

ADRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 NEWSLETTER

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Superintendents Message

Our students here at the Adrian School continue to be an impressive group of young citizens. They are complemented regularly for their conduct, sportsmanship, and respect for others, self-discipline and for having a strong work ethic.

I am amazed at how well they 'get along' with each other. A group of our students gave a presentation to our School Board at the meeting on November 13th. Essentially, it was a student led response to their Advanced Biology field trip to Yellowstone. What a great job!!!

Pam Myers, the instructor, is to be complemented for organizing such a meaningful educational experience for the students. Thanks, Pam!

We have a great staff here at Adrian. I want to wish all of them a Happy Thanksgiving. It all adds up to a great environment for kids.

Winter sports have started. We all enjoy having our community support us. Thanks!!

Yours,
Gene Mills

What's happening in the library?

- * Elementary students (with their parents and grandparents) are keeping track of the time they spend reading in the hope of winning a college scholarship through the Reading Is an Investment program.
- * Several high school students have been reading the Twilight series by Stephenie Meyer as preparation for viewing the movie version.
- * Story Hour for pre-school children is held each Tuesday between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. Fifty-two children, siblings, parents and grandparents have attended at least one session this year.
- * Middle school students interested in participating in the Oregon Battle of the Books have started reading books and attending noon-hour practices.
- * Third through fifth grade students are learning about the books for their battles during library classes. They will have additional practice sessions on Further Fridays.
- * Many students are achieving new Accelerated Reader reading levels each week. Look at the bulletin board

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See's CANDIES[®]

International Club Fundraiser

The International Club at Adrian High School is selling See's Candy to help with costs for our International Night in the spring.

The fundraiser started November 14, and will run through December 3.

Call the office at the High School for more information, 372-2335

The K-8 Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences were a success with over 90% of the parents showing up for conferences in the Elementary and a good attendance at the Middle School. Many of the parents that don't make it to conference get in contact with the teachers before or after the time allotted. The kids have great support from their parents.

The Halloween Carnival, put on by the PTO, was a fun time for all. The teachers and their classes along with parents supported the event. The Halloween parade later in the week was fun to watch as the students paraded out the back door of the school and walked around to the front door. The Middle School and High School along with parents clapped and cheered for each child.

A few of our teachers went to a Math Caravan to find materials that will support new standards set forth by the state. They went over state approved Text that will be needed for adoption next year. I have been doing evaluations of teachers the last couple of months. They continue to improve each year. Besides doing an official evaluation I drop in periodically unannounced. We have great teachers. The first Middle School Dance this year has been reported as a success. The New Reader Board has been great announcing our events to the community.

Thank you for your support to our school.

William H. Ellsworth
K-8 Principal

Leadership Class

The leadership class had a great trip to Seaside for our annual Oregon Association of Student Councils fall convention. We heard two dynamic speakers and learned how to turn obstacles into opportunities. In addition, two of our own students ran for OASC positions. Sammy Bowns was elected Eastern Oregon Representative and Katie Bowns was elected "At Large Representative". Congratulations girls and great job!

Congratulations are also in order for Lilie Villarreal, who won the title of Miss Winter Wonderland for the upcoming Ontario Chamber of Commerce Winter Wonderland parade. Way to go, Lilie!



Notes from the Music Department

Our Christmas Concerts are fast approaching! Make room on the calendar for Monday, Dec. 15th. The K-5 program is at 2 p.m. followed by the Middle School/High School Concert in the evening at 7 p.m. For a great start to the Christmas season, come and hear our talented students perform wonderful music!

4-H meeting

The Adrian Livestock Club will meet December 1 in the cafeteria. For more information, including time, contact Elisa Pendergrass at 541-339-4521.

Apology

Alysha Sifuentes was inadvertently left off the list of students receiving High Honors for grades in the November newsletter. We apologize Alysha, and Good Job!

Library continued

displays showing student names on books in bookcases to see what level your student has reached (Ready, Independent, Rising, Super, SuperDuper, Advanced, Star, or Classic).

- * The display case nearest the office currently houses music boxes and "matching" books. Let us know if you have a collection you would be willing to have displayed in the locked cabinet to help us highlight some library books.
- * A Scholastic Book Fair will again be held in the library the last week in January. Gift certificates can be purchased at the library any time in December so that book fair books could be used as Christmas gifts.

Cafeteria Scoop

Hi to all! Here it is, are you ready for the month of December! Hard to believe, but it is here. I couldn't believe it when I got the email to get the newsletter submitted. Didn't we just do this?? I guess it is time to get into the holiday mood. Got your Holiday Shopping done yet?? Better hurry!

