

ADRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 NEWSLETTER

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Superintendent's Message

Yes, thanks to the generosity and support of our community, the new school is nearing reality. We are about half way to completion at this time. Roofing, doors, windows etc., ready by January 1, 2008. The scheduled completion of the K-8 school is May 1, 2008.

Morale at the school is excellent. Our new high school principal is doing a super job with staff, students, and the community. Good job, Mr. Purnell; Bill Ellsworth continues to do excellent work with our K-8 school, as well as being our liaison for federal programs. My half-time position as superintendent is just about right.

The girls basketball season is off to a great start. Darla Witty and I are working with twenty four players here at the high school. While it is a task to find adequate playing time, we will do our best. We appreciate all of their interest and hard work. Hope to see you at the games.

Joanne and I have really enjoyed our time in Adrian. It is a truly unique and positive community.

Students of the Month

The following students were chosen as Student of the Month for their class for the month of December: Kindergarten - Jeremy O'Meara, "Being Polite" and Hannah Bertalotto, "Artistic"; First Grade - Sadey Speelmon and Kessen Kimball, "Extraordinary Reading"; Second Grade - Daniel Price, "Awesome Artist"; Third Grade - Wesley White and Adrianna Hutchings, "Giving Best Effort in all Subject Areas"; Fourth Grade - Cecilia Martin del Campo, "Always on Task"; Reagan Shira, "Amazing Comprehension"; Fifth Grade - Emilee Hutchings, "Excellent Academic Effort"; Sixth Grade - Travis Rust, "Exceptionally Outstanding Student in Academics"; Seventh Grade - Hayley Martin, "Great Participation and Good Grades"; Eighth Grade - Dylan Seay. Congratulations to all Students of the Month!



Chill Out

with a good book!

Plan to attend the
Book Fair



BLIZZARD

in the Adrian School Library

January 24, 2008

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Support the teams participating in the Oregon "Battle of the Books" by purchasing books and other items from the book fair! Hundreds of books and other items will be available. Many of the books are by authors our kids already know and enjoy; others have won awards or are best-sellers!

Come shop at our "Blizzard of Books", then warm up at home with a family reading night!

**Dinner served by C.P.T.
in cafeteria**

THANK YOU!

I would like to recognize and thank several high school students – Andrea Shenk, Brittney Phelps, Terra Rust and McKenzie Purnell – for cleaning up the downtown area after the Christmas Tree Lighting.

*Artie Freytag
Don's Lumber*

From the Principal's Office

The Middle School girls basketball team has finished their season. They had a winning season. The Middle School boys basketball season will start in January. The new building is progressing..

Students and staff always look forward to the Holidays for a break. As they get back for the new year they will be refreshed. This is a season of gift giving. Our students have been given much and now have an opportunity to give something back. John Dewey said, "We learn to do by doing."

Our school and community continue to thrive because of each of you. Vince Lombardi said, "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." Thanks to all of you for a great year. I am looking forward to 2008.

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

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Library News

Oregon Battle of the Books

Adrian students in grades 3 through 8 are preparing for battle! Teams of Adrian students will be participating in the first ever state-wide Battle of the Books in Salem in April. Questions for the contest will be based on lists of 16 books (one for elementary students and another for middle school students). At least one group of students has already decided which 4 books each person will be responsible for reading. Congratulations to Emily Case, Sage Balls, Talon Balls, Haylee Richardson, Kurt Nielson, and Chelsey Heller for having read at least 2 of the OBOB books.

Scholastic Book Fair

Get set to "chill out with a good book" at the Book Fair Blizzard to be held in the Adrian School Library on January 24 between 5:00 and 8:00. Plan to support the PTO scholarship fund by eating dinner in the cafeteria; then support the teams that will be participating in the Oregon Battle of the Books by purchasing books and other items from the book fair in the library. Hundreds of books and other items will be available. Many of the books are by authors our kids already know and enjoy; others have won awards or are best-sellers. Come shop at our blizzard of books and then warm up at home with a family reading night!

