



# ADRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 NEWSLETTER

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## High School Principal's Report

Unbelievable, we have already reached the Holiday Season! The football and volleyball teams have turned in their gear, basketball is in full swing; and, most importantly, the first semester is coming to a close. In the August Newsletter I greeted and addressed the individual classes. The seniors were encouraged to stay the course and finish the job. As the semester draws to an end, I would like to encourage all students to not get distracted by the bustle of activity and the lure of the impending break; but, to focus on the task at hand and finish the semester strong. The following passage is taken from Chuck Swindoll's book, *Growing Stronger In The Seasons Of Life*, and I hope that both parents and students find it an encouragement.

Ignace Jan Paderewski, the famous Polish composer-pianist and statesman, was once scheduled to perform at a great concert hall in America. It was a black-tie affair, a high society extravaganza. Present in the audience that evening was a woman who had brought her nine-year-old son, hoping that he would be encouraged to practice the piano if he could just hear the great Paderewski at the keyboard.

Weary of waiting for the concert to begin, and being there against his wishes anyway, the lad squirmed restlessly in his seat. Then, as his mother turned to talk with friends, the boy slipped out of his seat and down the aisle, strangely drawn by the ebony concert grand Steinway and its leather tufted stool sitting majestic and alone at the center of the huge stage. He sat down on the tufted leather stool, placed his small hands on the black-and-white keys, and began to play "Chop Sticks." Suddenly the crowd hushed, and hundreds of frowning faces turned in his direction. Irritated and embarrassed, some began to shout:

"Hey, get that boy away from there!"

"Where is his mother?"

"Somebody stop him!"

Backstage, Paderewski heard the uproar and the sound of the simple tune. When he saw what was happening, he hurried onto the stage. Without a word to the audience, he walked up behind the lad, reached his arms around either side of him, and began to improvise a counter-melody. As the two made music together, the master pianist kept whispering in the boy's ear:

"Keep going. Don't quit, son. Keep on playing . . . don't

stop . . . don't quit."

So students, the faculty and staff at Adrian High School want you to know that we are here to help, but you must do your part: "Keep going. Don't quit. Keep on working . . . don't stop . . . don't quit."

Parents, reach around your child and whisper in their ear those same words. When December 21st arrives, enjoy the break, enjoy the holidays, and have a Merry Christmas!

Kevin Purnell

High School Principal

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to our Middle School Bingo Night. We sincerely appreciate the donations and support you gave us.

*Adrian Middle School Staff and Students*



## CPR CLASS

Friday,

December 14, 2007

8:00 a.m.

Adrian School Cafeteria

Cost: \$20

Please RSVP by calling

Paige Branstiter

at 372-2059

# Students of the Month

The following students were chosen as Student of the Month for the month of November - Kindergarten: Caleb Reinhart, "Super Speller" and Martina Ramirez, "Perfectly Polite"; First Grade: Thomas Findling, "Showing Kindness to Everyone"; Second Grade: Eduardo Munoz, "Outstanding Citizenship Award"; Third Grade: Haylee Richardson & Laura Mazac, "Conscientious Student Giving Maximum Effort in All Subject Areas"; Fourth Grade: Mike Griffin & Marco Munoz, "Friendly to Everyone"; Fifth Grade: Quincy Pendergrass, "Outstanding Student"; Sixth Grade: Sam Alwes, "Reading Ahead and Being Prepared in Science"; Seventh Grade: Kurtis Nielson, "High Marks in Science"; Eighth Grade: Janeth Santiago.

Congratulations to all Students of the Month!



## Christmas gift idea from the library!



Gift certificates are now available for the Scholastic Book Fair being held January 24 and 25. Stop by the library to buy certificates in any amount, then give them as Christmas presents to the students you are encouraging to read. Students can take the certificates to the book fair in January and spend them like cash.

More information about the book fair is available at [http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/adrian\\_school\\_library](http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/adrian_school_library)

Let us know if you would be interested in helping with the book fair. Volunteers are needed for advertising, setting up book displays, providing assistance and taking money during the fair, and packing up the books when the fair is over.