This is the season for all kinds of activities. There is really something for everyone. Sports, music, parties. All can keep you as busy as you want to be. Come and support our students.

As I write this, we are getting ready for the Holiday Bazaar. The cafeteria staff always has bread to sell. This makes it nice for the holiday, get your dinner and cinnamon rolls to serve all your guests. I want to thank you all for your support.

Finally, I want to extend my thanks to all the people who donated veggies and fruit to us from your gardens. This makes it so nice, our salad bar is so full! Thank you all once again.

Still looking for substitutes for the dishwasher. By the way, the dishwasher also prepares the salad bar too. Somebody said they didn't know this. If you are interested, please come see me and go fill out an application with Darla in the HS Office. I am finding out we need more than one or two people who would like to sub. So if you are at least curious, please come see me.

So till next month,
Jan Sillonis and Staff

Students of the Month

The following students have been named Student of the Month for the month of November: Kindergarten - Elizabeth Morford, "Accelerated Learner", and Tristan Bowen, "Enthusiastic Learner"; First Grade - Genaro Robles, "Being a Determined Student"; and Jacob Sumpter, "Being Kind and Courteous"; Second Grade - Shaylinda Griffin, "Outstanding Artist"; Third Grade - Maricruz Robles, Emily Case and Daniel Price, "Superior Effort in AR Reading"; Fourth Grade - Kyle Cindell and Alexis Thompson, "Creative Thinker"; Fifth Grade - David Jamison-Kreiter, "Outstanding Effort in Reading"; Seventh Grade - Ronnie DeLaRosa; Eighth Grade - JJ Maxwell. Congratulations to all Students of the Month!



Felices Fiestas

Adrian High School 2008-2009 Basketball Schedule

Home	Date	Opponent	JV Girl	JV Boy	Varsity
	12/2 Tuesday	@ Greenleaf boys only		6:00	7:30
Home	12/5 & 12/6	Tip Off Tournament	5:00 Fri S		2:00 & 3:30 5:00 & 6:30
	12/8 Monday	@ Notus boys only		6:00	7:30
Home	12/12 Friday	Prairie City	3:00	4:30	6:00 & 7:30
Home	12/13 Saturday	Monument/Dayville		3:30	5:00 & 6:30
	12/16 Tuesday	@ Huntington			6:00 & 7:30
	12/19th-20th	@ Crane Tourn. Girls only			
	12/19th-20th	@ Nyssa Tourn. Boys only		3:00	6:00
	1/3 Saturday	@ Marsing Girls only	2:00		3:30
Home	1/8 Thursday	Burnt River			6:00 & 7:30
Home	1/9 Friday	Jordan Valley	4:00	5:30	7:00 & 8:30
Home	1/10 Saturday	Imbler	1:00	2:30	4:00 & 5:30
Home	1/12 Monday	Notus Boys only		6:00	7:30
	1/16 Friday	@ Spray			
	1/17 Saturday	@ Mitchell			1:00 & 2:30
Home	1/20 Tuesday	Marsing Girls only	5:30		7:00
	1/23 Friday	@ Harper	4:00	5:30	7:00 & 8:30
Home	1/24 Saturday	Crane	2:00	3:30	5:00 & 6:30
Home	1/29 Thursday	Huntington			6:00 & 7:30
	1/30 Friday	@ Dufur Girls only	TBD		TBD
	1/31 Saturday	Girls only away TBD	TBD		TBD
Home	2/3 Tuesday	Greenleaf Girls only	6:00		7:30
	2/5 Thursday	@ Jordan Valley	4:00	5:30	7:00 & 8:30
Home	2/6 Friday	Ukiah			6:00 & 7:30
Home	2/7 Saturday	Long Creek (No Var Girls)	12:30	2:00	3:30
	2/12 Thursday	@ Crane	4:00	5:30	7:00 & 8:30
	2/13 Friday	@ Burnt River			6:00 & 7:30
Home	2/14 Saturday	Harper	2:00	3:30	5:00 & 6:30
	2/18-2/21	District @ John Day			TBA
	2/24 - 2/28	1st 2nd Round State			TBA
	3/4-3/7	State @ Baker			TBA

