



ADRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 NEWSLETTER

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Superintendents Message

The new K-8 building is becoming a reality. We are currently on schedule for a May 1, 2008 completion. Needless to say, we are all excited and quite proud to soon have the newest and nicest educational facility in the county. And, within our budget!!!

Our school continues to function very smoothly under the capable leadership of Bill Ellsworth (K-8) and Kevin Purnell (High School).

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank our maintenance and transportation supervisor, John Gordon. Mr. Gordon does a great job with his myriad of responsibilities. John is also our principal liaison with respect to the new building. Mr. Gordon, along with business manager Darla Witty, make up the glue that 'bind us together'.

Thanks to the community for the great support at our recent home basketball games. The coaches and players really appreciate the community involvement.

District tournaments in wrestling and basketball are rapidly approaching. District wrestling is in Joseph on February 8th & 9th. We have seven boys working with coaches Eddie Kinkade and Rick Olsen. They represent Adrian in an exemplary manner. Good Job!!!

District basketball will be at Grant Union in John Day this year. Both boys and girls teams have already qualified for the tournament set for February 13th-16th.

A special thanks to Lorine VanCorbach and the Antelope Band. They add so very much to the game day atmosphere. Our last regular season home games are on February 5th. This is also "Senior Night". We hope to see you here at the high school.

Sincerely,
Gene Mills, Superintendent

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who attended the Rachel Scott presentation. Your attendance showed the support that you have for school and students. We hope you have the same desire to start a chain reaction of kindness and compassion that we do. We would like to thank you for attending and for your donations, they were greatly appreciated. It's people like you that make this community such a great place to live in!

Sincerely,
Adrian High School Student Body

News from the High School

By Kevin Purnell
High School Principal

Kudos go out to our leadership students and advisors for bringing "Rachel's Challenge" to Adrian last week. It was an excellent assembly with an outstanding message, if you missed it, you missed out! On top of that visiting school advisors echoed what I have been saying all year, Adrian students are some of the best behaved and well-mannered students they have seen.

As Sergeant Joe Friday used to say on the television show Dragnet: "Just the facts, mam, just the facts." This report won't be quite that abrupt, but close. We put a close to our first semester with an awards assembly in early January. During the assembly we recognized our Honor Roll students (3.0-3.49 gpa), High Honors Students (3.5 - 4.0 gpa), Reach For The Sky Students (improved gpa of .28 or more), Citizenship recipients and individual class awards. Simply put, there was an impressive display of the achievement, talent and effort assembled in our gymnasium that day.

Athletically speaking, our girls currently sit atop the High Desert League Standings with a record of 11-1, while the boys currently hold down the 4th spot with a record of 7-4. Our wrestling team continues to make strong showings at their meets, never returning without somebody placing. Tip-Off week was a success. Students did an excellent job of decorating the halls and the lunch time activities were enjoyed by all. The staff remained undefeated in the chariot races!

Seniors

*FAFSA: Any student applying for federal aid (or aid in general) must complete the FAFSA. The Office of Federal Student Aid has also created a video/DVD that may be obtained by calling (800) 394-7084. The video includes information for both students and parents. FAFSA also has an easily navigated Web site (fafsa.ed.gov) where families can register for a PIN (the password is necessary for applying online) and find out everything they need to know about the form.

Many colleges have priority dates in February and March
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Cafeteria Scoop

The snow just keeps on coming, and we sure do need it for the moisture, I just wish it would snow everywhere but on the roads! Now is that asking too much?? I don't think so. Please drive safely. It was fun having an unexpected snow day last month. We all liked having a Wednesday off. The elementary students are loving sledding down the hill at recess. They are fun to watch.

We are so pleased to be serving your wonderful children. They are the most well-behaved and mannerly children in the state! The "pleases and thank you's" abound, even if sometimes we have to remind them. We are so proud of them all.

Have you made it to any of the numerous athletic events going on in our community? The athletes and coach's work so hard, and they really appreciate the support we can give them. Be sure and check out the event calendar in this newsletter, to see if there is something you can attend. It is a good way to get acquainted with someone new.

Did you get to see the mini-cheer squad, at the Mitchell ball game? That was fun. Julie Morton is the Cheer leader advisor, and she does an excellent job with them. The little ones were so precious. Thanks Julie!