# Cafeteria Scoop

What a neat month we just had. The weather was "nice", we had fun at the Middle School Bingo night, what a success that was! The Middle school Cheerleaders put on the Annual Christmas Bazaar. That was very well attended. The Cheerleaders, and the Band did a super job with their Taco Dinner. Lots of good stuff to eat, and was served with a smile, and was very tasty. Good job kids! There were 14 booths this year, and everyone said what a good time they had. Thanks for attending.

Well the Ho Ho Ho month is upon us. So many activities to attend, presents to wrap, decorations to put up, lights, and holiday trees. There will be concerts to see, and I know there are some middle school girls playing basketball, as well as the high school teams getting started with their games. No body can say they are bored!!

Once again I want to thank all who donated veggies to us to use in the cafeteria. They were all very much appreciated.

I want to offer my sincere congratulations to the volleyball team, and the football team on making it to the state playoffs. What a way to represent the town and the school. We have such good sportsmanship, and we always get told that. Way to go students, and coaches. The girls came home with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy.

The staff in the cafeteria hopes you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and a very happy Christmas Holiday.

As always, you are welcome to drop in and have lunch, or breakfast with the students. They love company!

Till next YEAR!! Golly, 2008!!

Jan Sillonis and Staff

## From the Principal's Office

Middle School girls basketball is doing great. The athletes are having fun. The roof and outside walls are looking great on the new building.

Each Monday morning there is a K-5 assembly for the students. Awards for student of the month, Accelerated Reader awards and birthdays are recognized along with special awards given by teachers and the community. Student of the month awards are also given once a month to the middle school-age students. I appreciate the support our students give to each other during these times of celebrating each others success. Some of the students in our school supported Veterans Day by writing to other children who have parents that are away serving our country. This is the type of student from our community.

Bingo night was a big success due to the wonderful support from the community and the hard work from the staff, parents and kids. This is the season for thanks. I am thankful for the students, their parents, the community and terrific staff I have to work with. Thank you for your support,

William H. Ellsworth  
K-8 Principal

# Adrian High School 2007-2008 Basketball Schedule

Home	Date	Opponent	JV Girl	JV Boy	Varsity
Home	11/27 Tuesday	Notus boys only		6:00	7:30
Home	11/30 & 12/1	Tip Off Tournament			2:00 & 3:30
		Tip Off Tournament			5:00 & 6:30
	12/3 Monday	@ Greenleaf boys only		5:30	7:00
	12/3 Monday	@ Ontario Girls only	5:00		6:30
	12/7 & 12/8	@ Cove Varsity Tournament			4:00 & 5:30
	12/11 Tuesday	@ Harper		5:00 (1/2)	6:00 & 7:30
	12/14 Friday	@ Jordan Valley	3:00	4:30	6:00 & 7:30
Home	12/15 Saturday	Crane	2:00	3:30	5:00 & 6:30
	12/17 Monday	@ Notus boys only		6:00	7:30
	12/20 Thursday	@ Greenleaf Girls Only	3:00		4:30
	12/21 Friday	@ Pine Eagle	3:00	4:30	6:00 & 7:30
Home	1/3 Thursday	Pine Eagle	4:00	5:30	7:00 & 8:30
Home	1/4 Friday	Mitchell		5:00 (1/2)	6:00 & 7:30
Home	1/5 Saturday	Spray	12:00	1:30	3:00 & 4:30
Home	1/8 Tuesday	Harper		4:00 (1/2)	5:00 & 6:30
	1/11 Friday	@ Burnt River			7:00 & 8:30
Home	1/14 Monday	Huntington	3:30 (1/2)	4:30	6:00 & 7:30
	1/18 Friday	@ Prairie City	4:00	5:30	7:00 & 8:30
	1/19 Saturday	@ Monument/Dayville	12:30 (1/2)	1:30 (1/2)	2:30 & 4:00
Home	1/22 Tuesday	Ontario JV & JV2 girls only	5:00		6:30
Home	1/25 Friday	Jordan Valley	4:00	5:30	7:00 & 8:30
	1/26 Saturday	@ Crane	2:00	3:30	5:00 & 6:30
	2/1 Friday	@ Huntington	4:30 (1/2)	5:30	7:00 & 8:30
	2/2 Saturday	@ Ukiah	2:00	3:30	5:00 & 6:30
Home	2/5 Tuesday	Burnt River			6:00 & 7:30
	2/8 & 2/9	@ Dufur & Crow girls only	TBA		TBA
	2/13-2/16	District @ John Day			TBA
	2/19 - 2/23	1st & 2nd Round State			TBA
	2/27 - 3/1	State @ Baker			TBA