Schedule Subject to Change

Adrian Middle School Girls 2008-2009 Basketball

Home	Date	Opponent	Girls	Boys
	10/28 Tuesday	@ Rimrock	3:30	
Home	10/30 Thursday	Liberty	5:00	
	11/4 Tuesday	@ Idaho City	3:30	
Home	11/6 Thursday	Garden Valley	5:00	
	11/11 Tuesday	@ Wilder	3:30	
	11/13 Thursday	@ Compass	3:30	
Home	11/18 Tuesday	Greenleaf	5:00	
Home	11/20 Thursday	Horseshoe Bend		3:30
	11/25 Tuesday	@ Notus	3:30	
Home	12/2 Tuesday	Foundations	5:00	
	12/8 & 12/9	Tournament	TBA	

A Community New Year's Eve Party

Ring in the new year as a community in a fun-filled night of games, music, and food!

What: A community alcohol- and tobacco-free New Year's Eve Party.

Where: Adrian High School

When: Wednesday, December 31, 2008 - Thursday, January 1, 2009.

Time: 7:00PM Wednesday night - 1:00AM Thursday morning.

Cost of admission: Youth and

adult - \$5 per person, kids 2 and under free; or \$15 for a family of four or more.

What to bring: Family, friends, and for you basketball lovers, gym clothes and shoes.

-Basketball in the gym!

-Food!

-Music!

-Board games!

-Socializing!

-Video games!

Support the class of 2009!

Where are they now?

Submitted by: Jinell VanCorbach

November is the month to be thankful – thankful for a healthy family, a promotion you received at work, or perhaps for that weight loss that many of you experienced but will soon gain back as the holiday season is in full swing. Seniors are thankful that major deadlines are soon approaching or have already come and gone. Job shadow hours are fulfilled and physical projects are nearing completion. Seniors are looking forward to the end of the first semester – the halfway point on their quest to receiving their high school diploma.

As proof that Adrian Seniors did survive their journey and found the light at the end of the tunnel, I am contacting and interviewing various students from different graduating classes and asking them questions concerning their experience of Senior Project, how it affected them, and what they are currently pursuing as a career. I will write and edit the articles which will then be posted on the Adrian High School website and in the monthly newsletter as my physical project until the month of June. This month's lucky winner is Tyrel Phelps, class of 2008.

Tyrel Phelps – Adrian High School Class of 2008

He can be spotted driving his Rabbit through Adrian and still supporting our community by performing various tasks for the school district to raise money to attend college in the future. Tyrel's Senior Project focused on landscaping. His physical project is enjoyed by Adrian High School students daily – a water feature at the front of the school, complete

with bench and foliage. Although the requirement for the physical project was only five hours, Tyrel spent at least 50 hours perfecting this particular aspect of the year-long project. His research paper was about global warming, and he job shadowed at two separate landscaping businesses.

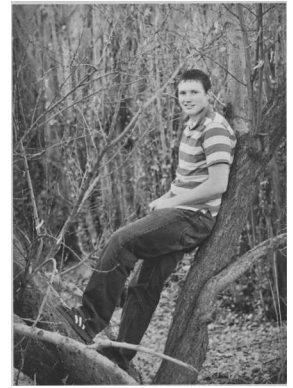
Senior Project affected Tyrel both positively and negatively. Through the process he learned proper landscaping techniques, but believes that

some of what he did throughout the project was busy work. Tyrel felt like the majority of the useful information he gained throughout Senior Project was acquired during the physical project.

If he could change an aspect of Senior Project, it would involve the job shadowing portion. Tyrel feels that students should be able to job shadow at various businesses and explore more than one career, which would allow the student to narrow down what their project will be about.

Tyrel plans to attend BYU-Idaho after completing his mission, then pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. He intends to become an elementary teacher and work his way up the scale, becoming an elementary principal, high school principal, then finally a school district superintendent.

Some advice from Tyrel to the Senior class: "Stay focused, turn everything in on time, and do not slack!"

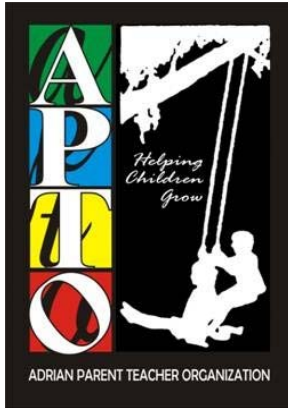


**Tyrel Phelps
Class of 2008**



Schedule of Events

- December 1..... 4-H Meeting in Cafeteria (Call Elisa Pendergrass for time, 541-339-4521)
- December 11..... Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Library
- December 15..... K-5 Concert, 2 p.m.
MS/HS Concert, 7 p.m.
- December 18..... 1/2 Day of School - Winter Break Begins!
- January 5, 2009..... School Resumes



Happy Holidays Everyone! 'Tis The Season' as the saying goes, and the PTO has been working hard in bringing the 'Season' home for the holidays. We have several activities planned to make this happen.