It seems all the high school clubs are busy doing so many things, fund raising for many events, and concessions. The high school seniors are all doing their physical projects around school. That is great to see, and good for them and the community. Lots of work involved. Thanks senior class, and advisors. With each group, there has to be an adult advisor or two. They put in a lot of extra time, and are devoted to helping the students make themselves better.

We are in need of substitute kitchen workers. I have a couple, but sometimes we need more. If you are interested in a VERY part-time job, sometimes you may not work for two or three months, and then again you may get 4 or 5 days. I never know how many days the sub gets. Anyway, if you would like to come talk to me, if you are interested, we can see if you might want to sign up.

That is it for this month, keep on sledding! Can Spring be far behind??

Jan Sillonis and Staff

Students of the Month

Students of the Month for the month of January are as follows: Kindergarten - Logan Griffin, "Loyal Listening" and Mariah Furtado, "Faithful Focusing"; First Grade - Mary Gordon, "Creative Writer"; Second Grade - Marcus Cano, Ka'inoa Smith, Michael Judkins, "Improved Readers"; Third Grade - Kyle Cindell, Sage Balls, Talon Balls, and Gavin Scott, "Math Super Stars"; Fourth Grade - KrissAnn Nielson and Kianna Scott, "Great Listening Skills"; Fifth Grade - Talia Esplin & Rochelle Figueroa, "Outstanding Math Achievement"; Seventh Grade - J.J. Maxwell. Congratulations to all Students of the Month!

Math Minute

Second quarter P squared for P cubed awards go to: Erica Griffin, Jessica Morton and McKenzie Purnell. These were the three students randomly chosen from the 20 students who were punctual to class and always turned in papers on time.

I see students practicing basketball and volleyball early in the morning. I learn about students going to basketball camps and volleyball camps. Why do students do this? I expect it is to learn the sport better with the hope of being able to perform better and to do well in competition. Do only poor athletes need to go to the practices? Do only good athletes benefit from the camps? Would not the same dedication work for math improvement? Do only poor students need to practice math by doing homework or should all students practice? Should only good students get extra help or should all students? Time is valuable. Success in mathematics takes time. T.S.

High School

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but no firm deadline for applying for financial aid. Urge students to apply by the priority date. This is the date by which the college needs the application in order to award the most attractive aid package. After this date, funds may be limited or depleted, and students may not get as much aid as they need.

Here is a general timeline to keep in mind:

February: Many colleges have priority dates and deadlines now.

End of March: Admissions and financial aid notifications are mailed.

April: Students weigh offers of admission and compare aid awards.

May 1: Students must tell all colleges yes or no and make deposits.

**Taken from LINK magazine, January/February 2008*

Citizenship Award Recipients

1st Quarter

Freshmen

LaRae Mazac

David Stone

Sophomore

Sami Bowns

Evan Sneider

Junior

Claudia Beltran

Nick Strauch

Senior

Mauras Hope

Paige Branstiter

2nd Quarter

Freshmen

Ester Gordon

Jeremy Price

Sophomore

Andrea Shenk

Elizabeth Price

Junior

McKenzie Purnell

George Ellsworth

Senior

Ruthie Gordon

Trevor Cameron

Reach For The Sky Recipients

James Prechtl

Bryan Reay

Fabia Bruns

Siratsha Chuleekiet

Ronja Conrad

Adrianna Miranda

Marcy Strauch

Danielle Baldwin

Kassi Daugherty

David Meyer

Chris Lisle

Kory Scott

Principals Corner

For the last number of years our Elementary which includes our Middle School has done very well on our state report cards. We have received a couple of exceptional reports and always strong reports. Our teachers are doing a great job. We have very little turn over and have been fortunate to get highly qualified teachers that love to teach in our community. This staff gets along with each other. They like each other, have positive attitudes and this extends to their students.

Why do our students do so well? First we have a full day Academic Kindergarten. The students are taught the alphabet using the different ways students learn. This includes singing, touching the letters, sight learning and working with stories about each letter. Phonics is taught in a fun way. Concept boards are used. By the time students leave our Kindergarten the majority knows how to read.

In first grade the teachers have been excited to get students who already know how to read. They have different reading groups according to the student's ability. We have two half day teachers in the first grade. They both came from other schools that really miss them. They both are hard workers who put in extra time to make their half day a success. It is fun to see the energy these teachers have all day long.

Our second and third grade teachers bring a lot of experience and structure that the students that age need. The fourth grade teacher is just right for fourth graders. She continues to use a variety of ways that reach different kinds of kids. Our fifth grade teacher brings it all together from those that preceded her. For years her students have beat the state averages. I have had teachers and schools across the state trying to find out what it is we are doing here to get such good scores.

