

# Alta-Dutch Flat School May 2018 Bear Tracks



*A note from your principal...*

*Alta-Dutch Flat Families-*

Happy Spring! What a wonderful time of year here at school. The students are enjoying the green grass and fresh air as they continue working diligently in their classrooms. As we are at the halfway point this week in the Smarter Balance testing cycle, please continue to reinforce the need for rest and nutrition for all students. A good nights' sleep and a solid morning meal helps the students to be successful learners throughout their school day. Also, as the days get warmer, please have your students hydrate with water or fruit juice several times a day.

Please remember that May 7-11 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Our teachers have had a fantastic school year working with our students. The teachers are highly dedicated, caring, and enthusiastic professionals that provide our students a new learning opportunity each day. Their commitment to our school is to be commended.

In addition, we recognize the support and tireless dedication that our instructional aides, cafeteria, office, and maintenance staff provide to the teachers and students. Our Parents' Club will be hosting a luncheon for the teachers and support staff on May 9<sup>th</sup> to express their appreciation.

As we focus on finishing the month of May strong. I would like to encourage all students, with the support of their families, to stay diligent on their academic and socio-emotional success. Do well with all curriculum and learning opportunities that are presented. We will have additional interim assessments for grades 1-8 in Math and English-Language Arts, with additional reading fluency assessments for the K-3 students. Additionally, treating others in an appropriate and courteous manner is essential. We ask that all families encourage their students to have good relationships among friends and work through issues by communicating with each other.

Have a great May and I look forward to seeing everyone at Open House on May 10.

Thank you

Mr. Wells

Alta-Dutch Flat School



# Open House

*and Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser*

\* Thursday, May 10, 2018

Dinner served 5:30–6:30 P.M.

Classrooms open from 6:00–7:00 P.M.

Come celebrate a successful year of school. Socialize with friends, family, and community. The fifth/sixth graders are hosting the spaghetti dinner as they raise funds for science camp and 8th grade trip.

Adults \$7.00    K-8 Students \$5.00  
Drinks and Dessert available for sale



# Junior High with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Sibley

## Mathematics

Both the seventh and eighth grades have nearly completed their study within our College Preparatory Mathematics books just in time for state testing. After state testing our instruction will move into the Pre-Algebra and Algebra texts to reinforce and practice further the Common Core Standards. THERE IS ALWAYS MORE TO LEARN WHEN IT COMES TO MATHEMATICS.

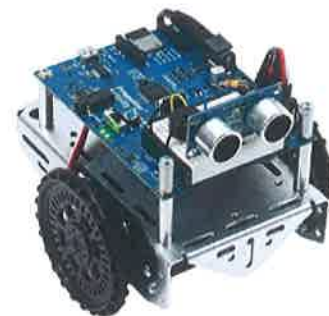


## Eighth Grade Trip

May 23rd and 24th the eighth graders will enjoy a trip to Mount Hermon Ropes Adventure Park, the Santa Cruz Boardwalk, Winchester Mystery House, and Great America. A huge shout out goes to the eighth grade parents for all their fundraising efforts over the years.

## Robotics, Looking Ahead

I, Mrs. Sibley, have been working on my Master's Degree in Instructional Technology. I had the fabulous opportunity to attend a robotics workshop on Friday, April 20th where I learned to build and program an ActivityBot 360 Robot designed and taught by Parallax Robotics. Parallax is a local Rocklin company that provides the tools necessary for STEM development for middle school and up. Parallax is a leader in education technology, with a legacy of robust hardware and world-class support. I hope to equip your genius with robotics opportunities in the future at Alta Dutch Flat School. **Learning is lifelong.**



## Language Arts

This time of year lends itself to reflection on all we've accomplished. The students are always amazed at how much they've read --and enjoyed-- during our year together. My goal is always to pass along a passion for books and to create the habit of reading.

**Reading is lifelong.**

### Our favorite books from this year:

**Serena-World War Z \* Cooper-Hugo Cabaret \* Jeremiah-Kindness for Weakness \* Jacob-Winger \***  
**Josh-Dividing Eden \* Willow-All the Rage \* McGuire-ThunderHead \* Brody- The Knife of Never Letting Go \***  
**Arthur-The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian \* Kaden-Ready Player One \***  
**Keely-Turtles All the Way Down \* Marty-The Light Between Oceans \* Harrison-There's Someone in Your House \***  
**Clayton-The Rains \* Nathan-Blackout \* Miranda-Call Me By Your Name \* Zack-We Were Here \***  
**Anabelle-They Both Die at the End \* Izabelle-The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants \* Peyton-Snow White \***  
**Trinity-The Glass Castle \* Jade-The Corner of the Universe \* Shawn-Divergent**



**We've Read**

**Books this Year!**

## READING

As we near closing out this school year, I would like to recognize the focus that each of our teachers have placed on student reading. We recognize and value the basic building blocks for learning that reading develops and reinforces.

The links below are to a summer reading program with a great incentive once we come back to school in August. Each student can earn free tickets to the Cal Football Season opening home game vs. the University of North Carolina.

Patrick Laird, a senior student-athlete and great person, has started a summer-reading-challenge. Patrick and the Cal Golden Bears athletic department will offer free game day tickets to each student who meets the summer requirements of reading books. Patrick is a fun person and celebrates each touchdown he scores with the act of reading a book and turning the page in the end zone!

Mr. Wells will help coordinate with each family that has students win the prize. This contest will be for grades 1-8. Although the link expresses only to grade 6, I will make sure all 7-8 grade students will get tickets too.

I encourage everyone to take on Patrick's reading challenge. I have personally spoken with Patrick and he expects to see all the ADF kids sign-up for the reading challenge.

Please see the links below to sign up and get more information.

Thanks, Mr. Wells

<https://walkontherun.com/summer-reading-challenge>