

Applegate School

Report to the School Board *May/June 2015*

Applegate Open House Planned for May 21

The event will be multifaceted, and include **Grandparents and Friends Lunch** for grades K-5 11:10-12 pm and for middle school grades 6-8 from 12:10-12:50 pm.

Kinder Round Up will also be held from 2:00-3:00pm....parents are encouraged bring their prospective Kindergartners for a tour of the school, to meet the staff and to begin registration for your new student for the 2015-16



school year. *At Applegate, we believe students should read early and often!* Based upon the growth achieved by our all-day, all-week kindergarten students this year, the data support this claim!



The **Open House** is scheduled from 4:30-5:45pm. This is great time for parents to come see what their Applegate Student has been working on in class, and a chance to visit with the teaching staff.

The night will be completed with our annual **Strings Concert** at 6:00pm. For an evening of fabulous music showcasing the growth our students have made this year!



Over 35 students will perform in the concert.

Strings lead instructor Brad Irvin, along with Alison Huber and Terresa Holmes have been

working with students once per week since the beginning of October.

Scull's 4/5 Class Plans Science Adventure

Jim Scull's 4th and 5th grade students will be going to Newport, OR early in June on an outdoor



science adventure. The focus of the trip will be on estuary and sea life.

The class will study at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, and the Mark Hatfield Science Museum. Students will reinforce learning from the aquarium and the science museum with a tour of the Newport estuary and the ocean on a boat with



Marine Discovery Tours.

The adventure also will include some stops for fun and learning at Undersea Gardens, Ripley's Believe It or Not, and The Wax

Works.

Dibels "20%" Meetings Held – The Applegate staff met in early May to discuss the progress students who are struggling with reading are making.

Each of the students have been monitored for progress and determinations are made about each student's reading intervention going forward.



Each round of meetings, fewer students are struggling as interventions are proving effective.

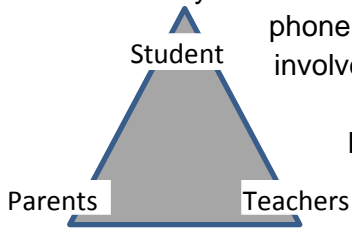
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Parent Surveys at Applegate Indicate Parents Interested in Volunteering, Visiting Classrooms

Surveys conducted during conferences indicate parents are willing to volunteer at Applegate in some capacity. The survey listed various school events and functions, and 100% of parents indicated they would be willing to help, and left the phone numbers to facilitate their involvement.



Parents also indicated they would be willing to visit classrooms more often

that the do presently if they were simply invited to do so.

As a result, the Applegate site council has urged our school's staff and administration to explore meaningful and productive ways to get parents in the classroom more often.

Sometimes **students** improve their attendance, behavior, and academic performance when they perceive a strong bond between the adults who comprise the other two points in the educational triangle: **parents** and **teachers**. Classroom visitations are an excellent way for showing students their parents care about education, and support our school.

Cougars Win Battle of the Books Awards

Applegate students were successful in the district's Battle of the Books held on April 25th at Fruitdale Elementary.

The Cougar Level 1 team of **Chris Hartley, Joaquin Martinez and Natalia Sahr** tied for 3rd place. Our Level 2 team of **Maria Cross, Lily Emmons, Carlen Nielsen, and Emma Singleton** brought home the 1st place trophy!

Congratulations to all of our amazing readers and a very special thank you to Jean and Fred Hall and Debbie Yerby, Applegate 2/3 teacher, for all of their coaching and organizing of our teams.

Family Carr Plays at Applegate Art Benefit

A Concert in the Barn fun raiser was held Sunday, April 26th at Fred and Jean Hall's farm on Kubli Road.

World class music was provided by Family Carr and a silent auction featured art from several local artists.



The Family Carr plays across the United States and around the world.

The funds raised will benefit the Art Program at Applegate School.

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For example, five of seven students from Joann Wardle's 2/3 classroom "graduated" up a level, achieving grade-level marks in the reading skill area upon which they were working. Each of these students started the year struggling with phonics, and are now working on reading fluency – a critical growth step and foundational to future learning.

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