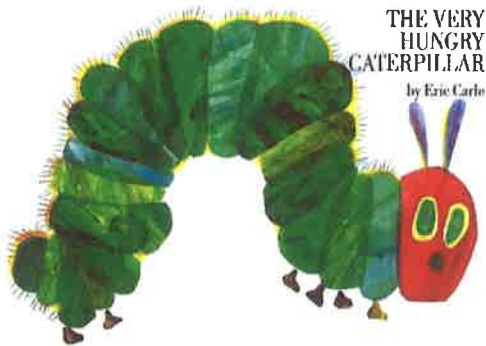
- There will be no school on Monday, September 3rd due to Labor Day Holiday.
- There will be no school on Tuesday, September 18th due to all faculty/staff attending a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) workshop in Rocklin.



Kindergarten with Mrs. Sibley

"S" is for Sunsets

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle is one of our favorite books. The kindergarteners painted pretty paper and cut out shapes to create sunsets in the likeness of Eric Carle's illustrative techniques.



Readers, Readers, Readers

Now that kindergarten has ventured through the entire alphabet working on letter names and how to write both the upper and lower case letters to form, we will begin to incorporate a letter a week by its sound. We will hunt for words that begin with the letter and continue handwriting practice. Our first letters are **m**, **a**, **t**, **p**, **s**, and **c**. These letters will begin to form words. Sight words are also being introduced: **I**, **see**, **like**, **we**, and **the** and **to**. Thus the new world of reading begins.

Sight Words



Math - Numbers to Five



Kindergarten has weekly homework which goes home on Mondays and needs to be returned by Fridays.

Library - Wednesdays are our library day where we get to visit with Librarian Gunda, listen to a story and check out a book to use in the classroom.

Music - Our music program with docent Mrs. Roland will be once a month and starting next month.



Mrs. Fejes' First and Second Grade

Language Arts:

1st grade-Back to School/What is a Pal?

Short *a*, Consonants *s*, *n*, *d*, *p* and *f* Nouns for People, Animals, Places, and Things, Writing About Us

2nd grade-Back to School/Henry and Mudge

Short *a* and *i*, Subjects and Predicates, CVC Syllable Pattern, Alphabetical Order, Connecting to Writing

Math: (First Grade)

Adding to 10

Showing different ways to make a number

Modeling adding/joining/putting together

Solving word problems by drawing and reasoning

Math: (Second Grade)

Even and Odd Numbers

Counting by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's

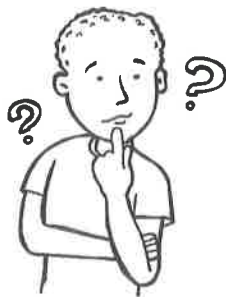
Writing two-digit numbers

Using place value

Other activities this month:

Clouds, Being a good citizen and Vibrations

I WONDER.....



If plants are real? *Albion*

If a Mosasaurs can grow? *Grayson*

What is an abyss? *Jagger*

How our muscles work and how car seats lock? *Peyton*

How do wires work? *Hadley*

If unicorns are real and how do people make markers? *Amaya*

If tooth fairies are real? *Carter*

How the power works in Alta? *Jetton*



Why hornets venom is so deadly? *Jacob*

How many layers does the earth have? *Kloey*

How is a school made? *Taylor*

How the first tractor got invented? *Victor*

How trees make sap? *Kiah*

How rainbows appear in the sky? *Madelynn*

Are Megatons still alive? *Shane*

How people fly on a kite? *Emily*

How many bones did a Stegosaurus have? *Sailor*

How do birds fly? *Patrick*

If there is wildlife on Mars? *Tristan*

What are aliens? *Cody*

How can you ride a bull? *Troyken*

What tools Native Americans use? *Wyatt*

How bees dig? *Noe*

How do butterflies fly? *Karly*

Are dinosaurs still alive? *Dylan*

How did dinosaurs become extinct? *Dawson*

How are pennies made? *Aiyanna*

What it is like in Eygpt? *Sawyer*



I WONDER.....

Third/Fourth Grade with Ms. D'Elia

The 3rd and 4th graders have started the year with an amazing start! 3rd graders are adjusting to a new teacher with a classroom full of new things, while the 4th graders are leading by example in all areas. Please come take a peek in our room because we have colorful and fun flexible seating, new chromebooks and a teacher surround system. Flexible seating is probably the biggest change. Each student signed a contract concerning appropriate use of the yoga balls, wobbly seats and stools. All of the kids are implementing new routines with ease.



