

Adrian School District Newsletter

September 2009

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BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

It's late August, time to return to the classroom. School started on Monday with the usual enthusiasm. We have many new faces in our student population. Overall, our numbers are up slightly. This is good news because our funding is tied directly to enrollment numbers.

We were able to keep our entire staff from last year. They are an outstanding group of employees who are dedicated to making our school a productive environment for all.

The summer crew has, as is usual, done their work beyond expectations. The school buildings and grounds look great. Thank you, Nick Castro, Bryan Mikkleson, Anna Rust, Eladia Michel and John Gordon. John doubles as transportation and maintenance supervisor, both huge responsibilities.

Other summer activities included a library centered reading enhancement program, directed by Elma Witty, and a summer credit retrieval program provided under Sandy Shaw's leadership. Of course, Darla Witty, our tireless, patient, efficient and productive business manager kept our district office 'open' all summer.

When asked why I continue to work (part-time) after four decades in education I remind the listener of a quote by John Wooden. Mr. Wooden, who was a very successful coach and English Professor at UCLA would say "I work because nowhere else could I find such grand company."

Truly, this is the great joy of being an educator. The students and staff make it a special 'life's work'.

Antelopes Forever

Gene Mills

Adrian School Superintendent

Math Half-Minute

P squared for P cubed winners for the fourth quarter were: Simon Appler, Naomi Wilson and Rebekah VanCorbach. The tee-shirt winner, randomly selected from the 12 P squared for P cubed winners, was Roman Voigt. I intend to continue giving an award of this type during the coming year. I randomly select a number of students each quarter from the pool of students that have all papers submitted on time and have no unexcused tardies.

The math theme this year is "Problem Solving, Ownership". Problem solving involves learning, thinking, trying different approaches, collaborating, restarting, persevering, and having a "can do" attitude. . Ownership involves taking personal responsibility for the success of the endeavor and working to improve the success rate. Hopefully the 09-10 school year will be a year of growth and success for all the students.

T.S.

Principal's Corner

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High School Principal

Another school year has begun and we are off to a very positive start. We had a great first day; for the second consecutive year we had members of our school board and other community members volunteer to greet our students at the doors and in the hallways. No student entered the first day without a hearty handshake, friendly smile and a positive greeting. High school enrollment exceeded the century mark, as we had 103 students on the first day!

Superintendent, Mr. Mills, welcomed the students and Student Body Samantha Bowns and the rest of the officers, reviewed some of the handbook highlights with entertaining and creative skits during our morning assembly. I had the pleasure of introducing the high school staff and school board members and then reviewing and previewing expectations/procedures for Adrian High School Students. We also introduced the motto adopted by our Site Council last Spring, which is: 'Enter to Learn, Learn to Work, Work to Serve'.

I am looking forward to a great year, as I begin my 3rd year in Adrian and my 26th year in education! The students, staff and community are wonderful to work with and I can think of no better place to work! As always, I have an open door policy, please feel free to stop by and visit. Let's have a great year together!

Kevin Purnell
H.S.Principal

The K-8 Principal

The first days of school have been great. Thank you to the community members that came to greet the students at the door. I was impressed with our teachers as I walked by their rooms and listened to them giving good instruction to their students on how to operate in their rooms and in the school. The youngest students are taught by actually getting up and practicing how they will act in many situations. Some of the older grades have found that a hand on practice is also practical. This looks like a great year.

Thanks for all of your support.

William H. Ellsworth
K-8 Principal



School spirit is contagious. If you have been to any of the Adrian Antelope games you know what I am talking about. Green, gold and white splashed through out the stands and a roaring crowd cheering on the team. Whether it's a little league summer game, middle school game or a high school playoff you can get a sense of how contagious our school spirit is. I have never seen so many shirts, hats, water bottles or stadium seats with our Antelope mascot imprinted on and used with pride.

