

Alcester-Hudson School Newsletter



Upcoming Dates:

- January 3
Classes Resume
- January 16
No School
- February 6
3rd Quarter Midterm
- February 9
Early Dismissal 1:45
Parent Teacher Conf
2:00-8:00 pm
- February 10
No School
- February 20
No School
- February 24
No School
- March 8
End of 3rd Quarter
- March 9
No School
- March 16
No School

Principal's Notes – Mrs. Haisch

Holiday Cheer

It seems that everything we hear these days is negative from the evening news to the radio talk shows. So I thought I'd bring a little holiday cheer so people have something positive to discuss over dinner or during family gatherings. Each year students around the country take the ACT exam. This is a college entrance exam that allows a student to be accepted into universities and puts them in the running for scholarships. In South Dakota last year 127 schools in the state had 10 or more seniors take that exam. Of those 127 schools, Alcester-Hudson had the 36th highest average score for our 2010-2011 seniors. So we did better than 72% of all the schools in the state on average. That is something to cheer about! But I have even better news. So far, fourteen of our current seniors (2011-2012) have taken the ACT exam. If we compare their average score with the 127 schools from last year's report, we would currently be ranked 4th in the state for our average score. Yes, you read that right – 4th in the state! I'm not finished with the good news. At the end of each sporting season, I am charged with averaging the Grade Point Average of every member of a

team's varsity roster to see if that team is eligible to receive the Academic Achievement Recognition given by the South Dakota High School Activities Association. The Grade Point Average needed to receive this recognition is 3.0 – a solid B. This year each and every fall team met that goal: Football (3.06) Volleyball (3.59) Football Cheerleaders (3.06) Cross Country (3.57) Oral Interp (3.48) All State-Chorus (3.0).

So, you see, there is good news to talk about to help brighten our holidays. And I would personally like to thank the K-12 Teachers, Paraprofessionals, School Board Members, Administration, Coaches, Parents, and the multitude of volunteers who come through our doors to help students attain success on many different levels. This community can be proud of its efforts and of our students.

Reminder – Please Pick Up Your Parent Portal from the Office



Band Notes – Mrs. Pulscher

I'm excited to announce that the Alcester-Hudson High School Band was selected to perform at the South Dakota Band Masters Convention this February. Last spring I recorded the band on the contest songs "All the Pretty Little Horses", and "New Forest March". At All State Band the committee listened to us and we were one of 4 high school bands selected to perform for this event. I'm currently looking at all the options for us to have 30-45 minutes of music. I would like to thank all the students for working as hard as they do! This is the first time that we have been asked to perform at such a prestigious state event.



The kindergarteners have been working hard at learning all of their sight words and also working on naming the numbers 11-30. They have enjoyed several activities to practice these skills including bingo, color worksheets and memory games. The first graders have been working on ten frames and ways to make ten out of addition problems. They are also working to learn their sight words. Their favorite way to practice sight words is playing sight word Jenga. If you want to know how to make this game see the following instructions: If you have a Jenga game you can make write sight words on labels or even math problems on labels to put on the blocks. The blocks are face down on the table and you take turns drawing a tile to say the word or answer to the math problem. You build up the tower if you answer the word or problem correctly. The rest of the game is played just like Jenga. Try not to make the tower fall. If you want labels to make your own game at home just let me know and I would be happy to make them for you!

The second graders have been working a lot with the spelling, vocabulary and letter/sound patterns. They have been reading stories that go along with their reading series. In math, they are starting to work on two digit

addition. Wow, they have come so far this year! Keep up the great work! Third graders are practicing multiplication problems in all sorts of ways through games, sayings, worksheets and more! They are also finishing up a Cam Jensen Mystery. They have been quite the detectives.

Fourth graders are working hard with spelling and vocabulary. They learned a new game this quarter called, "Bump." The fourth graders are also working on long multiplication. Fifth graders just finished their novel and posters for the story. They are going to start a new novel that they all find quite humorous! Lastly, sixth graders have been working with fractions. They have done addition, subtraction and now multiplication with fractions. Their favorite game is fraction pizza. In reading the 6th graders just finished a short mystery story ending with their own scavenger hunt. All 6th graders completed this mission successfully! We will now be starting a new novel.

As you can see, all of the students have been busy learning and having fun while doing it! If you want games, ideas or flashcards to practice with at home feel free to send a note or email. Continue to practice those math facts and read with your child.