Cafeteria Scoop

We have a great New Year approaching! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, and Santa was really good to you all! What fun all the programs were to watch. We have some really talented children, as well as many talented teachers who get all of the children rounded up to put on such great performances.

The ball games have been going well, the high school is well into their season, and the middle school girls have wrapped up theirs. The middle school boys will be starting up very soon.

Before we know it we will be back to school for the second semester. The first half of the year was great, I bet the second half can be even better! We have such a great community, with almost everyone willing to jump in and help out when the need arises. What a great place to live!

Be sure to check out the upcoming events in this newsletter. Keep it handy, and refer to it often! Don't want to miss anything.

As always, I will invite you to come eat with the kids. We love having visitors, and the kids love to see you. While you are here, you can check out the progress on our new school. It is fascinating to watch it "grow".

Till next month, Jan Sillonis and Staff



APTO Update

Happy 2008 from the PTO! We hope your holidays were filled with happy memories. Just a quick update: The Family Portraits went over great. There were 67 portraits sold and 52 families photographed. Thank you for all your support.

The Santa's Workshop was great fun and we had tons of children show for the event. Photos can be viewed at the adriansd.com site followed by the District then APTO links. We would like to thank all the booth sponsors and volunteers which include: David Meyer (Senior Project-Birdhouses) and Kyle Rogers, Marsha Spiers (Aprons), Janice Lamm (Beaded Jewelry) and Shawn Baxter, Carol Pena (puppets/magnets/pins) and Brandon/Nathan Meyer, Natalie Weaver (Christmas cards), Dawn (ticket booth) and Scott Bodine (Santa Clause), and special thanks to our Committee Chairman, Jennifer Spiers (Cookie Ornaments). With out all of your help, this activity would not have been near as fun for the kids.

On January 24th, the PTO and the school library will be putting on our annual Scholarship Dinner and Book Fair. If you would like to help with either event, please contact Jennifer Neilson (Dinner) or Elma Witty (Book Fair). For more information, see the APTO site and click the Calendar link. Till next month, have a great start to a great new year.

Helping Children Grow...The APTO!

Notes from the Music Department:

Four students from the Adrian Advanced Band auditioned and were accepted into the Treasure Valley Honor Band. Ruthie Gordon, Min Ye Chan, Jinell VanCorbach and Rebekah VanCorbach joined 60 other band students from around the western part of the treasure valley in an evening concert. They were under the direction of Professor Dan Bukvich, of the University of Idaho. The girls spent several evenings in rehearsal followed by two very intense full day rehearsals. Congratulations girls on this wonderful accomplishment.

Ruthie Gordon has been hard at work on her senior project. She has chosen music education as the focus of her project. You may have seen her at the Adrian Christmas Tree lighting, leading a band ensemble. She also worked many hours on writing a program for the K-5 Christmas concert. She has done a fantastic job and is just another example of the fine students we have at Adrian. Thank you Ruthie, for your hard work!

Many of you may have noticed a new face in the music room, at the football games and at the Christmas Concerts. The music department had the privilege of having Tami Runyon of Northwest Nazarene University here for her student teaching internship. It has been so much fun having the opportunity to work with Tami as she prepares for a future in Music Education. Tami will be looking for a teaching position in Idaho in the near future. The music department would like to thank her for all of her hard work and wish her will. We will miss you, Ms. Runyon! Come back and visit us!

Thanks to all of you who supported the band during our Cookie Dough Fundraiser! We had a very successful event. We hope to use the money towards travel to a festival in California and for new equipment.

Thanks again for your ongoing support and we will see you during Basketball Season!

Sincerely,
Mrs. VanCorbach
Adrian Music Department

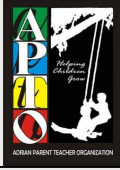
High School Principal's Report

By Kevin Purnell,
High School Principal

To be honest, the fact that the next school newsletter was ready to go out again snuck up on me. I am sitting here with writers block trying to figure out what to write after, what seems like, two weeks since the last article. I turned to my desktop calendar and read a thought for the day which seems quite appropriate in this country, "No farmer ever plowed a field by turning it over in his mind." So, I will begin to plow this field.