So whose job is it to organize and execute this madness? Building school spirit involves the persistent effort of the student body, athletes, coaches, parents, sports boosters, faculty and community. It is the cheer squad's responsibility to represent these groups to promote school spirit and good sportsmanship. Without all of these talented and hardworking people, our school spirit would not be the positive, explosive and respectful phenomenon it is becoming.

There will be 10 high school cheerleaders this year. Representing the Juniors are; Rebekah Vancorbach, Amanda Peutz, Jessica Morton, LaRae Mazac, Autumn Snyder and Lynne Vancorbach; Sophomores; Amber Mazac, Carla Combe and Natasha Garner; Freshman; Jasper Snyder.

As the cheer coach I am continually working on finding ways to build on our awesome spirit. We are excited and looking forward to lead the crowd with the many new cheers, stunts and dances learned at our private UCA camp this summer. The squad also learned valuable information about safety. Rebekah, Jessica, Amanda and Autumn were selected as All American which meant that they had the opportunity to perform in London England during a New Year's Eve parade. Due to funding the girls were not able to attend but were honored to be awarded.

Summer time meant practice and fundraising for our squad. We held carwashes, a sponsor drive and washed windows to earn funds to purchase uniforms and camp. A huge thank you to everyone who helped us out! I would like to personally thank Amanda and Paulette Peutz for all the hard work they did on fundraising. Our most recent activity was performing a new dance in the Talent Show at the Malheur County Fair in August.

Can't wait to see everyone wearing their Fan Wear at the games. Let your Antelope spirit shine!!

Julie Morton

AHS Cheer Coach

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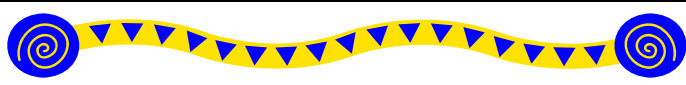
Wow...can you believe it? School is already here! During the summer the chapter participated in some pretty exciting events. In June we went to Leadership Camp and had a great time, especially when the Reporters won the relay race and as a prize they got to throw pies at the advisors. In July the chapter saddled up and went to the Vale Rodeo. Also in July, after a meeting we had a slip and slide on a hay tarp with lost of soap and baby oil. It was great, not to mention all the Popsicles we ate and getting Mr. Culley wet with water balloons! Chapter members who had projects at the Malheur Co. Fair were Naomi Wilson, Evan and Matt Sneider, Jake Wilde, Jake Mathews, Maddy Pendergrass, Jack Zittercob, Mark Ishida and Jessica Morton, some of which received more than one award. At the fair the chapter received second place in the float contest, and third place in livestock judging. Our chapter recently has gone to the Homedale Rodeo and has done a Community Clean up Day in Adrian. The chapter also had five girls help out at the Buckaroo Breakfast every morning for the Homedale Senior Citizens; those girls were Andrea Shenk, Brittney Phelps, Maddy Pendergrass, Olivia and Jessica Morton. Thanks girls. Our 2009-2010 officers are Andrea Shenk: President, Brittney Phelps: Vice President, Heather Thompson: Secretary, Evan Sneider: Treasurer, Jessica Morton: Reporter, Jake Mattews: Sentinel, Olivia Morton: Historian and Maddy Pendergrass: Chaplain.