Schedule Subject to Change

## Adrian High School 2007 Wrestling Schedule

December 7th and 8th at Nyssa  
December 15th at Baker

## Adrian Middle School 2007-2008 Basketball Schedule

<b>Hom</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<b>Home</b>	<b>10/30 Tuesday</b>	<b>Notus</b>	<b>5:00</b>	
	11/1 Thursday	@ Horseshoe Bend	4:00	
	11/6 Tuesday	@ Greenleaf	3:30	
<b>Home</b>	<b>11/8 Thursday</b>	<b>Garden Valley</b>	<b>5:00</b>	
<b>Home</b>	<b>11/13 Tuesday</b>	<b>Foundations</b>	<b>5:00</b>	
	11/14 Wed	@ Liberty	3:30	
<b>Home</b>	<b>11/20 Tuesday</b>	<b>Wilder</b>	<b>5:00</b>	
<b>Home</b>	<b>11/27 Tuesday</b>	<b>Rimrock</b>	<b>3:00</b>	
<b>Home</b>	<b>11/29 Thursday</b>	<b>Idaho City</b>	<b>5:00</b>	
	12/5 & 12/8	MS Girls Tournament	TBA	
<b>Home</b>	<b>1/29 Tuesday</b>	<b>Greenleaf</b>		<b>5:00</b>
	1/31 Thursday	@ Garden Valley		3:30
	2/4 Monday	@ Compass		4:00
<b>Home</b>	<b>2/5 Tuesday</b>	<b>Foundations</b>		<b>5:00</b>
<b>Home</b>	<b>2/7 Thursday</b>	<b>Liberty</b>		<b>3:00</b>
	2/12 Tuesday	@ Wilder		3:30
	2/19 Tuesday	@ Idaho City		3:30
	2/21 Thursday	@ Notus		3:30
	2/25 Monday	@ Rimrock		3:30
<b>Home</b>	<b>2/26 Tuesday</b>	<b>Horseshoe Bend</b>		<b>5:00</b>
	3/3 & 3/4	MS Boys Tournament		TBA

All times are Mountain Standard Time

Schedule Subject to Change



## My Perspectives

Watching SportsCenter one evening, my four-year-old Jacob positioned himself upon my lap and asked me to read “The True Story of the Three Little Pigs”—the wolf’s side of the story.

Interrupting my sports moment is not the wisest decision a child can make – but he is only four. The book is the real story of occurring events of the traditional story-as seen from the wolf’s perspective. The story was very humorous and creatively written, causing even a grumpy old man to chuckle.

Speaking of perspectives, I have visited several teachers for (unofficial) observations during my internship. The experiences have been enlightening as I view the various teaching methods, strategies, and activities these professionals utilize in their classrooms.

Another perspective I have accumulated is the quality of students at Adrian High. I had several students attend the RSD school day on November 9, spending hours working on school projects and assignments. Although the majority of our student body was participating at state athletics, my classroom was busy with young men and women committed to their academics. I appreciate their work habits and taking advantage of the opportunity available to them – a view of “nobody will be there, I will take the day off” could have been the mentality. These students worked hard and diligent – a reflection of character.

I watch very little television, sports and court/investigative shows occasionally get my attention. I may need to hire an investigative team to locate my Apple computer as it appears to have been taken hostage by students. Maurus Hope and Kevin Fillis are learning the imovie program and putting the finishing touches on a Yellowstone Advanced Biology presentation for the school board. Kyle Rogers, Blake Ishida, McKenzie Purnell, and Lies Thys are all working on a web presentation for football and volleyball. Hopefully the students will have their work available for viewing on the web prior to winter sports.