The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade teachers have done an excellent job of improving what they have taught to meet State Standards. Some of the state tests have shifted to other grades. Writing assessment is now at the 4th, 7th and CIM grades. Reading and Math are at 3rd grade through CIM and Science is at 5th, 8th and CIM. Our teachers are committed to continue to improve so that our students will get the best. The support from our community (demonstrated with the K-8 building) is felt by staff and students.

Thank you for your continuous support.
William H. Ellsworth
K-8 Principal

Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Annual Senior Citizen's Luncheon is coming up in March, with the date to be announced in February. The organizers of the event, Leadership Class, are looking for new, unused items for door prizes and monetary donations to help with the costs. For more information, please call Stephanie Allison at the high school at 541-372-2335.

You May Just Start A Chain Reaction

By *Jinell VanCorbach*

Rachel Joy Scott was the first victim killed in the Columbine High School shootings on April 20, 1999. Before her death, she theorized that if one person would be kind and compassionate to another person, it would create a chain reaction of kindness and compassion that would spread throughout the world. Rachel had a positive influence on many people in her life, and she continues to touch millions of other lives through the Rachel's Challenge organization.

On Wednesday, January 23, the Adrian middle school and high school students, faculty, and community listened to the moving presentation of Rachel's Challenge. Speaker and former college and professional football player Cody Hodges came to the Adrian High School gym and presented two assemblies. The first assembly was attended by Adrian, Harper, and Homedale students and faculty in the afternoon. Later in the evening, community members from the Adrian, Nyssa, Parma, and Homedale areas attended.

The Adrian ASB members, under the direction of advisors Stephanie Allison and Lorine VanCorbach, organized the event. Prior to the first presentation, the ASB members held a small assembly for the middle school students to prepare them for the presentation. The assembly began with a short video about the Columbine shootings, and later the students were divided into their separate grades where a discussion about bullying took place.

Last November, the Adrian leadership class attended the annual Oregon Association of Student Councils fall confer-

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Members and advisors of the AHS Leadership class, (front row) Jinelle VanCorbach, Katie Bowns, Stephanie Allison, Tyrel Phelps, Kassi Daugherty, Samantha Bowns, and Jayna Witty; (back row) Lorine VanCorbach, George Ellsworth, Cody Hodges, speaker, Claudia Beltran and high school principal, Kevin Purnell.

Adrian High School Basketball Schedule, 2008

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

Adrian Middle School Boys Basketball Schedule, 2007

2/4 Monday	@ Compass	4:00
Home 2/5 Tuesday	Foundations	5:00
Home 2/7 Thursday	Liberty	3:00
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
Home 2/26 Tuesday	Horseshoe Bend	5:00
3/3 & 3/4	MS Boys Tournament	TBA

Adrian High Wrestling Schedule, 2008

Sat	Feb 2nd	Pine Eagle Invitational	9:00 11:00
Fri/Sat	Feb 8th and 9th	District Wrestling at Joseph	TBA
Fri/Sat	Feb 15th and 16th	State Championships Rose Garden in Portland	TBA

The Taxidermy class as Adrian High School is in need of a working refrigerator for the taxidermy shop. Please contact Pam Myers at the high school, 372-2335, if you have a refrigerator you wish to donate.

First Semester Honor Roll

High Honors (*denotes 4.0) 4.0 - 3.5: *Ester Gordon, *Amanda Peutz, *Blake Purnell, *Madison Shira, Madolynne VanCorbach, Rebekah VanCorbach, Audra Bodine, LaRae Mazac, Jessica Morton, *Samantha Bowns, *Heather Thompson, Andrea Shenk, Evan Sneider, *McKenzie Purnell, Claudia Beltran, Jinell VanCorbach, Rodolfo Araujo, YeChan Mun, Tamila Saduakassova, Naomi Wilson, Min Chan Jun, Siratsha Chuleekiet, Ronja Conrad, Kyle Dondero, Risa Suzuki, *Tyrel Phelps, Kassi Daugherty, Lieselotte Thys, Jayna Witty, Duc Le, Danielle Baldwin, Oralia Dominguez, Kory Scott, Ruthie Gordon, Maurus Hope, Daniel Enyart.

