

APPLEGATE SCHOOL THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: Three Rivers School District Board of Directors
FROM: Applegate School, Darrell Erb Jr., Principal
RE: September Report
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CURRENT ENROLLMENT Total 103

Elementary:

K-1 Classroom 16 Students (10-Kindergarten, 6- 1st graders)
2nd & 3rd Classroom 18 Students (9- 2nd graders, 9- 3rd graders)
4th & 5th Grade Classroom 30 students (13- 4th graders, 17- 5th graders)

Middle School:

6/7th Grade Classroom: 27 Students
8th Grade Classroom: 12 Students
 6th Grade- 12 students
 7th Grade – 15 students
 8th Grade – 12 students

PBIS Rodeo a Success

Each of our students participated in the PBIS Rodeo the first day of school. Teachers led their students to each of the “stations” where students learned the safe, respectful, and responsible behaviors for each of the places they frequent at school. Classroom aides presented at each station, and quizzed students about ways in which they can behave positively at those places. Some students were asked to act out positive behaviors (and other behaviors) at the stations, which invariably evoked laughter from classmates and teachers alike!

The “Rodeo” is the way in which our school provides a baseline understanding for students and adults alike about what is appropriate and positive behavior at Applegate School. Out here in this valley, we like to hear “pleases”, “thanks yous” and the like!

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Kindergarten Parents - Mostly Dry Eyes in the House!

It was a smooth start for the Kinders at Applegate. Veteran teacher Vickie DiStefano led her students, along with parents, to her room and promptly sat the kids down to talk. Kinder parents watched with varying expressions – some in amazement, some with pride, as DiStefano led her K/1 charges through their first classroom discussion of the year. For the most part, eyes were dry among the parents, though a few sniffles could be heard. Soon enough, each of the parents had decided it was time to go. Clearly, their loved ones were in caring and capable hands!

Staff Collaborates to Incorporate New Curriculum for English Language Arts

New “non-negotiables” for time spent in the teaching and learning of English Language Arts (ELA) at the elementary level required SOME re-configuration of school academic schedules, and consequently, changes for educational assistants as well.

Members of the teaching staff at Applegate, Rachael Boehm, Justin Montano, Jim Scull, Debra Yerby, and Vickie DiStefano rolled up their sleeves and worked diligently to ensure fidelity to the district-wide cause of providing more ELA instruction to our students. Their focus on what’s good for kids, and their willingness to leave behind some of what they’ve done in the past, led to great success. Applegate students are fortunate to be able to call these folks their teachers!

Friends of Applegate Fund Raiser Sept. 6

The “Friends of Applegate” will conduct their annual “Northwest Boil” to raise funds for the Strings Program at Applegate, and for other programs which enrich and extend learning at our school.

This fund raiser, directed by Kara Olmo, TRSD Board Member and owner of Wooldridge Winery, is for adults who want to support our school. The fundraiser was fully booked at \$75 per plate. Revelers enjoyed live music, and ate copious amounts of seafood (as well as the fine vino produced by Wooldridge Winery).

LIONS Club Donates \$500 to Athletics

The Applegate Lions Club provided a \$500 scholarship for the athletic fund at our school last week.



The donation, called the “Murray Crowe Athletic Scholarship”, is given as a memorial to Crowe, who was long-time husband to Judy Crowe, who taught for over 30 years at Applegate School.

The gift is given annually, and is well-timed, as new uniforms and equipment are needed at the school to support volleyball, and boys and girls basketball.

New Curriculum Materials Embraced by Staff

The new Houghton Mifflin Harcourt “Journeys” English Language Arts curriculum is a positive addition to Applegate School.

During in service week, teachers were able to encounter these texts for the first time. A training designed to familiarize them with the various aspects of the program has opened their eyes to the teaching and learning possibilities the Journeys program offers for differentiating instruction, developing vocabulary and spelling skills, and improving student achievement in writing and reading.

Feedback from teachers has been positive as they continue to learn the various ways in which the materials, used with fidelity, will engage their students.

Volleyball Team Starts Strong

Workouts started for volleyball Aug. 18 with conditioning. Heather DeVos and Sandra Garrouette have been working their 12 charges hard, and hope to build on an undefeated season last year! Go Cougars!

Upcoming Events:

Volleyball first home game: Wednesday, Sept. 24 4 p.m. vs. New Hope
Back to School Night scheduled Thursday, Sept. 25 – 5-6:30 p.m.