Freshmen tech students are busy with CIS (Career Information System) research and developing a spokesperson presentation of their career choice. Movie directors and producers are also surfacing with their video presentations. They have been a fantastic group to teach; energetic, humorous, and academically inclined. I have really enjoyed my semester with this great bunch! I will be burning a DVD of all the video presentations for each student – have a laugh with your child.



Photography students have posted their Photo Album 3 online and are now working toward their Showcase Album. Once again, photo students had the opportunity to learn from a professional as **Jean Mazac** spent an afternoon teaching portrait and

candid photography. I thank her for sharing her knowledge and experience. Students practiced her techniques as she gave additional hints and comments. Thank you Jean! On another note, **JeTaime Findling** received notification judges have selected another one of her photos for publication—congratulations Taime.

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Speaking of sports, congratulations to the Lady ‘Lopes! Ladies—we are proud of you! Thanks to **Bob Radford**, **Kat Sillonis**, and **Angie Sillonis** for continually supporting our school and capturing those great photo shots—I know the newspapers of the area also appreciate the submissions and have personally commented how impressed they are of the quality of photos I submit. They really enhance our yearbook and web page too. If any parent is in need of some homecoming photos, contact me—I have a portfolio full of great shots—thanks photographers.

May you have a happy and safe Holiday season. Mr. J



Milk served with every meal.

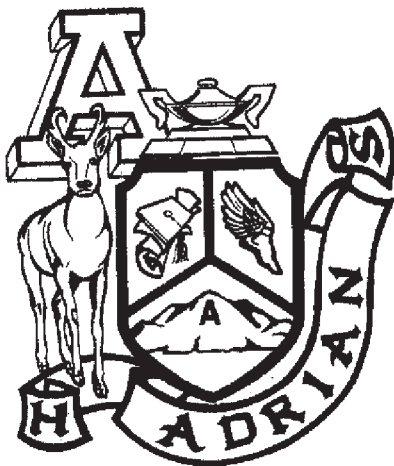
# December Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <b>Waffles</b> Mac & Cheese Veggie Fruit Birthday Cake	4 <b>Eggs</b> Tacos Rice & Beans Fruit Cookie	5 <b>Muffins</b> Spaghetti Salad Fruit French Bread	6 <b>Hash Browns</b> Beef Nachos Salad Fruit Cobbler	7 <b>RSD Day</b>	8
9	10 <b>Pancakes</b> Corn Dogs Fries Fruit No Bakes	11 <b>Biscuits &amp; Gravy</b> Chili & Cheese Salad Fruit Cinnamon Rolls	12 <b>Sausage</b> Pizza Rolls Salad Fruit Cookie	13 <b>Pizza Roll</b> Fajitas Rice & Beans Fruit Cookie	14 <b>No School</b>	15
16	17 <b>Sausage</b> Ham & Cheese Yum Yum Salad, Fruit Cookie	18 <b>H&amp;C Yum Yum</b> Roast Turkey Potatoes, Gravy Hot Roll Pumpkin Pie	19 <b>Waffles</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fruit, Brownie	20 <b>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</b> Sack Lunch (1/2 Day)	21 <b>No School</b>	22
23	24 	25 	26 <i>No School Winter Break</i>	27	28	29
30	31 					

# Schedule of Events

November 29.....	FFA Open House, 7:00 p.m.in the Ag Shop
December 4.....	Fall Sports Awards Night, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
December 9 .....	Community Tree Lighting, 5:00 p.m., 'Downtown' Adrian
December 13.....	Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Library
December 14.....	CPR Class, 8:00 a.m., Cafeteria (RSVP to Paige @ 372-2059)
December 18.....	Christmas Concerts, K-5, 2:00 p.m., Gym MS/HS, 7:00 p.m., Gym
December 20.....	1/2 Day - Winter Break Begins!
January 2, 2008.....	School Resumes

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