

Alta-Dutch Flat School District

March 2018 Bear Tracks

A note from your Principal...

Dear Alta-Dutch Flat Families--

What a beautiful and refreshing week we are having here at school. The soft snow and clear-blue skies brings out the kids in all of us. While growing up in Quincy, I always enjoyed snow storms and the days following. The clean crisp air and bright sunny days lead in the excitement of the ski bus trip on Saturdays to Johnsville. There, we enjoyed the day with friends riding the poma lifts and skiing the ungroomed slopes. We actually spent the early part of the mornings side-stepping the slopes on our skis to pack the snow. It is great to see our students enjoying similar types of experiences as they grow up.

As we strive into the 3rd and final trimester of the 2017-18 school year, I am excited to share with you some of the steps forward we are taking at our school.

We are excited to announce that Mrs. Brown has accepted a full-time teaching position. She will continue the mornings with 7/8 English/Language Arts (ELA), PE, and Social Studies. In the afternoons, Mrs. Brown will be teaching 5/6 ELA, PE, and Social Studies.

Mrs. Zentner will continue to teach Math and Science in the mornings for the 5/6 students. In the afternoons, she will be establishing a new program called Response To Intervention (RTI). This program enables her to spend more time with students who need additional reinforcement and support in Math, ELA, and Reading.

Finally, we will have an addition to our instructional staff for most of the remaining school year. Ms. Hershey will be a student-teacher with Mrs. Fejes' class. As a student-teacher, Ms. Hershey will be under the guidance of the teacher program at her university along with coaching and instruction from Mrs. Fejes. We look forward to having a developing teacher on campus that will learn from all of our awesome teaching staff!

As we continue to enhance an educational environment that works to prepare all of our students for high school and beyond, the support that students get at home is paramount to their success. Please encourage your students to read books and articles of interest to them. Take time to have discussions about what they are reading and have them share back with you their thoughts, opinions and questions. Creating a collaborative environment at home is healthy and helps your children in the growth of the inquiry process.

Thanks,
Mr. Wells



Attention Alta Dutch Flat Community!!!

Do you wish our community had a donut shop? Then March 13th is your lucky day! For one day only you can enjoy donuts, coffee, milk, and parfaits at the school cafeteria!

\$2- Drink & Donut

\$5- Drink & Parfait

\$12- Buy a dozen to share w/friends or coworkers



Pre-Order Your Dozen Today!

Call or text Courtney @ (916)710-0214 to pre-order

Where: Alta Dutch Flat Elementary Cafeteria

When: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Time: 6:30am – 8:30am

Come Support our Awesome Students!

2nd Trimester Awards

Congratulations Alta Dutch Flat Bears – You Rock!!



Principal's List (All A's or just one B)

Miranda Ricks

Harrison McDonnell, Trinity Vernon-Cole, Serena Bailey

Carter Stetler, Kaylie Alden, Noah Feavearyear

Gloria Bailey, Elisa Barber, Savannah Nevells, Milas Ellison, Katie Walker, Hudson McDonnell

Rodney Arashi, Brooke Lenz, Nathan Mitchell, Eva Saunders

Honor Roll (GPA 3.0 – 3.79)

Keely LaBarbera, Izabelle Saunders, Anabelle Saunders

Marty Lowenstein, Nathan Owen, Cooper Best, Clayton O'Leary, Brody Elster

DeAndre Howard, Richard Barth, Elise Bye, Isabella Volpe, Persephone VanDenburg

Aidan Owen, Piercy Brown

Blaine Saunders, Lily Samp, Emmercyn Stetler, Rowan Elster, Delia Pullman, Shalyn Abney,

Chevelle Johnson

Perfect Attendance (In your seat every day of the 58 days of school)

McGuire Davis, Miranda Ricks Zach Samuelson

Serena Bailey, Trinity Vernon-Cole, Clayton O'Leary, Peyton Sladek

Elisa Barber, Gloria Bailey

Brooke Lenz, Eva Saunders

Jameson Rawlins, Wesley Ellison, Cadon Harris, Robyn Barth

Isabella Williams, Madisyn Alden

Carter Harris

Dylan Lenz, Wyatt Williams, Emily Snider



Parents' Club

This month's Parents' Club meeting will be held after school on Wednesday, March 7th. Agenda topics include school wide fun day and teacher appreciation week.

