



Alta Dutch Flat School

April 2018 Bear Tracks

Hello Alta-Dutch Flat School Families--

Spring break is here and the students are excited to get time with families and friends. The students have worked diligently at their academic studies and have been good citizens at school too. As a whole, our students truly care about their teachers and fellow students. The commitment towards respect and appreciation is evidenced everyday through thoughtful interactions and common decency for each other.

When we return to school on April 3rd, the pace will be back up to speed as we enter the final turn for the 2017/18 school year. The State-wide CAASSP testing will take place starting April 23rd. This year's assessment will include Math, and English/Language Arts for grade 3-8. For grades 5 and 8, there will be an additional Science component to the assessment this year. Testing will take place over a 2-week period. We will have testing times that will be limited each day during that period to enhance student success. The results will be available later in August and a copy will be mailed home. Also, the teachers will discuss your student's academic progress and assessment results at the beginning of the 2018/19 school year.

As the days become warmer and the daylight extends into the evening, please make sure your students are getting rest and eating properly. Kids will have tendencies to forget to eat when they are playing outside which results in decreased energy at school. We need each student at their best each day and to finish the school year strong!

The teachers and staff are already discussing and planning our summer workshops in preparation for a fantastic start this next school year. To that end, teachers are working closely with their classes now and making sure that learning continues to take place and grow, which in-turn will have each child ready for their next grade level.

Therefore, students will need to stay focused, engaged, and demonstrate their knowledge gained through projects, essays, discussions, and many forms of assessment. We have great students and families at our school. We appreciate your support and willingness to communicate with us on how we can better serve your family for academic and social success.

Sincerely,
Mr. Wells
Superintendent/Principal



Our 7th grade students will be putting on a family fun 3K color run for their fundraiser to earn money for their 8th grade graduation trip next year. Please come join the fun and support our students! Race kits are \$20 for kids and \$25 for adults. Every participant must order a race kit.

Order your kits from any 7th grade student or contact Victoria [530-368-3737](tel:530-368-3737)

Sunday, April 22, 2018

1:30 P.M.

Meet at the Alta-Dutch Flat Elementary School

3 K run through the Alta area

Kits include:

1 T-shirt

1 individual package of color powder

1 pair of sunglasses

1 inspirational bracelet

1 color blaze sticker

And 2 assorted temporary tattoos

T-shirts come in size

YS 6-8

YM 10-12

YL 12-14

Adult sizes

S-XXL



KITS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED BY MONDAY, APRIL 9th – THINK QUICK...AND ORDER

Capture Your Memories in this Year's Alta-Dutch Flat School District Yearbook!

Don't miss
out on
memories...



Add Photos & Memories to Your 2 Free Custom Pages

- » Add photos from your computer, Facebook & Flickr.
- » Add memories & photos from throughout the year. Share them with your classmates to include in their personal pages.
- » Send and receive Bling and signatures. A great way to share expressions of friendship!

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook*:
*Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to www.TreeRing.com/validate
- 2 Enter our school's passcode:
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Yearbook Price: **\$11.00**

Deadline: **Apr 14**

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* Last Day to
purchase April 30th

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PARENTS' CLUB INFORMATION

Hello Parents,

Our last two meetings for this school year are scheduled for **Wednesday, April 4th** and **Wednesday, May 2nd** afterschool.

We are in need of board members and room parents for the 2018/2019 school year. If we do not have a full board, consisting of a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary, Parents' Club cannot operate or disburse funds to your children's classes for fundraisers, field trips, or assemblies. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please plan on attending these next two meetings. If you have any questions, please contact me at kaceestetler@sbcglobal.net or (530)389-2908.

Thanks, Kacee

YEARBOOK - ORDER BY 4/30

It's time to make sure you have preordered your yearbook! The attached flyer describes how to personalize two of the interior pictures with your own photos if you choose by 4/14. If you don't personalize, you will end up with two additional collage pages of school photos. ALL YEARBOOKS must be **prepaid and ordered by April 30th** if you wish to receive one the last week of school. Send in a check made payable to ADFS or send cash to the office if you don't wish to order online. Don't miss out. \$11.00 24-page color memory book of ALL K-8th grade students. Call the office if you have any questions.