Thank you for your support!! Jessica Morton


A P T O

Welcome Back! The Adrian Parent Teacher Organization (APTO) would like to welcome you, to the new 2009 – 2010 school year. The APTO is a non-profit organization and everyone involved with this organization all volunteer their time. Our lifetime commitment is to motivate others to make a personal investment in our school's greatest asset, "Our Children." Together we have powerful voices on behalf of every child to help them with their education, developing their life skills and acquiring the knowledge they will need to become productive and contributing member of our community, state and our nation. Together with the help of the APTO, teachers, staff, parents and our community we can make a difference in our children's lives, by helping them to succeed in whatever endeavors they may choose. We have a fun and exciting year planned which will include fundraising activities like a Halloween Carnival in October, a Christmas Boutique/Santa's Workshop in December. The money raised will be used towards purchasing books, a \$500.00 scholarship and much more. We encourage everyone in our community and our surrounding communities to come out and join in the festivities. We would like to welcome our new members to the board: President – Kimberly Bertalotto and Secretary/Historian – Kelsey Zimmerman. We would also like to thank the outgoing board members: President – Jenna Meyers, Vice-President – Robin Hartman, Treasurer – Mary Jane Griffin and Secretary – Natalie Weaver for their years of service to the APTO, the school and the community. We appreciate everything you have done and will continue doing. We would also like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who donate or volunteer their time to helping the APTO succeed in the fundraising. The APTO will be voting soon on a new Vice President and Treasurer, if anyone is interested, please contact Kimberly Bertalotto at 541-724-5071 home, 541-212-0597 cell or at kbertalotto@aol.com. If you are interested in learning more about the APTO, becoming a member, or a volunteer of the APTO, please contact Kimberly Bertalotto at the numbers or email address above. You can also leave a message through our email address located on the Adrian School District Site.

We hold two monthly meetings so it is convenient for everyone to attend. The meetings are held in the Adrian School Library in Elementary/Middle School and are scheduled on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm (for spring and summer months) and at 6:00 pm (for winter and fall months), these meeting are schedule one hour before the Adrian School Board Meeting so that anyone wishing to attend can stay. The other meeting will be on the last Thursday at 4:00 pm; everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend either one or both of these meetings. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, at 4:00 pm. Please check the Adrian Newsletter, APTO website or the APTO bulletin board next to the library for updates. We encourage everyone to visit the website or to check out our bulletin board for updates on school events and to enjoy the photos we will post periodically. Thank you,
Kim Bertalotto
APTO President



Leadership Insights from Mrs. VanCorbach
In leadership class we have been looking at how to be a successful leader. A quote we have been talking about in class says "The only real training for leadership is leadership"- Jay Anthony. We've been busy discovering our own personal leadership styles and we are ready to embark on our first major project of the semester _ HOMECOMING! Homecoming activities will begin the week of Oct. 12th. We will have various activities during the week, including spirit days, class competitions, powder-puff football, bon fire, float building competition, a community parade and assembly and finally, coronation and the homecoming volleyball and football games. We hope you will join us in celebrating our school during the Homecoming events.





Library News

Summer Reading

The Be Creative @ Your Library 2009 summer reading sessions were highly successful. Over 100 people participated and the average student attendance was 26. Joan Gordon introduced pottery, Lorine VanCorbach demonstrated band instruments, Penny Speelmon taught dance, Marianne Paul led a poetry lesson and Kelsey Zimmerman taught creative collage.

A grant has been received from Target for reading sessions next summer with the theme of Make a Splash @ Your Library. Be sure to talk to Elma Witty throughout the school year about any ideas you have for "making a splash" with summer reading in 2010.

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

Adrian students will participate in elementary, middle school, and high school levels of the 2010 OBOB contest. Multiple copies of the 16 books for each level are now available at the library (including some in audiobook format) thanks to the donation made by McKenzie Purnell in connection with her senior project. The process of selecting OBOB team members will start in September. Thanks to Krissy Walker, Jen Nielson, and Heidi Purnell for being willing to coach OBOB teams.

Story Hour

Story hours at the library will start on September 15. Sessions will be held each Tuesday throughout the school year between 10:30 and 11:00. How can you tell if your child is old enough to attend Story Hour at the library? Any child who is able to sit through a short story (maybe in the lap of an adult) and work with an adult on a simple craft project is welcome to attend. Some parents and grandparents stay for lunch in the school cafeteria. This year adult lunches cost \$3.05 and student lunches are \$2.05. Tickets are available from Cindy Bennett in the elementary office and serving starts at 11:00 a.m..