The Community Cookbooks are in and ready for distribution. You may pick up a copy at Don's Lumber, Adrian Market, TLC in Adrian and the elementary school. You may also get your copy by contacting 372-0234 (leave a message with your name, number and quantity needed). The books are \$7.50 and make great Christmas gifts. All proceeds go to

the local Children's Literacy Program.

We are also excited to announce that we will be having the Annual Santa's Workshop event on December 6th from 2:00 -4:pm. Jennifer Spiers is chairing this activity again and she has some great projects planned for the kids. There will be a special guest appearance of Santa so don't miss out on the fun. You should have received an announcement already and be watching for flyers through out town. We hope to see you there.

This months general meeting will be on December 2nd at 4:00 pm in the library. See you there!

Helping Children Grow...The APTO!

Milk served with every meal.

December Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 French Toast Chicken Burger Tots Fruit Birthday Cake	2 Biscuits & Gravy Chili & Cheese Fruit Cinnamon Rolls	3 Sausage Pizza Rolls Salad Fruit	4 Pizza Rolls Chicken Nuggets Fries Fruit Hot Roll	5 No School	6
7	8 Waffles Macaroni & Cheese Veggie Fruit Brownie	9 Eggs Tacos Rice Beans Fruit; Cookie	10 Muffins Spaghetti Salad Fruit French Bread	11 Hash Browns Beef Nachos Salad Fruit Cobbler	12 RSD Day	13
14	15 Pancakes Ham & Cheese Yum Yums Salad, Fruit No Bake Cookies	16 H&C Yum Yums Roast Turkey Potatoes & Gravy Roll Pumpkin Pie	17 Waffles Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fruit	18 Sausage Cooks Choice Salad Fruit Hot Roll	19 No School	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
No School - Winter Break						
28	29	30	31			
No School - Winter Break						



Condensed Board Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2008

Members present were: Paul Shenk, Neil Allison, Dennis Daugherty, and Dave Reynolds. Rick Olsen was absent.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Neil Allison, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda Action item e. teacher contract amendment was added to the agenda. Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Architect Report/Construction Items Mr. Mills updated the board on the developments with the construction items. Bob Martin dug some test holes at the swales and found that the small swale went 3' to reach hard pan and the big swale was right at the hard pan. The current plan is to put in a 3' x 3' trench and to fill it with rock and top it with 18" of sand. If that works then we will top it with grass. The big swale will need to have a revised plan with an overflow drain. They will test the HVAC system this week and it should be online in a week or two. When Upson comes back to seal up the roof from the HVAC install, they will fix the gym roof leak. Design West is gathering another estimate for the asbestos abatement in the old school building and may have something by the next meeting. The first estimate was \$50,000 - \$75,000.

Student and Personnel Communications Elementary Principal Report Mr. Ellsworth reported that everyone is really excited about the new building. Mr. Haydock recently had surgery and is recovering well. The hallways are looking good with displays of student work.

High School Principal Report Mr. Purnell reported that the football and volleyball teams are doing well. The Homecoming parade, assembly, powder puff football and bonfire are on Thursday. The juniors and seniors have attended the College Fair. The high school will go to Nyssa for an assembly on Traffic Safety and Peer Pressure. The PSAT is now required to be taken by all Oregon sophomores and we are making it available to the juniors as well. We will be a testing site for the SAT. Mr. Purnell has been working on the Northwest Accreditation report, which is due next week. We have been implementing some of the suggestions from the accreditation visit we had last year. Mr. Purnell also shared a note that was received from Long Creek School, thanking us for our hospitality in letting them stay at the school and for the produce given to them by the Gleaners. New team banners and the High Desert League Girls Basketball Sportsmanship banner will be hanging in the gym soon. The site council has met. We will be updating the board policy on site councils as the council structure has evolved over the years.

Superintendent Report Mr. Mills reported that the latest on the Union-Baker ESD Alternative Ed issue is that the district will owe \$43,000 payable over 2 years, beginning next year. The Oregon School Boards Association Fall Regional Dinner Meeting will be held at the Malheur Education Service District on October 27, topics will include the legislative agenda; Mr. Mills will attend and board members wishing to attend should let Darla Witty know so a count can be submitted. There has been some interest in the boiler; Vale is looking for a boiler for the Willowcreek School.