Kindergarten Registration for 2018-2019

Siblings? Friends? Community Members? Neighbors? We are looking for all incoming Kindergarten students for the new school year so we can get a registration packet in their hands. Have them contact the school office, (530) 389-8283 or email Tracy at tsoule@alta.k12.ca.us.



Next year's seventh graders ... Do not forget you need to obtain your Tdap booster immunization to begin school on August 15, 2018.

Mrs. Sibley's

Kindergarten

Pesky

Leprechauns!

We Were

Outwitted Again

If kindergarten had caught that Leprechaun who messed up our classroom, made our toilet water green and set off our traps, we would have asked for his gold and:

Asked him for a puppy.

-Troyken

Asked him if he likes to eat Lucky Charms.

-Noe

Asked him where he lives.

-Emily

Asked how far the rainbow is with the gold. -Dylan

Asked him to make me sparkle, high-heeled shoes. -Kiah

Asked him to help me find a pet cat.

-Patrick

Asked him to make me magic, fairy shoes.

-Shane

Told him that I like his rainbow.

-Karly

Asked how he makes his money.

-Ava

Kept him at my house because I like him.

-Evelyn

Asked how far away his rainbow is.

-Wyatt

Asked what it is like to be so small.

-Sailor

Asked how he can slide down the rainbow.

-Cody

Maybe we will get LUCKY next year.



MATH

*Counting On from numbers: 1-20

*Identifying numbers 1-20 independently

*Addition in the teens:

$$10 + 1 = 11$$

$$10 + 2 = 12$$

$$10 + 3 = 13$$

$$10 + 4 = 14 \text{ etc.}$$

To develop our understanding of base ten.

SCIENCE

"April showers bring May flowers" isn't just a rhyme. It's an example of the spring cycle of renewal that many parts of the Earth go through, and can be scientifically

analyzed. There are actually several contributing factors to the appearance of flowers in May that Kindergarten will be observing: rain, temperature, and insects.



LANGUAGE ARTS

I am proud of kindergarten. They are becoming such good readers. They can read consonant vowel consonant words containing short vowels a, i, e, and o accompanied by the consonants b, c, d, f, g, h, m, n, p, r, s, j, k, t, and x. They also can read over 25 sight words. Our favorite reading day was when we went to our seventh and eighth grade buddy class and read tons of books together. Not only did the big kids read to kindergarten, but kindergarten read to the them.



Mrs. Fejes' First and Second Grade

March

Language Arts:

1st grade-Tomas Rivera/Little Rabbit's Tale

Words with *oa* and *ow*, Verbs and Time, Narrative Writing, Contraction Words, Compound Words, Prepositions

2nd grade-The Signmaker's Assistant/Dex: The Heart of a Hero

Commas in Dates, Places and Series, Words with *ar*, Narrative Writing, Shades of Meaning, Words with *or* and *ore*, Prefix *over-*, and Connecting to Writing

Math: (First Grade)

Measurement

Time

Reading and Interpreting Graphs

Math: (Second Grade)

Measurement

Time

Reading and Interpreting Graphs

Other activities this month:

Read Across America Day, St. Patrick's Day, First Day of Spring, How does water flow?, Animal Grouping, What is a Rainbow?



March

*In March the wind
blows down the door
and spills my soup
upon the floor.*

*It laps it up
and roars for more.*

*Blowing once
blowing twice*

blowing chicken soup

with rice. by Maurice Sendak

Welcome Miss Sydney Hershey! Miss Hershey will be student teaching in the first and second grade classroom until the end of the year. ☺

*****Looking for 2 liter bottles if you have them.**



3rd and 4th Graders

Field Trip News: Upcoming field trip to Sutter's Fort and the B Street Theater is Tuesday, April 10. The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe should be fantastic in their new state of the art theater.

Thanks for those parents who drove on our trip to the Joss House and AG Day in Auburn. The students learned about Chinese customs and their role in the gold rush. All the students enjoyed learning about and petting animals at the small AG Day event. They were very attentive and engaged at both locations.