As I try to figure out what to write, the interruptions abound. These are certainly not unwelcome interruptions, they are important to the people who need to see me and, therefore,

2008
**PTO Scholarship Dinner
and Bookfair**




When: January 24th / 5:30 – 7:00pm

What: Pizza Roll Dinner
\$3/Kids, \$4/Adults, \$18/Family
Raffle Items Available

Where: Adrian School Cafeteria

Who: Anyone who would like to support the Senior Scholarship Program or the Library Program.



After enjoying a great dinner, you can head on over to the Book Fair. This is a great combined event and supports both the library program and a match scholarship, which goes to a deserving, college bound senior with an outstanding community service background. For more information on both activities, visit our site at:

adriansd.com/Adrian_School_District/Adrian_PTO/Adrian_PTO.htm

Hope To See You There!



Report

they need to be important to me. Other than Mr. Ellsworth and Mr. Culley, future reference to most names will be changed because it seems the thing to do!

Mr. Ellsworth has just closed out the Elementary Christmas Program (which was very well done) and stops by to inform me that tonight it is my turn. As we visit about the performance, a line begins to build outside my door.

Mr. Culley lets me know that the poinsettias will be moved from the greenhouse to his classroom in an effort to save on the heating bill for the greenhouse. A very wise move, all things considered.

Bobbi and Jo enter next and Jo states, "We want to change

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our schedule.” Notice that the “we” denotes more than one, yet “schedule” is singular. I wasn’t aware that two students could have one schedule, but they inform me that, indeed, it can happen. I wonder if they shouldn’t then share the grade and we can simply divide the GPA by 2!

Dave wants to know if I have had the opportunity to review his schedule, because he wants to make sure that his required classes are covered. I explain that I have not, but that we can look at it together. Bobbi and Jo return with their “schedule”, as well as documentation from the handbook which they hope to use for the justification of their schedule change. Dave exits after we conclude that it may take awhile to prepare his second semester schedule.

Frieda now wants to make slight adjustments to her schedule as well. She would like to switch from Spanish I to Spanish II, drop a Math and add an English. It would also be nice to have a PE class, but not sure which one would be best for her. Interestingly enough, there is only one (3rd Period) that will fit her schedule. She will also need to switch a Social Studies class to make it happen, so it will only require four teacher’s signatures and it is after 4 o’clock.

Frieda’s “friend”, Fred, also needs to make only one schedule change, he is missing PE and would like to have it second semester. We offer three PE classes throughout the day, 3rd, 6th and 7th periods. Wow, to my surprise, 3rd period is the only period he has open. I guess Fred and Frieda will have to be in the same class.

After watching the parade of students, Darla and Stephanie

submitted their requests for schedule changes. They would like to take a Spanish class called “Siesta”, as well as, a PE class called, “Leisure Life”. Such is life at the end of the day, at the end of the semester.

Needless to say, the boredom of winter has not set in around our school. Final exams are finishing up and parents can expect report cards around January 5th. Most seniors have put the final touches on their Senior Projects, and health and safety seemed to be the predominant theme this past week. Paige put together an excellent First Aid and CPR class, Jayna prepared and mounted Blood Spill Kits in all of the classrooms and Kory organized a successful Red Cross Blood Drive! Basketball and wrestling are in full swing. Going into the break, the girls’ basketball team is undefeated; while the boys are 7-3. We have seven wrestlers out for the team this year, which is a huge improvement in numbers. Although the numbers are small for team meets, the individuals fared well at the Baker High Wrestling Meet.

Mrs. VanCorbach and Ms. Runyon are to be commended for their work this semester with the Choir and Band. We had a couple of excellent performances yesterday afternoon and evening. The talent that enters these doors on a daily basis is amazing. We have so many students who are academically, athletically and/or artistically talented.

Students, safely enjoy a well deserved break. We look forward to you coming back rested, rejuvenated and ready to learn!