3.49-3.0: Kasey Olsen, Jasmine Brown, Paige Branstiter, David Meyer, JeTaime Findling, Robyn Acock, Marcy Strauch, Kevin Fillies, Heidi Gonseth, George Ellsworth, Nicholas Strauch, Katie Bowns, Elizabeth Price, Chance Wood, David Stones and Jeremy Price.

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ence, where they first heard the Rachel's Challenge presentation. They were very fortunate to hear Rachel's dad, Darrel Scott, present at the conference. Mr. Scott left such a huge impression on the leadership students that they felt the need to share it with members of their school, community, and surrounding area. Adrian High School principal Kevin Purnell stated, "I thought the presentation was very well done. People should take the message seriously. They should take the five challenges to heart. It would make the world a better place." With the help of sponsors, fundraisers, and the support of the Adrian school district, the leadership class was able to bring this message of hope and inspiration to their school and community.

Look for the Good

A Thought by Mr. J

As I was sitting on my deck watching the kids build a snowman, their task became a chore as additional manpower was required to move the snowball across the yard. I quietly thought to myself how often we turn a hobby or pleasure into a chore. My pleasure of watching children quickly became participation and support as I helped the kids create the 7-foot snowman. Taking my wife to dinner in the evening, a family next to our table was – well to honest – the parents could have used a course in parenting. I was not enjoying the experience or evening when my wife, in her wisdom, whispered “sometimes we have to look for the good in people, as hard as it may be.” When did she become so smart?

She’s right! And there is a lot of good happening in our world – especially within Adrian.

College students had their winter break, visiting family and friends during the holidays. Jorge Michel spent an afternoon back in the classroom helping out with the web pages. Apparently he retained some knowledge from the AHS environment as he trouble-shot pages. Kat Sillonis helped with Photoshop material-and continues to spend hours giving back to the school through her photography talents. Thanks Jorge

APTO, Sports Booster fundraiser ongoing

To all community members of the Adrian School District:

We haven’t quite met our goal of selling the bricks yet. Anyone interested in purchasing a brick for the new school, please fill out the attached order form and return it to my mailing address, or give me a call, ASAP. These bricks are for alumni, memorial, community members, businesses, or anyone wanting a brick with their name on it.

The goal is 288 (4x8) bricks or 144 (8x8) bricks; this would be about a 8x8 sq. ft. area below the new flag pole. There will be a mixture of both sizes for this area.

If you are wondering why we are doing this fundraiser, then here are some of the reasons that I can give you: 1. Between the Sports Boosters and the APTO, we will be able to give out more scholarships to the seniors; 2. Pay for a child’s tuition to play more sports, due to the parents inability to afford it; 3. Be able to purchase new uniforms for our children; 4. Purchase more learning materials for the classrooms; Basically, the list could go on and on, we will use the money from this fundraiser to go where it is needed to help our school and our students. And as members of this community, we would like any suggestions or opinions on where you feel that the money is needed.

So, please, if you are interested, fill this out ASAP and return it to me in one of the ways listed, (phone, email) or mail

and Kat!

ASB sponsored a fantastic assembly – Rachel’s Challenge. As I spoke to a Harper teacher who attended the event last weekend, he commented “you guys are really doing a lot of great things at your school. I wish we could do more for our students”. I would venture to guess he was referring to our leadership class and the numbers of electives students have available at AHS. Mrs. Allison and Mrs. VanCorbach are outstanding advisors for the leadership students and deserve a huge “Thanks” for all you do!

I am offering a mass communication course as an elective during the business lab periods. Students are developing a media presentation which should be available on our high school web site in February. Some great messages are being delivered through their projects-please take time to view and listen to their message.

Photography students continue to snap photographs. There is a variety of students as a few new photo kids have enrolled along with the senior citizen discounts offered to my advanced students.

I would like to state my appreciation for the parents who devote so much time toward our school. There are numerous “invisible heroes” making a difference – thanks for your dedication.

Have a happy heart-Happy Valentine’s day.

Mr. J

the order form. If there are any questions, don’t hesitate to call me and ask.

Thank you for your time and support,
Leila Ramirez
Sports Booster President
& APTO Member
(541) 372-0189
email: ram@fntc.com
(please type “brick” in the subject line)

**Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre esta nota, por favor
hablame a (541) 372-0189**

REMINDER: We are still accepting BOX TOPS, UPC CODES (not the front labels) from the back of the Campbell’s soup cans, and INK CARTRIDGES. All of these items can be dropped off in the library. Any questions, please contact Leila Ramirez at 541-372-0189.

