

# Applegate School

## Report to the School Board - June 2015

### Final Benchmark Meetings Held

“A Celebration of Success” was the unofficial theme for Applegate’s final meetings to discuss reading achievement data for students K-5.

Teachers met June 8 to analyze reading results and discovered good news.

For example, at the beginning of the year, 42% of Vicki



DiStefano’s kindergarteners needed urgent reading intervention. Today, 100% are at grade level.

Or consider 44% of Debbie Yerby’s second graders, who at the beginning of the year were considered “intensive” in their need for intervention. Now, 100% of them have moved out of the “red” and 90% of Yerby’s class is reading at grade level!

Jim Skull’s students showed excellent improvement as well – 33% of his 4<sup>th</sup> grade students required urgent intervention at the beginning of the year; now, 82% of students are reading a grade level.

These are striking numbers, as moving students from one reading level to another based purely on progress data is no simple task.

There is more good news within those data – even students who did move levels showed remarkable progress as compared to readers who began the year at the same levels.



Special thanks also to Sylvia Saporta, our

Applegate/Williams Special Education teacher who has been instrumental in implementing the RTI program at our school.

Our teachers feel good about the data at Applegate, where we believe young students should read early, and often!

### ***Moving On Celebration June 11***

The Applegate 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony, a favorite Cougar tradition, was held Thursday, June 11 at 1 pm.



The ceremony included a celebration of learning, good attendance and behavior with classroom certificates handed, then the ceremony to honor our

outgoing 8th grade students who will be attending Hidden Valley High School.

This event has been emotional in the past, and is a bring your own tissue event.

Most of the 8th grade students at the event don't do much crying...they are rewarded for their hard work in school with a jet boat trip up the Rogue River, which includes dinner that night. They will return to port around 9 pm!

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### Applegate Open House a Success

The **Grandparents and Friends Lunch,**



**Kinder Round Up** and **Open House** were a success, with nearly 150 visitors who finished their evening with our annual **Strings Concert** in the Cougar Gymnasium. Students grades

2/3 sang, and strings students grades 3-8 player played violins and guitars.

Special thanks to music teachers Brad Irvin, Alison Huber, and volunteer Terresa Holmes for a job well done!

### Yerby's 2/3 Students at Hillcrest Fire Station

Applegate students tried on firefighting gear and one student allowed EMT's to hook him up to a machine to monitor his heart and breathing, much to the thrill of classmates!



Fire personnel at the Hillcrest station showed

students all of the equipment in the station and explained its uses.

Students toured the living and cooking quarters where personnel spend their nights when on duty, and even saw a work out area where fire fighters train by running up three stories carrying heavy hoses.

Students also went to Caveman Bowl to refine their bowling, and stopped to eat before heading home. Restaurant personnel told Ms.

Yerby the Applegate students were the nicest kids they had ever served.

### Applegate Field Day Held June 10

The Applegate PTSG finished with a flourish, providing a Bounce House obstacle course as the main feature in a school wide field day.



Each class had the Bounce House to itself for a time in the morning, the access later when various other fun stations were set up for students to enjoy. Water balloons were a big hit, needless to say.

The PTSG also provided snow cones for the event, and administration and office staff cooked the lunch for the day. The chef's specialty is hot dogs. Vegetarian meals will be provided as well.



**Kennedy Smock, grade 7, attacks a hurdle in good form. Applegate students competed during the annual Track and Field Day May 28. The annual event is an important one, as students have the opportunity to break their parents' records set year before.**

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