We are planning to hold a silent auction during Open House in May. We will be putting baskets/items together for each class to auction off. Each class has selected a theme but feel free to donate any other quality items that you may think of as well. If you would like the money raised from your donated item to go to a specific class or grade please label it accordingly. Remember the higher quality items you bring in the more money we can raise for each class.

The themes for each class are as follows:

Kindergarten – Placer Grown

1/2 – Cornhole Boards (these have already been put together and monetary donations to pay for supplies are welcome)

3/4 – Motorcycle Theme

5/6 – Mexico

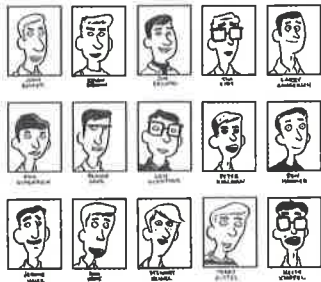
7 – Mom Basket

8 – Dad Basket

Thanks!

Kacee Stetler, President

YEARBOOK



Have you ordered your yearbook yet? You can order online or you can send cash/check to the school office in the amount of \$11.00 so a presale yearbook can be ordered for your student. Students will receive their yearbooks the last week of school. All Kindergarten – Eighth grade students are featured in the 24-page color yearbook. If you wish to personalize two of the interior pages with your own photos you can at www.treering.com. Let me know and I can give you the code and assist you. *Deadline to order is April 14th*. Only students who preorder will receive a yearbook.

- Box Tops For Education – Keep sending them in.
- The 2018-2019 calendar has been approved for the new school year. Just for your information and planning, the first day of school will be Wednesday, August 15th, 2018
- Spring Break is Monday, March 26 – Monday April 2nd. Due to our snow closure day on Monday, February 26th, we will now be in session on Tuesday, April 3rd.

KINDERGARTEN *with Mrs. Sibley*

Here is what our future presidents of America have to say. We will be in good hands.

If I was the President of the United States of America, I would...

...help people. If they were fighting, I would talk to them.
-Ava

...make people feel better by talking on TV to them. -Cody

...take care of people. If they want to go somewhere, I would drive them. -Emily

...read books to people so they can learn to climb. -Shane

...teach people to share and be nice. -Evelyn

...make stuff like a statue and a city. -Karly

...have the people stop smoking cigarettes. -Kiah

...protect people from everything. -Noe

...send more people to protect us.
-Sailor

...sail boats to give people rides home.
-Troyken

...save people people from danger.
-Wyatt

...teach people to be nice. -Patrick

...help people by loving them. -Dylan





Mrs. Fejes' First and Second Grade

Language Arts:

1st grade-Let's Go to the Moon!

Words with Long *o*, Identifying what a question is, Narrative Writing, Words with Long *u*, Proper Nouns, Words with Long *e*

2nd grade-Mr. Tanen's Tie Trouble

Base words and endings *-ed* and *-ing*, Pronouns, Narrative Writing, Long *o* review, Homographs, Statement, command or question, Long *i* (l, igh, ie, y)

Math: (First Grade)

Adding and subtracting within 20

Adding tens

Subtracting tens

Two-digit numbers

Word Problems

Math: (Second Grade)

Money (bills and coins)

Time to the nearest 5 minutes

Other activities this month: *Chinese New Year, Presidents Day, Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day*



If I were the president of the United States, I would...