Adrian High School Wrestling Schedule, 2008

Day	Date	Event	Weigh Ins	Time
Fri/Sat	Jan 4th and 5th	Joseph Invitational	1:00	3:00
Fri/Sat	Jan 11th and 12th	Marsing Invitational	8:00	9:00
Sat	Jan 19th	State 1A Championship at Crane	9:00	11:00
Tues	Jan 22nd	Nyssa Dual with Crane	TBA	
Fri/Sat	Jan 25th and 26th	<i>Looking to Fill</i>	TBA	
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	

All Times are Mountain and Schedule is Subject to Change

Adrian High School Basketball Schedule, 2008

Home	Date	Opponent	JV Girl	JV Boy	Varsity
	12/28 & 29	@ Marsing JV Girls Only	TBA		
Home	1/3 Thursday	Pine Eagle		4:00	5:30 & 7:00
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	1/7 Monday	Huntington	4:00 (1/2)	5:00	6:30 & 8:00
Home	1/8 Tuesday	Harper		4:00 (1/2)	5:00 & 6:30
	1/11 Friday	@ Burnt River			7:00 & 8:30
	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 Middle School Boys Basketball Schedule, 2008

Home	Date	Opponent	Boys
Home	1/29 Tuesday	Greenleaf	5:00
	1/31 Thursday	@ Garden Valley	3:30
	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

All times are Mountain Standard Time
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Student News

By Sammy Bowns

Other than being involved in academics, clubs, and athletics, here is what some of the High School students are doing. Each month there will be a "Spotlight" on a student who has done or is currently doing something special.

This month's spotlight is on Kassi Daugherty. Kassi is a senior this year and stays active in athletics, clubs, and academics. She has recently been crowned the Winter Wonderland Queen of the Treasure Valley. However, in order to become queen, Kassi had to present herself to businesses all over Adrian, Nyssa, and Ontario along with answer questions in front of an audience of county members and judges.

Kassi competed against many girls from around the county. During the interview they all had to stand in one line in front of the head of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce along with the other judges and a large audience. One by one they would step out and answer questions. During the interview Kassi had to represent herself with confidence and poise. Kassi was surprised and happy to become queen, especially becoming the first Winter Wonderland Queen from Adrian. She said that the most important thing that she learned was how important it was to represent herself and town. Congratulations Kassi, We love you!

On January 23, 2008 the High School will be hosting an event with a speaker from Rachel's Challenge. Rachel's Challenge talks about getting rid of violence in schools as well as telling the story of Rachel Joy Scott, the first person killed in the Columbine shooting. The event will take place during school for students and that evening at 7:00 p.m. for community members.

All of the students are special and do outstanding things for the school and community. A few of the students have even become involved in leadership organizations in Oregon and serving on their boards. These students are Katie Bowns and McKenzie Purnell who will later be "spotlighted."

FFA Chapter News

The Adrian FFA chapter was quite busy this past month. We had our annual FFA Open House on the 29th, which ended up being very successful, and a little stressful. Jessica Morton took 1st place in our creed speaking contest while Ester Gordon was not far behind with second. They will be going to Crane for the Snake River District Leadership Career Development Event. We wish them best of luck. We would like to send out a special thanks to Alyce Shenk, Joy Phelps, and Bonnie Brown for cooking and supplying most of our food.

We would also like to thank all of our Creed Speaking Judges- Vikki Price, Kenny Wilson, Quinten Shenk, Donna Culley, Sandra Witcraft- their time was much appreciated. Our chapter would not have been able to put on this event without these great community members. We hope ya'll have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Till next time,
Adrian FFA
Chapter Reporter,
Andrea Shenk

Notes from the Advisor...

This semester has been a learning experience for me as well as the students. We are growing Poinsettia's for the first time and we have had some light and dark issues. Because of that the plants are not as far along as they should be in their color changing. We do have them for sale but they are not as full as others you have seen.

Next season we will have them on time and would like to offer them at least two to three weeks prior to Christmas break. If you still would like to see them and purchase one you may stop in or call at anytime.