Reading: The students have book reports due on Tuesday, April 3. For the month of April we will focus reading on our upcoming play on May 17th. We are still in the planning phase, but it looks as if we will perform America's Tallest Tales. The students will write their own tall tale in a cool app that features text and drawings.

Math: The 3rd grade students will continue to learn about fractions and perimeter and area. The 4th graders are working on the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. They will also have a review on perimeter and area before state testing.

Social Studies: The students have been a research paper on a history time period or Native American tribe. Each student will make a diorama to model the event. Some events include European explorers, missions, gold rush, Mexican American War, California becoming a state, and the discovery of oil. The project is due May 2.

The students were excited to enter their drawings in the duck stamp contest. Here are a few samples...



Fifth and Sixth Grade

As your kiddos have probably already told you, we have replaced our aging SmartBoards with BenQ boards. They look like flat-screen televisions, but they are fantastic educational tools. The images are so crystal clear on the board, and it is able to sync to my laptop computer in ways that the SmartBoard couldn't. I'm so grateful, and so are the students!

Math

Fifth graders are wrapping up Chapter 11 (Geometry and Volume) in their math program, and they will be reviewing the concepts and taking a test the week after Spring Break. Then we will move on to Chapter 9 (Algebra: Patterns and Graphing). Concepts within this chapter include line plots, ordered pairs, line graphs, numerical patterns, finding rules, and graphing and analyzing relationships.

Sixth grade has just started Chapter 8 (Statistics and Multiplication). Concepts that will be explored include perimeter and area relationships, describing and extending patterns, representation of data, choosing the best representation, statistical questions, multiplication equations, distance, rate, and time, and unit conversion.

Science

Last month we went on a field trip to the Empire Mine. We had a great time (despite the nasty weather). We studied rocks, minerals, and ore earlier in the year, and it was great to see these things in person and to learn about how gold ore was mined in Nevada County.

We are now finishing up a unit on weathering and erosion, and we've been able to watch some great videos and do some science explorations using the Mystery Science online program. We will soon be moving on to learning about Earth's atmosphere (and its many layers). The students seem to be enjoying science as we find more standards-based interactive material that supports the units in our science book.

Social Studies

We are wrapping up Colonial times. The students have been writing and illustrating Travel Brochures to entice tourists to come to the colonies. It's been fun to watch them research their assigned colonies and then draw pictures to accompany their text. We head to REVOLUTION!

Language Arts

We are studying figurative language and poetry in Language Arts. It is amazing to see what the kids are creating, just by putting some words together. Look for our poetry books at Open House!

Similes: Compare two things using "like" or "as."

Hudson: The bird glided through the air like a plane.

Aidan: The donkey kicked me as hard as a battle axe.

Piercy: The news spread like a big spill on the kitchen counter.

Kaylie: The rain pattered on the roof like tiny pebbles tap dancing.

Carter: The stars are like millions of lamps in the night sky.

Savannah: The Pegasus flew like sand being swept up by the wind.

Persephone: The unicorn landed gently like a feather on still water.

Izzy: The paper origami looked as delicate as a leaf.

Gloria: The scream cut the air like a knife.

Kaylup: The pain was like a pinch.

Madison: The boy's hair was dark like the night sky.

Milas: A book that tears you apart like a saw.

Elise: A mermaid's tail is like shimmering water.

Landon: It hurt like a knife in the back.

DeAndre: The silence was like the ice, smooth and untouched.

Katie: His eyes were as dark and silent as a black forest.



Junior High With Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Sibley

This school year we have welcomed many new students. Here's what they have to say about Alta so far:

What do you like about Alta?

"I like my classmates and teachers." -Willow (7th)

"I like it because I have friends." -Albion (2nd)

Where did you live before here?

"I lived in Germany." -Jade (7th)

"I lived in Nevada City. It was a lot bigger." -Piercy (5th)

Why did you move to Alta?

"My mom retired from the Military, so we chose to move back here." -Shawn (7th)

"Let's just say.. because I wanted to." -Noe (K)

Our class had read **721** books this year!



Congratulations to Serena, Josh, Mcguire, Keely, Harrison, Miranda, Izabelle, and Anabelle *for reading 40 books!*