Make it so there wasn't any war. *Victor*

Help people build houses. *Carter*

Make the world be nice to the world. *Bella*

Help computer guys. *Orianna*

Control people for the people who are bad. *Kurt*

Put bad people in jail. *Amaya*

Make the world a better place. *Grayson*

Put bad people in jail. *Hadley*

Make a rule not to kill animals. *Jaydee*

Be a scientist and make a potion for flying cats. *Albion*

Control everyone that was bad and mean. *Aren*

Help people. *Kloey*

Make school better. *Kian*

Make a big playground. *Dawson*

Lower the prices of things. *Sawyer*

Make a law that would say no killing of animals. *Madisyn*

Make it so things don't cost so much. *Tristan*

Be nice to people. *Jetton*

Help people survive, by building strong castles that would not fall *Peyton*

Help other people understand other people. *Kallan*

Save people. *Taylor*

Help the ducks. *Charlotte*

3rd/4th Grade w/ Ms D'Elia

Reading: This month's class novel is walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech. This wonderful story is complex and full of figurative language. All the students will do an in-class book report and quiz. Beginning in March, the students are on their own again. Help your child pick out an interesting and grade appropriate book to read. Class time will be given for silent reading. A book report will be due the last day of March.

Math: The third-graders just finished a unit in division and starting fraction concepts. The fourth graders are continuing their unit on fractions. They've learned how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers, add and subtract like fractions, make equivalent fractions, compare fractions and find common denominators. Our next chapter is putting it all together, adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators.

Social Studies: California history has been getting very exciting - Trailblazers, Bear Flagger, and the gold rush, oh my! Our next big focus is the Gold Rush and the transcontinental railroad. Expect to see a diorama and research report on a specific California time-period in March.

Science: The students finished an insect report this month along with a clay bug. The projects were fun and interesting.

We've dedicated our Wednesday afternoons to science projects using a fabulous online curriculum called Mystery Science. I love it!

Upcoming field trips:

Tuesday March 20 to the Joss House, a Japanese Museum in Auburn and the Placer County AG Day for students.

April 10, The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe at B Street Theater's new facility. I'm sure we will have one more location to conquer but that's to be announced.

A final note- Amanda and friends put on a fun life sized Candyland game for the kids for Valentine's Day. Her dedication to parties is unmatched. Thanks Amanda.



5th/6th Grade Math and Science with Mrs. Zentner



Permission slips for the field trip to Empire Mine State Historic Park/KVMR on March 14 were sent home with report cards. Please return those as soon as possible, and let me know if you are able to drive and chaperone. Check in with Tracy, too, so she can make sure your insurance and fingerprints are up-to-date and on file. It should be a fun and educational day.

Math: It's funny how things work - both grades are currently learning not only how to divide fractions, but also why we "invert and multiply." Mrs. Sibley assures me that these skills are needed and much used in junior high math. The next **fifth grade** unit is Algebra: Patterns and Graphing. This includes:

- Line Plots
- Ordered Pairs
- Line Graphs
- Numerical Patterns
- Find a Rule
- Graph and Analyze Relationships

Sixth Grade will be moving into Statistics and Multiplication.

This includes:

- Use measures of central tendency, histograms, stem-and-leaf plots, and box plots to represent and compare data.
- Consider the shape and spread of data both through a visual display and through calculations.
- Decide if a question is a statistical question.
- Solve problems involving distance, rate, and time.
- Convert units so that they are the same and then use them to compare rates

Science: We are just finishing up a great unit on volcanoes, and we are moving right into Weathering and Erosion. Main focus points include:

- Weathering (chemical and physical) and its effects.
- Erosion and deposition (natural movement of rock and soil)
- Reshaping the California landscape (geology of California and land use)





LANGUAGE ARTS...now with Mrs. Brown!

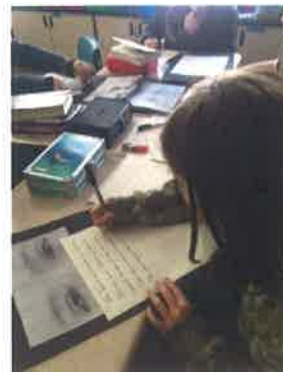
A big thank you for the warm welcome I've received as I step into my new role as a full-time instructor. We will study Language Arts in the afternoon now and Mrs. Zentner will study science in the morning.

We've had a great time settling in with Independent Reading time, our first 25 minutes after lunch. The District was very generous with funds to purchase new books for the classroom and I've been moving some books around from the junior high classroom. I must admit, I've heard a lot of, "Hey! Where are you going with those books?" from the 7th and 8th graders!