Day-Dreaming Doodler

Mr. J

After Mr. Camp provided our high school staff evidence doodling and day-dreaming can be very productive contributors to the learning process, I feel a need to be more tolerant toward individuals who we once considered "unproductive"—and remove the vocabulary term "lazy" from Webster's.

Selected as webmasters for the 2009-10 school year are Jacob Wilde, LaRae Mazac, and Amanda Peutz. A few new programs have been installed into the lab, with several students extremely excited to incorporate the Bamboo Tablets into our website material.

Photography students will be trekking to Boise for a photo field trip on October 9. LaRae and Amanda gave a fundamental lesson in Expression Web to the new photo students.

Econ students quickly learned the basics of investing and are now attempting to become millionaires buying stocks in the stock market game with Investopedia.com

Katie Bowns is the yearbook editor, with twin sis Sammy as the assistant editor. Desktop students are interviewing our new friends from around the world and will be posting their interviews in the high school news web link.

Bottom line, a productive week—no doodling allowed!

Please feel free to stop by the classroom, email or call.

Mr. J

School Lunch Program

Adrian School District #61 participates in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. School districts that take part in the lunch program get cash subsidies and donated commodities from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for each meal they serve. In return, they must serve lunches that meet Federal requirements, and they must offer free or reduced-price lunches to eligible children.

Any child at Adrian Schools may purchase a meal through the National School Lunch Program. Children from families with incomes at or below 130 percent of the poverty level are eligible for free meals. Those between 130 percent and 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for reduced-price meals, for which students can be charged no more than 40 cents. Children from families with incomes over 185 percent of poverty pay a full price, though their meals are still subsidized to some extent.

Adrian School Meal prices for 2009-2010 are as follows:

K – 5 Full Price Lunch	\$2.05
6 – 12 Full Price Lunch	\$2.30
K-12 Reduced Price Lunch	\$.40
Adult Lunch	\$3.05
K-12 Full Price Breakfast	\$1.40
K-12 Reduced Price Breakfast	\$.00
Adult Breakfast	\$1.75
Extra Milk	\$.30
Extra Entrée	\$ 1.15

Free and reduced price meal applications are distributed to each family at the time the students enroll in school or are sent home with students the first day of school. Parents who do not receive this application should request an application from the school office. The determination for eligibility for free and reduced price meals is based solely on income and the number of persons residing in the household. Income thresholds are established at the federal level.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the State of Oregon prohibit discrimination in all USDA programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA and the State of Oregon are equal opportunity providers and employers.

Cafeteria Scoop

The weather has cooled down some, and that really makes it nice. Not to say it won't heat up again. The reprieve from the heat is helpful. How are your gardens doing? Do you have any thing extra? We can sure help you out with using it up. We will take most anything you have, maybe not squash, or zucchini, but fruit, melons, tomatoes, cucumbers, radish, just about anything. We'd love to have them. I will thank you in advance.

As you have heard me ask many times, my wall of Seniors, (Graduates of AHS, from all the years), I would like to update the pictures. If you know of any classmates that have passed away, I would like to honor them with gold stars. I know there is more that have passed away than I have starred. If you can take a few minutes of your precious time, jot them down, and either call me, email me at school, or just drop your list into the mail at school, in care of me.

We hope you had a great summer, and are ready now to get down to work. Getting on a schedule, is what sounds good to most of us. We still have the same kitchen staff, I am the Food Service Director, Julie Morton is the Head Cook, Hermalinda Dominguez is the Cook, Maria Almeida is the Dishwasher. This year Jennifer Findling is the substitute dishwasher. We would like for more people to step up and apply for the sub dishwasher position. We do really need more than one. Either come talk to me, Jan, or go to see Darla and out an application, which you will have to do anyway.

Remember, recipes are always given to you if you want to come in and pick them up. I have many already run off, and will gladly give them to you.

Have a great September, and enjoy the ball games, and getting out to support our kids.

