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We have had a wonderful start to another school year here at Applegate! We are excited to see so many new faces and the return of many familiar one's as well. Our Open House, September 16th was a great success. We had our local Lions Club BBQ for us so parents were able to enjoy visiting their student's classrooms and teachers and eating dinner with their families. We have made some changes to our middle school program, increasing academic instructional time in Science and Language Arts, with a special focus on writing. The shift has been greeted positively by staff, students and parents and I look forward to seeing the additional growth our students will make.

October was busy and seemed to fly by. OAKS testing started mid month. We had spirit week the last week of October which fit right in with Halloween. Each day was a different theme, from crazy day to a super hero day. Fall sports are under way, our volleyball team did well this year; we had some girls new to the game that did an awesome job as well as our returning athletes. Boy's basketball has just begun with our first game November 8th. We have had a few educational field trips already this year; Bugs R Us came to our school and did a presentation on all sorts of species of bugs, K- 3 went to Pheasant Farms for a science field trip. Also, all students at Applegate School were able to go to our local fire department to learn about fire safety. While they were there the fire department BBQ hot dogs for our entire school! Our annual jog-a-thon was October 28th we do not have a total amount that the students have earned, but they all worked hard and it looks to be a record breaking year. PTSG held their Annual Harvest Festival, October 29th from 5 to 8 p.m. We had a great turnout from our families and the community. Our artist in residency program has had Cindy Kahoun here 2 days a week working with our students on drawing and watercolor. The art work our students have created is pretty amazing. In addition, we started our 2nd year of strings – guitar and violin for our 4th-8th grade students. We are looking forward to our first performance this year in December. Throw in there the start up of our after school homework club, art and gardening and SMART reading and we have some very busy, involved kids.

November is proving to be another busy month! Teachers and students are working hard in the classroom. Teachers have taken advantage of the professional development opportunities available from the district and we are focusing our late start time on improving use of technology, math instruction, writing and incorporating strategies to improve student engagement.

As you can see, lots of great things are happening at Applegate School!

Thanks for all you do to support our students and staff~

Stephanie