Some popular books in 5th and 6th grade right now: *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, *The Wild Robot*, *Mr. Limoncello's Library*

PHOTO-ESSAY: *The Best Part of Me*

Together we read a book called, *The Best Part of Me*. Students took photographs on their ChromeBooks of their designated "Best Part of Me," and saved to their google drives. They printed and mounted their photos and then they wrote a narrative to accompany their photos. The finished products were astounding. Look for them at Open House in May.



SOCIAL STUDIES:

We continue our study of Colonial America. A big thanks to Kacee Stetler for coming to make bread with us. We made butter in class to enjoy as well. We are hoping to make jam, pickles, and candles as well. Students are also working on memorizing all 50 states and capitals. Everyone should have flashcards so keep quizzing each other over dinner.

WANTED

Old candles! We are hoping to hand-dip candles and would love any old or dusty candles you are looking to donate. I will gladly take any and all through next Friday, March 9. Thank you!

Junior High with Mrs. Brown and Mrs.Sibley

The 7th and 8th grade class has been taking a look into their future with career research papers.

Cooper: Game Designer, "I've always been interested in computers, I've played video games all my life."

Harrison: Seal Sniper, "I want to protect and serve for our country."

Bella: Teacher, "I like to help little kids, and I want to help them become great people."

Trinity: Film Director, "I enjoy being creative, and I am good at imagining things and making them happen."

Zach: Firefighter, "I want to be like my uncle."

Izabelle: Pharmacist, "I'm interested in the study and side effects of drugs."

Keely: Obstetrician, "I want to help pregnant women."

McGuire: Computer Programmer, "I like computers and I want to make games harder."

Anabelle: Therapist, "I'm a good listener."

Peyton: Marine Biologist, "I want to see what's beyond the shallow ocean."

Serena: Coroner, "I find it exciting and interesting."

Jeremiah: Store Manager, "It's an easy job to get."

Willow: Marine, "It sounds fun."

Josh: Game Programmer, "I love video games."

Jacob: Underwater Welder, "It makes big money and it's not hard to get the job."

Brody: Park Ranger, "My dad is a park ranger."

Drake: Police Officer, "It sounds like something I would want to try out."

Arthur: Camera Operator, "I love cameras, man."

Kaden: Game Programmer, "I like video games."

Marty: Software Developer, "I like computers."

Clayton: Real Estate Agent, "There are houses involved and I can make money."

Nathan: Air Force Pilot, "I want to fly airplanes."

Miranda: Anesthesiologist, "I want to be in the medical field, so go big or go home!"

Anthony: Zookeeper, "I love animals, it sound cool."



Alta-Dutch Flat School Lunch Menu

March 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Cheese Enchilada Refried Beans Corn Pear	2 BBQ Rib Sandwich Celery Sticks Carrots Potato Wedges Apple
5 Bean & Cheese Burrito Baby Carrots Salsa Cup Peaches	6 French Bread Pizza Salad Mixed Fruit	7 Orange Chicken Rice Orange Fortune Cookie	8 Chicken Nuggets Corn Baked Beans Pear	9 Cheeseburger Celery Sticks Potato Wedges Apple
12 Taquito Black Beans Salsa Mixed Fruit	13 Buffalo Chicken Pizza Salad Frozen Strawberries	14 Raviolis Broccoli Mixed Fruit	15 Hot Dog Baked Beans Carrots Diced Pears	16 Chicken Sandwich Celery Sticks Potato Wedges Apple
19 Chicken Piece Baby Carrot/Red Pepper Mix Crinkle Fries Sliced Peaches Biscuit	20 French Bread Pizza Salad Mixed Fruit	21 Teriyaki Chicken Chow Mein Bowl Orange Fortune Cookie	22 Chicken Nuggets Corn Baked Beans Pear	23 Cheeseburger Celery Sticks Potato Wedges Apple
26 <i>Spring Break – No School</i>	27 <i>Spring Break- No School</i>	28 <i>Spring Break – No School</i>	29 <i>Spring Break- No School</i>	30 <i>Spring Break – No School</i>