One of our routines is daily journal writing in the morning. The journal entries allow me to learn about each student. They get a chance to reflect and practice writing skills.

We have jumped into science and have done two fun activities already. One was based on creating a hat given limited supplies so it would protect against the sun and wind. Another activity we did involved the way rivers flow.

We just started the novel *Charlotte's Web*. The students will practice vocabulary, learn about dialog, and write about the themes of the novel.



A focus this year in math is problem solving. The students have persevered through using the 7 tangram puzzle pieces to make different objects such as a swan or a bear. Each day the students get better and better. Both groups finished their first chapter in Math. They learned about different types quadrilaterals, including trapezoids and rhombuses and how to classify triangles by their angles and sides. This chapter focuses on adding larger numbers, place value, rounding.

UPCOMING EVENTS: FRI, OCTOBER 19 FIELD TRIP TO BERNHARDT MUSEUM

This field trip requires a lot of parent involvement! I need to know early if you are able to chaperone because all attendees dress in period clothing. Imagine the clothing from Little House in the Prairie. Two parents are in charge of a station, so there are 10 minute training videos online. It's a fabulous Living History field trip! Mark it on your calendar and take care of any chaperone requirements.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES WITH MRS. ZENTNER AND MRS. BROWN

MATH: Fifth graders are starting their year off with place value, multiplication and expressions. Students are using what they learned in Mrs. D'Elia's class and building on it. They are learning more about place value by using powers of ten (exponents). They are reviewing and practicing "long" multiplication with problems of three digits times one digit. Finally, they are learning how to use expressions to represent and illustrate problems they are working on. Ask your student to tell you the difference between an expression and an equation.

Sixth graders began learning "The CPM Way", which involves students working in teams and taking on different roles in the team as they collaborate (and sometimes disagree) in order to solve complex problems. They are already finishing up Chapter 1: Introduction to the Course and Representation. Representation involves student working on finding the best way to display data. Dot plot? Histogram? Line graph? Throughout the course, students will continue to learn new ways to display, or represent, data.

SCIENCE: Both grades are learning science together. Our class will be taking part in activities and projects as we begin to embrace the Next Generation Science Standards. The students are definitely on board with that! We've started the year with Matter: what it is, what the three types of matter are, physical and chemical properties of matter, the Law of Conservation of Matter, and more. Simple in-class activities support and extend on what's in the science text.

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LANGUAGE ARTS: Whew! We've been off to a busy start in Language Arts. Currently we are reviewing book genres and literary elements. Each student has been challenged to read 40 books this year! Please check with your student about what they are reading. Some questions to ask:

- Why did you choose that book?
- Is the main character like you in any way?
- What is the conflict of the story?
- What are you reading next?

SOCIAL STUDIES: We have a brand new social studies book this year! I'm excited to watch the students learn in this innovative way as we move to a more multi-disciplinary approach to teaching. First stop this year is Mesopotamia and the Tigris-Euphrates River Valley and the "Cradle of Civilization." There may be singing...



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

JUNIOR HIGH WITH MRS. BROWN AND MRS. SIBLEY

What will you learn?

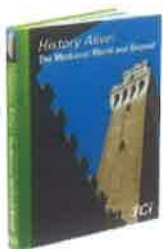
Junior High has been challenged by me, Mrs. Sibley, who hiked 40 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail over the summer, to "get off the couch," "turn off the screen" and learn something new. Our passions in life drive our success, career paths and choices. For students to discover what they are truly passionate about they need to try as many things as possible, explore interests, and even fail to succeed. Wouldn't it be amazing if your child grew up to work in a field that they were passionate about. Here is where they have decided to get started. I sense a talent show in our future.

Mrs. Sibley - walk 40m on a slackline	Cooper - card shooting
Izzy - solemn water ski	Trinity - Cup dice stacking
DeAndre - magic trick	Kaden - magic trick
Peyton - bake and share a three layer cake	Jeremiah - 100 claps in less than 30 seconds
Richard - water sledding	Nathan - slackline skill
Noah - card magic	Arthur - magic trick
Jacob - night hiking	Jade - Card throwing trick
Shawn - clapping faster and a magic trick	Marty - Mountain climb
Bella - blowing the biggest bubble	Drake - truck restoration
Serena - shoot the "Robin Hood Arrow" shot	Kaylup - skydiving
Carter - strum a guitar tune	Elise - song in American Sign Language
Maddie - learn to play "Faded" on the piano	Kaylie - spinning poi

Math - All seventh and eighth grade students are assigned NIGHTLY homework.