Financial Report Darla Witty reported that we should collect our budget this year and plan to carry over about \$350,000 into next fiscal year.

Public Comment There were none.

Consent Agenda Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the August 14, 2008 and the September 11, 2008 meeting minutes as presented and to approve the payment of the bills as listed in the amount of \$224,426.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

Salary Donation Request Julie Morton is requesting that \$800 of the High School Cheerleader salary contract and \$400 of the Middle School Cheerleader salary contract be donated to the respective Cheerleading Funds. The amount of her contracts would be reduced by these amounts. Motion was made and was seconded to agree to Julie Morton's request. Motion carried unanimously.

Accept 2007-2008 Audit Motion was made and was seconded to accept the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 as presented September 11, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

MS Girls Basketball Assistant Mr. Mills recommended Heidi Purnell for the Middle School Girls Basketball Assistant Coaching position. Motion was made and was seconded to offer Heidi Purnell a contract for the Middle School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Yellowstone Trip The Advanced Biology Class went on their field trip to Yellowstone National Park on September 28-30, 2008, without getting board approval for an overnight trip prior to the trip. Mr. Mills requested that the board grant them permission after the fact. Motion was made and was seconded to approve the Advanced Biology overnight trip to Yellowstone. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend Teacher Contract Joan Gordon has completed course work which changes her placement on the salary schedule. Motion was made and was seconded to amend the teaching contract for Joan Gordon to reflect movement on the salary schedule for course work completed. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Items School Report Cards Copies of the school and district report cards were provided the Board. The District met the state performance standards and made adequate yearly progress.

Board Comments A board member wondered if we could do anything about the dogs roaming free on the school yards and the mess they leave. Mr. Purnell stated that we have asked the sheriff department for help with the roaming dogs.

Adjournment Motion was made and was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Complete copies of the minutes are posted in each building and on the district website, www.adriansd.com. Copies may be requested from the District Office.

Animals of the Sonoran Desert

By the Third Grade Class

The animals of the Sonoran Desert have special body features and behaviors that help them to survive in their hot, dry habitat. One is the chuckwalla. The chuckwalla blows up like a balloon so that predators can't pull it out from in between two rocks or a wall. It gets food and water from plants and insects. It does not drink water. It lives under rocky hills so it can get away from the heat.

Another example is the vulture. Vultures have a good sense of smell and eyesight. They can see 3,000 feet or more above the desert floor and they eat dead food that reeks. Vultures only eat food that reeks! They have no feathers on their red heads because when they eat they don't want sticky food on their feathers. They soar 3,000 feet above the desert for cool air. They build their nests up high to look for food and escape from predators.

Then, there is the horned toad. It hides from predators by blending in with the rocks. It squirts blood from the corner of its eye to scare away predators. It has a spiny body that hurts the predator's throat when it swallows the horned toad. It

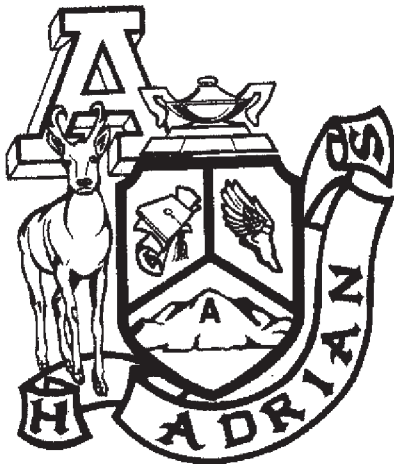
eats ants for food and water. It gets water from plants, dew, and sap.

Also, there is the long-nose bat. Long nose bats are nocturnal. They hide in caves during the day to escape the heat. Long nose bats spread pollen from the cactus flowers when they get the nectar. The long nose bat is on the endangered species list.

Another is the sidewinder. Sidewinders go under rocks or bushes in the hottest part of the day. They have good eyesight but can't close their eyes. They have horns above their eyes so the light, sun, can't blind them. They can see the prey very well. They prefer to run or hide from their enemies.

Finally, there is the javelina. Javelinas survive in the desert by eating grass, seeds, cactuses, spines and all, and even rattle snakes. They can eat spiny cactuses because they have tough mouths. They use their snouts to dig under the ground for tubers and insects. They have to drink water from a water hole. They travel in herds to keep from being prey for a mountain lion. As you can see, these creatures are adapted so that they may live in this harsh environment.

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