## **Applegate School**

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**To:** Board of Directors

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Wow this year has been busy since school started. We have added many new programs and have had a wonderful amount of support from our community.

September we started boys football and brought back girls volleyball for the first time in years. The boys went undefeated and our girls were very strong. Most of the girls had not played volleyball before but you would not have been able to tell. Congrats to both teams and Thank You Rene' Miller and Ted Iwamizu for volunteering your time.

We had Open House on September 25<sup>th</sup>. This year we offered a BBQ dinner for a low cost and the turn out was great. Michael Morris deserves a big, big Thank You! The meal was great and the response the same, we sold out!

Student Council Elections were September 12<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> were able to run for office and they had to give speeches. Then students in grades 4 thru 8 were able to vote.

September 24<sup>th</sup> our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade went to Science Works in Ashland.

October proved to be a busy month!

The Wellness on Wheels came to our school on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> to do a dental screening.

Science Works came to our school during the week of October 6<sup>th</sup>. They did a presentation on Science Inquiry.

Kennel Club came on October  $8^{th}$  for grades 1-4.

Applegate Valley Fire Department came and did a fire presentation for grades 1-8.

Our Book Fair was held during October 20th. PTSG does this every year.

Our annual Harvest Festival was October 24<sup>th</sup>. The turnout was great this year. We would like to thank our PTSG for the wonderful job.

We had our Annual Jog –a Thon on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Grades K-8 participated. Our total made was \$4121.95. We are so proud of our students.

Spirit Week was October 27 – 31. Each day students showed there school pride by dressing to the theme of the day. A dance was held for 6-8 grades on Friday 31<sup>st</sup>.

November was another full month. The 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade went to the NMHS Planetarium on November 5<sup>th</sup>. They came back with only great things to say. On November 7<sup>th</sup> they went to Scienceworks.

Staff Development was November 10<sup>th</sup>. Classified and Licensed attended classes at HV and LSMS. They all came back impressed by what they had learned and eager to implement it in the classroom.

Site Council Meeting on November 12th.

1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade went to the Jacksonville Museum for the "Acorns and Arrowhead" presentation.

November 26<sup>th</sup> was Clerical Day and the teachers worked hard finishing report cards.

Conferences were held December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Holiday Community Sing – a – Long will be December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Middle School Dance for 6-8 grades will be December 19<sup>th</sup>.

We started OAKS Testing in October, we will have the first round of testing done by winter break.

We would like to thank PTSG and the School Board for helping us with Band and giving our students the opportunity to play instruments. We also offer a gardening club and homework club after school. Alanna Garcia our 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, teaches Spanish for an elective and we have several community members who teach art. We are truly blessed with a great teaching staff and community. A special thanks to Sandi Garoutte and the S.M.A.R.T. program. This is the first year we have had S.M.A.R.T. at Applegate School. We hope this will continue.

Basketball season has started for the boys. Ted Iwamizu is coaching. They have started of well and possibly may be another undefeated season. Rene' Miller will be coaching our girls basketball which will start in January.