Language Arts: HANDS DOWN...the best start ever!

We've had a great start to our year with our theme of "Be Kind." Students created models of hands and then wrote about various support and influences in their lives. Poignant and touching, students shared their insight with classmates who listened with respect and empathy.



SOCIAL STUDIES: WORLD HISTORY

We have a brand new Social Studies program that we've adopted this year. Have a look through the new textbooks when they travel home with your student. The program has many projects with it and is rich in multidisciplinary studies. We begin our year with medieval Europe and move throughout the world from here.

Alta-Dutch Flat School Lunch Menu



September 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>*Menu subject to change</i>	\$2.75 for lunch Milk 50 cents if purchased separately			
3 Labor Day Holiday No School	4 Pizza Salad Apple Milk	5 Pasta w/Meat Sauce Baby Carrots/Celery Mixed Fruit Milk	6 Bean & Cheese Burrito Tortilla Chips Salsa Orange Milk	7 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Frozen Blueberries Milk
10 Orange Chicken Rice Bowl Applesauce Milk	11 Sausage Breakfast Pizza Salad Mixed Fruit Milk	12 Penne Pasta w/Meatballs Green Beans Sliced Pears Milk	13 BBQ Rib Sandwich Baked Beans Carrots Apple Milk	14 Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Watermelon Cup Milk
17 Hot Dog Baked Beans Celery Sticks Applesauce Milk	18 Cheese Pizza Salad Apple Milk	19 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Potato Crinkles Sliced Peaches Biscuit Milk	20 Chicken Taco Black Beans Salsa Sliced Pears Milk	21 Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Sliced Pears Milk
24 Orange Chicken Rice Bowl Applesauce Milk	25 Pizza Salad Mixed Fruit Milk	26 Penne Pasta w/Meatballs Green Beans Sliced Pears Milk	27 Bean & Cheese Burrito Corn Apple Milk	28 Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Peas Orange Milk

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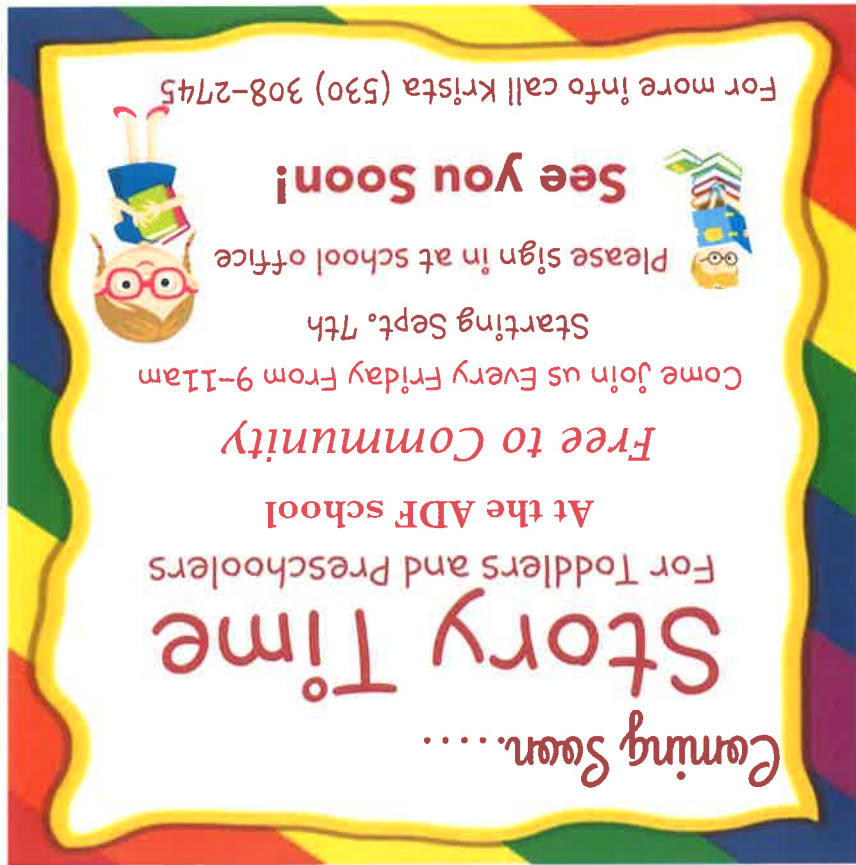
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