



Applegate School

December Board Report

HOLIDAY MUSIC SOUNDS ACROSS CAMPUS



Sounds of the winter holidays are ringing across campus at Applegate School. Each of the teachers K-8 are putting their students through “rehearsal” for the annual holiday show scheduled Thursday, Dec. 18 at 6 pm.

Students K-8 will entertain their parents with old time holiday favorites, then lead them in several songs in an old-fashioned Applegate sing-a-long.

ROBOTICS NOW COMPETING

The Applegate Robotics Team has been working for a solid month preparing themselves for a competition in the First Lego League. The team competed in its first competition Dec. 6. Results of their campaign were not available before deadline.



A total of 10 students grades 4-8 are participating in the program Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school.

Applegate parents Bill and Seana Hodge are volunteering their time to “coach” the Robotics team. This program is made possible thanks to a donation from the Friends of Applegate.

COUGAR BOYS BASKETBALL UNDERWAY

The Applegate Cougars boys basketball team is competing successfully in the Southern Oregon Middle School Athletic Conference (SOMSAC) Small Schools Division. In the first six games, the Cougars are 3-3.



Coaches Austin Bristow and Heather DeVos are leading their charges this season in competition against the Southern Oregon Middle School Athletic Conference (SOMSC) Small Schools division.

Opponents include St. Mary’s, New Hope Christian, Ruch, South Middle School Bronze, Prospect, Butte Falls, and Sacred Heart.

PTSG “Harvest Festival” Fun and Fund Raiser Friendly



Hale bales, all sorts of games, cotton candy, and all the folks of the Applegate Valley who showed up made the 2014 Harvest Festival a great success.

The Applegate Parent-Teacher Support Group (PTSG) organized a highly successful night for the school: a total of nearly \$1,900 will help the group support and enhance teaching and learning at Applegate!

Classic school carnival games, 15 in all, lined the outside of our small gym. There were baskets available for auction. Each of the baskets was created by grade level classrooms with the ardent help of PTSG volunteers.

The staff of Applegate is very thankful to the PTSG persons who gave their time and energy to pull this off. You folks are amazing!

Applegate Sees Gains in Data Use



Applegate teachers are keeping pace with others in our district and around the state by putting to work cutting-edge assessment tools in order to support instructional and placement choices in our classrooms.

In the past few weeks, we have assessed our middle school students using *Galileo* – a program which allows teachers to quickly build and deploy standards-based quizzes to determine student baselines and progress in English Language Arts.

Also, our K-5 teachers will “drill down” deeper into student data in December when they participate in the upcoming “20 percent meetings”. Progress monitoring data using the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessment has been conducted, and students who are not reading at grade level are receiving both grade-level materials as well as reading at their “instructional level”. Teachers will use these data to help them determine which skill work is needed to help get students close the gap with their grade-level peers.

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