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What's Happening in Kindergarten

by Nikki Poelma, teacher

Kindergarten is a big step for every child, but the kindergarteners at Albin Elementary are making it look like a cakewalk! They are making friends, learning responsibility, practicing good manners, and working hard to learn to read, write, and do math.

In our classroom, we are using a new language arts curriculum called StoryTown. The kindergarteners listen to poems, sing songs, write letters, recognize sounds, draw pictures, read books, and write sentences as a part of this curriculum. They seem to be enjoying the variety this program offers and they are learning rapidly. Recently, they have begun to write sentences and enjoy seeing their ideas on paper. What a huge accomplishment!

In math, the kindergarteners continue to practice their counting skills. They have also been working on AB, ABC, AAB, and ABB patterns. There are many math vocabulary words, like above, below, more, less, fewer, less, top, middle, and bottom. The kindergarteners are picking these up quickly and even use them in their daily vocabulary now!

Visiting other classrooms is an adventure for the kindergarteners. They love going to PE, music, art, library, recess, computer lab, and lunch. Visiting the bookmobile has also been a highlight of the school year. They love exploring for new books and are pleased to share their findings with the class. They are also enjoying looking at and reading a variety of holiday books.

The holiday is quickly approaching us, and the excitement in the kindergarten room can hardly be contained!



HOMELESS VETERANS SHELTER FOOD DRIVE

It's on! The challenge that is! Laramie County School Districts #1 and #2 have a friendly competition going to see who can come up with the most goods for the new homeless veterans' shelter that is being built in Cheyenne. The drive was started by KRRR radio station in Cheyenne. One thing led to another and now we have a challenge at hand!

To do our part, we are having a canned food drive at our school to be included in our district's bountiful collection. We decided that instead of a gift exchange, we would ask students to bring canned food items as a gift to the needy. The canned food drive begins NOW and will be finished at our school on Friday, December 12. On December 15, two LCSD #2 buses will pick up contributions from all schools in the district and deliver them to the shelter.

To sweeten the pot we have decided to make this a class competition. The class with the most items by the end of the drive will win first class accommodations at the Christmas movie we will be showing in the gym on Friday, December 19.

For more information on this story refer to page 8 of the November 27th issue of the Pine Bluffs Post. Thanks in advance for your help with this project and helping our students learn the value of altruism during this season of giving.



Here We Come a Caroling!

Step back in time... and come join us at Albin Elementary School for the live Christmas Program broadcast from radio station ALBN on Thursday, December 11, at 6:30 PM in the gym! This will be a delightful performance and please plan to stay afterwards for cookies, punch and coffee.



Thank You to the Albin Community

I would like to send out a quick note of appreciation for all of the support and congratulations from this community on my Milken Educator Award. The day was a surprise for all of us, and I want all of you to know I am pleased to have our students, staff, and school recognized and honored through this award as well.

Beginning in January, we will be implementing a Read to Feed program in which the students will read books for points to purchase and send farm animals to impoverished families in third world countries. This will be done through an organization called *Heifer International* and financed through a portion of my award. Be watching for details after the holidays.

Thank you again, and Merry Christmas to everyone!

Tracy Petsch

Dates to Remember

- Dec. 8 - 7:00 Board Meeting, Albin
- Dec. 11 - 6:30 Christmas Concert
- Dec. 15 - Food Drive for Homeless Veterans ends
- Dec. 19 - Christmas Parties in the afternoon
- Dec. 20-Jan. 4 - Christmas Break
NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 5 - School resumes
- Jan. 16 - End of 2nd quarter
- Jan. 19 - NO SCHOOL, Teacher in-service
- Jan. 23 - 8:15 Awards Assembly



Student Council News

by Chris Nusbaum, sponsor

In observance of Veteran's Day on Tuesday, November 11, Mrs. Duffy and the students put on a delightful music program. Following the program there were 11 veterans who stayed and ate lunch with the students and the Wildcat Den picked up the tab. We were so thankful for their time and willingness to come. It was great to see young people interacting with our veterans!

SANTA'S SECRET SHOP

Ho, ho, ho! Santa's on his way, or at least Santa's Secret Shop is! Santa's Secret Shop is a gift shop that is available for students to be able to buy gifts for friends and family and keep it a secret. The profits will go to the Student Council and to projects/items for all students. This year Santa's Secret Shop will be open Dec.8 - Dec.12. So mark your calendars because Christmas is almost here!