**Sports Booster Meeting
February 11, 2008
in the Library**

Adrian PTO & Sports Booster Fund Raiser

Coordinator: Leila Ramirez
 Address: P.O. Box 175
 Adrian, Or. 97901
 Phone: (541) 372-0189
 Email: ram@fmtc.com - in subject line please
 write "brick"

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BRICK # _____	
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QTY		AMOUNT
1	4x8 paver (up to 3 lines)	\$25.00

QTY		ADDITIONAL	AMOUNT
1	8x8 paver (up to 6 lines)		\$50.00

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____

Please PRINT using one letter or space per square. Each brick may have up to 15 characters, symbols, and/or spaces per line. Please use only those letters or symbols that appear on a standard keyboard. (If you are ordering more than one brick please attach additional inscriptions to this order form.)

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Address

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/ST/Zip: _____
Daytime Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Order taken
By: _____
Date: _____

February Menu

Milk served with every meal.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 No School	2
3	4 French Toast H&C Yum Yum Fruit Veggies Cookie	5 H&C Yum Yum Parmesan Chicken Garlic Tots Fruit Birthday Cake	6 Muffins Pizza Roll Salad Fruit Cookie	7 Pizza Roll Wiener Wrap Fries Fruit Pudding	8 RSD Day	9
10	11 Sausage Lasagna Fruit Salad Hot Rolls	12 Biscuits & Gravy Fajitas Rice & Beans Fruit Cookie	13 French Toast Chili & Cheese Fruit Salad Cinnamon Rolls	14 Waffles Chicken Nuggets Fries Fruit Cookie	15 No School	16
17	18 No School President's Day	19 Hash Browns Mashed Potatoes Gravy Fruit Hot Rolls	20 Sausage Beef Nachos Salad Fruit Brownie	21 Waffles Grilled Cheese Sand. Tomato Soup Fruit Cookie	22 Eggs Turkey & Noodles Salad, Hot Roll Fruit Ice Cream Bar	23
24	25 Pancakes Hay Stacks Veggies Fruit Cookie	26 Muffins Tacos Rice Beans Fruit, Cookie	27 Waffle Spaghetti Fruit Salad French Bread	28 Sack Lunches	29 No School	

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Schedule of Events

February 5..... Senior Night at BB Games with Burnt River
February 11..... Sports Booster Meeting in the Library
February 12..... RESCHEDULED Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., in the Library
February 13-16..... District Basketball, John Day@GU High School
February 18 No School - President's Day
February 22 SCHOOL IN SESSION due to Monday holiday

4-H enrollments due

4-H enrollments will be due March 1. No exceptions. Everyone planning to tag an animal for the fair must be enrolled by this date. Please contact Adrian 4-H leader Gaylene Ellsworth for more information at 372-5453. Enrollment forms can also be obtained at the Malheur County Extension office.

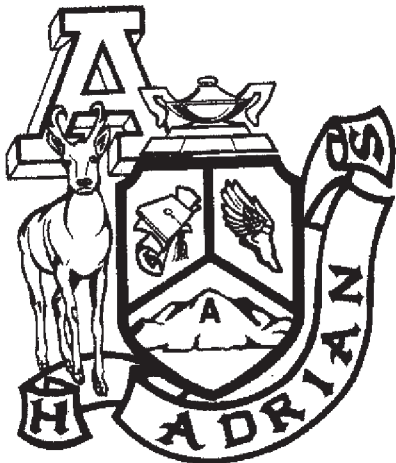
MARKET ANIMAL TAGGING INFO: Steers will be tagged at the Vale Sale Yard on March 8, 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Weight limit for the March 8 tagging is 850 lbs. Each youth (4-H/FFA) may tag 2 animals. Steers must be castrated. Steers cannot be exchanged to another family at the end of the feeding period.

Market Swine will be weighed on April 26. The Vale weigh-in will start at 9 a.m. and end at noon; The Adrian weigh-in will start at 1 p.m. and last until 4 p.m. The weigh-in will be held up by the ag shop this year due to the new school construction. (Hogs will not be weighed in Ontario this year). New this year: Upper weight limit on hogs is 100 lbs, this is up from 90 lbs in the past.

Market Lambs and Goats will be weighed on May 15 in Jordan Valley and May 16 in Vale, with times to be announced. There will be no weighing in Ontario or Adrian. Upper weight limit is 90 lbs.

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