I would also like to offer to the community, if you would like us to grow special type of vegetables, house plants or landscape vegetation please contact me. In the new semester we will be looking at several different aspects of plants and would like to incorporate the needs of the community while we do our class.

Thanks,
Joe Culley
FFA Chapter Advisor

Schedule of Events

- January 2..... School Resumes
- January 10 Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., in the Library
- January 18..... No School
- January 21..... No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 24 Annual Book Fair, 5-8 p.m., in the Library; dinner served by CPT in cafeteria

Cruel and Unusual Punishment



A Thought by Mr. J

Happy New Year—or in the Johnson household, the dreaded word from the wife—time for the annual diet. Simple people have simple pleasures; I enjoy the smorgasbords of the holidays. Add the college football bowl games, the Super Bowl, and the General Hospital saga—instigating a diet this time of year is simply inhuman! As Socrates stated, “I eat, therefore I am”.

Who are we anyway? What is the purpose of the cruel and unusual punishment of high school? Why are we here? Believe it or not—actual questions from senior students.

Through your science courses you should have developed an understanding we are each a living organism of cells, fluids, and some other substances. Remember Darwin and a fish called Wanda.

You all have a purpose—be it taking up space or filling space in your cranium.

You are at school for one principal purpose—learn how to learn. Life is a learning process. Flip the photo album back a few years and find the toddler unable to survive without mommy. Flip forward; are you a survivor or victim of life obstacles and challenges? Hopefully you will take some skills and abilities—primarily the ability to learn—out into this square planet.



Photography students have developed the ability to appreciate Mother Nature and the beauty she provides. Students have posted their Showcase Album on our high school site. Students continue to be recognized for their talents. **JeTaimé Findling** and **JJ Stephen** have submitted photos which were selected for publication by photo.com. and betterphoto.com Take time to enjoy the works of all Adrian High photographers.

Freshmen have removed the shackles of introductory courses of technology and transitions. I will miss this fine group of students. They are truly a great bunch of young men and women. Hopefully, the traps will snag a few back to the lab room for continual torture.

Web students hear the crack of the whip daily. I appreciate the students who take such pride in portraying Adrian as the fine institution it is; a few others may face the guillotine. **Amber Mazac** has created some excellent images for the elementary site—what a gifted student.

Seniors have been extremely busy with their Senior Project. Desktop students will be interviewing these seniors—read about their experiences in the school news (upcoming in January to May issues) which is available online.

Happy New Year—Mr. J

Milk served with every meal.

January Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Waffles Turkey & Noodles Fruit Salad Birthday Cake	2 Hash Browns Corn Dogs Fries Fruit Bar Cookie	3 Eggs & Sausage Chicken Nuggets Fries Fruit Cookie	4 Hash Browns Beef Nachos Salad Fruit Cobbler	5
6	7 Muffins Beef Nachos Salad Fruit No Bakes	8 Biscuits & Gravy Burritos Fries Fruit Maple Bars	9 Maple Bars Tacos Rice & Beans Fruit Cookie	10 Muffins Fried Chicken Fruit Fries Cookie	11 RSD Day	12
13	14 Pancakes Chinese Casserole Cottage Cheese Fruit Hot Roll	15 Waffles Pizza Roll Salad Fruit Cookie	16 Pizza Roll Wiener Wrap Fries Fruit Cookie	17 Hash Browns Lasagna Vegetable Fruit Hot Rolls	18 No School	19
20	21 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22 Biscuits & Gravy Chili & Cheese Salad Fruit Cinnamon Rolls	23 French Toast Baked Potato & Fixins Fruit Cookie	24 Muffins Spaghetti Salad Fruit French Bread	25 Sausage Sack Lunch	26
27	28 Sausage Fajitas Rice & Beans Fruit Cookie	29 Muffins Pancakes Sausage Fruit Hash Browns	30 Hash Browns Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Fruit Hot Roll	31 Waffles Macaroni & Cheese Veggie Fruit Cookie		