Till next month, Jan Sillonis and Staff

Adrian School District #61
Adrian, OR 97901

Board Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2009

The Board of Directors of Adrian School District #61, Malheur County, met on the 11th day of August, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. in the Adrian School Library. Members present were: Paul Shenk, Neil Allison, Casey Walker, Ryan Martin, and Jake Speelmon. Others present were: Gene Mills, Superintendent/Clerk; Darla Witty, Deputy Clerk/Business Manager; Kevin Purnell, High School Principal; Bill Ellsworth, Elementary/Middle School Principal; Kim Bertalotto, PTO President; Jim Haydock and Gaylene Ellsworth, Staff Members.

- 1) 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.
- 2) Adopt Agenda The agenda was amended to add Action Item 6) d. Retainage Forfeiture. Motion was made by Paul Shenk and was seconded by Casey Walker, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Student and Personnel Communications
 - a) Student Reports/Requests There were none.
 - b) Staff Reports/Requests Mr. Haydock requested board approval for an overnight trip for the 7th grade class Outdoor School at Celebration Park on August 24-27, 2009. The itinerary includes a natural history program presented by the Celebration Park staff, camping in tents overnight, and drifting the Snake River below Swan Falls in rafts. Motion was made by Ryan Martin and was seconded by Paul Shenk to approve the Outdoor School overnight trip. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c) Elementary Principal Report Mr. Ellsworth reported that middle school students and new elementary students registered yesterday and there is some student movement both in and out, but he does not have an updated enrollment number. Teachers are beginning to come in to work in their classrooms.
 - d) High School Principal Report Mr. Purnell reported that there are 99 high school students at this point; which is up four from last year. High School students registered Wednesday and the foreign exchange students registered today. There will be twelve foreign exchange students this year, all but two have arrived. The football and volleyball teams have started conditioning. Seventeen football players attended the Mountain Home football camp, and were the Passing League Champs out of the 12 teams that participated.
 - d) Superintendent Report Mr. Mills reported that Mr. Gordon is moving the maintenance shop to the North onion shed and when that is complete we will expand the weight room into the old maintenance shop. The swales have been repaired and look good. Teacher in-service begins Wednesday of next

week and the Board is welcome to attend the 8:15 a.m. meeting. There are more public meetings coming up on August 25, 26, and 27, for the Idaho Power's power line project. Mr. Mills plans to attend one of the meetings. Harper would like to coop with us for football as they have only a few young kids. The league would need to approve the coop. Mr. Purnell explained that we could make stipulations that would govern the coop, for example, that they would only wear Adrian uniforms. We currently have a large turn out for football and adding a few more kids would make it very large. Concerns about the large number of students and playing time were raised. We would need to have a strong JV schedule to make it work. The board also recognized Harper's position that if they can't field a team this year and their students don't have the opportunity to compete it would hurt their program in the future also. The administration will support the coop if the head coach is willing to take on more players. Mr. Mills advised the board that they could approve the coop contingent upon the approval of the head coach. That way we could move ahead with the coop without reconvening the board, but would not be obligated if the head coach doesn't approve. Neil Allison suggested the following stipulations, that the students participate with the Adrian team as Adrian students, wear the Adrian colors, be recognized as Adrian Antelopes and otherwise participate without any distinction that they are from Harper. All games and practices would be in Adrian and there would be no guarantees of varsity participation or other playing time. Motion was made by Jake Speelmon and was seconded by Casey Walker, to approve Harper students participating on the Adrian football squad, as Adrian players, if approved by the head coach. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mills reported that the legislative funding package includes a temporary income tax increase on high wage earners and an increase in corporate income taxes. This may be referred to the voters, and if it doesn't pass, this would negatively impact the funding available to schools. The legislature did not pass the bill that would force the consolidation of the Education Service Districts (ESD); however, the Eastern Oregon ESD's are voluntarily restructuring. The Baker/Union ESD is disbanding and Baker County will join with Malheur County and Union County will join Umatilla/Morrow ESD.

- e) Financial Report Darla Witty provided the board with the balance sheet and summary of receipts and expenditures for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The general fund ending fund balance is \$595,086.77, which is nearly \$20,000 more than budget. Mrs. Witty also explained that the legislature has appropriated \$6 billion dollars for schools over the 2009-2011 biennium. \$200 million of this is from reserves that will be released if the economic situation allows. Although, the state will be sending us more money than previously expected, there is no guarantee that the state will be able to fund the appropriation and spending too freely this fiscal year could put us in a situation to need to make more reductions next year. Mrs. Witty recommends taking a conservative approach with the budget this fiscal year, and as the year develops we will have a better idea what we will actually have to work with.

- 4) Public Comment Kim Bertalotto, PTO President, shared that the PTO will be providing lunch for the staff on Friday, August 21, 2009. Plans are in the works for a Welcome Back Dinner organized by PTO and Sports Boosters in early September.
- 5) Consent Agenda Motion was made by Paul Shenk and was seconded by Ryan Martin to approve the July 9, 2009, board meeting minutes as presented and to pay the bills as listed in the amount of \$178,502.89. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Action Items
 - a) Adopt Parent/Student Handbooks There were no further changes to the handbooks than were presented at the last meeting. A board member asked Mr. Purnell how he was resolving the English 12 and Senior Project issue raised last month. Mr. Purnell stated that English 12 second semester is a senior requirement, and can not be substituted with another English. Motion was made by Casey Walker and was seconded by Ryan Martin to approve the elementary, middle school and high school Parent/Student Handbooks. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b) Appoint Budget Committee Members The following were recommended for appointment to the budget committee, Carl Morton to Zone #3, to complete the term vacated by Ryan Martin, there is one year remaining on the term which expires June 30, 2010; Elise Pendergrass to the Zone 5 position for a three year expiring June 30, 2012, and Russell Martin to the Zone 2 position for a three year term expiring June 30, 2012. Motion was made by Jake Speelmon and was seconded by Paul Shenk to appoint budget committee members as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c) Extra duty Contracts Mr. Mills recommended that Julie Morton be offered extra-duty contracts for Middle School and High School Cheerleading, and to Kevin Purnell, Assistant/JV Volleyball Coach. Motion was made by Ryan Martin and was seconded by Casey Walker to offer extra-duty contracts as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d) Retainage Forfeiture The \$2,000 remaining retainage on the construction to repair the swales is still holding in the account and since Mid-Valley refused to repair the swales, it was recommended the board declare the retainage forfeited and returned to the Bond Proceeds fund to help pay for the repairs to the swales. Motion was made by Jake Speelmon and was seconded by Ryan Martin, to declare that the retainage held from Mid-Valley Construction is forfeited and to transfer the retainage and associated interest to the Bond Proceeds account. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Information Items
 - a) District and School AYP The preliminary AYP (Average Yearly Progress) reports were shared with the board. Both schools and the district met AYP in all categories.
 - b) Rent out Onion Shed Mr. Mills shared that we have reached agreement with Central Produce who will rent the onion storage buildings; the large building

and the two small buildings, for \$5,500 and they will pay the power and to get the sheds ready.

- c) Lighting Retrofit Grant We have submitted a grant which, if approved, would allow us to retrofit the high school lights using federal energy stimulus dollars and Idaho Power rebates.

- 8) Board Comments Mr. Mill asked Neil Allison, Board Chairman to do a welcome back greeting to the staff at the in-service meeting. Mr. Allison agreed to do this. Board members have been asked about the class pictures that used to hang in the high school hallway. The pictures will get back up.

- 9) Executive Session Executive Session as provided by ORS 192.660 d) negotiations was not needed.

- 10) Adjournment Motion was made by Casey Walker and was seconded by Ryan Martin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Recorded by: _____

Adopted: _____