Title – Mrs. Johnson

Hope everyone had very happy holidays! A big thank you goes to all of the wonderful families that attended the Title I Family Fun Night in November. It was very nice meeting all of you. The kids had a lot of fun and were so excited to finally show you what they have been working so hard at in Title. Thanks again for making this night a success.

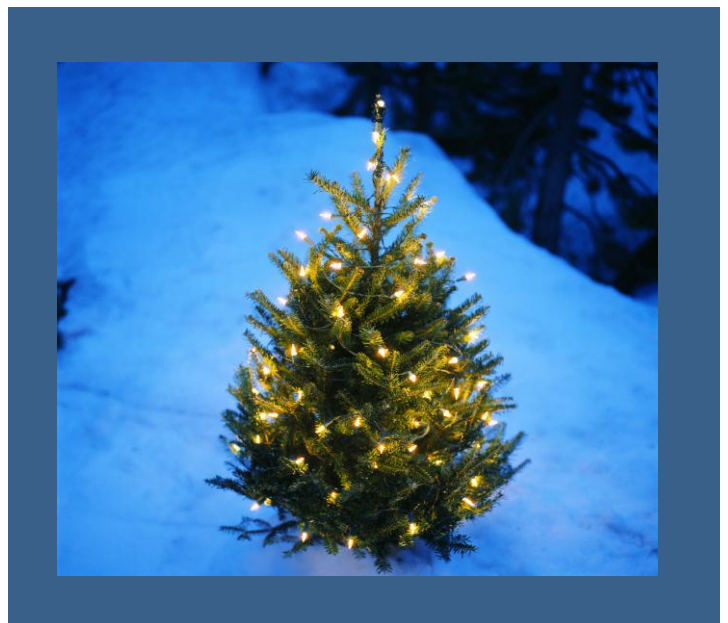
Parents Night

Boys Basketball

February 10th - AHHS vs. Baltic

Girls Basketball

February 16th – AHHS vs. Canton



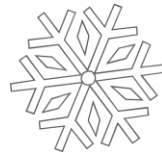
Alcester-Hudson Athletic Booster

Club Spirit Night

January 12th

**Wear blue & gold to the match
and receive free popcorn*

Preschool – Ms. Erickson



The preschoolers got a hot chocolate party for bringing the most box tops last month. They brought over 400!

The preschoolers also celebrated Teddy bear day after learning about letter B and bears. The preschoolers all brought a teddy bear to school. We took our teddy bears on parade around the school and to the gym for some races.



Kindergarten – Mrs. Merrick & Mrs. Yoerger

The Kindergarteners are counting down to Christmas. We made a Christmas chain and are tearing off a link each day until December 25th. We made ornaments and went to the State Bank of Alcester to decorate the Kindergarten tree and sang Christmas carols. Students were surprised to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. They sat on Santa's lap and told him what they wanted for Christmas. Thank you Santa and the State Bank of Alcester for the nice hats!

In math we are counting to 100 and writing numbers to 20. We started adding sets and are learning to write addition sentences.

Students are skip counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's.

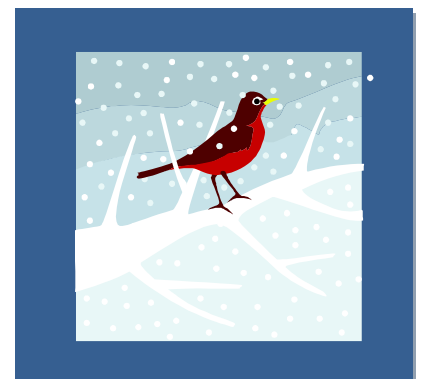
In science we learned about habitats and animals and plants that live in different places. We started a new unit on Landforms. The kids are drawing mountains, valleys, hills, and plains.

We learned all the vowels and are using our 14 letters to make new words. Students spell out words and write sentences with these words. We wrote letters to Santa Clause with some of our sight words.

We will be ringing in the new year with our telephone numbers. Students get a sticker every time they can say their number from memory. When

They get five stickers they will get a prize. In the new year they will be learning to tie shoes and say their addresses.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Kindergarten class!!



1st Grade – Mrs. Webb



Brrr it is cold outside! Thank you for keeping your kids warm with a coat, snowpants, boots, hats, and gloves! Keep them coming every day until Spring as it will be cold and snowy this winter!

We have begun Unit 3 in our reading series. Our theme for Unit 3 is "Lets Get Connected". Kids enjoyed writing a letter to a friend or relative to stay connected with them. We learned how to write a letter, address an envelope, and send it on its journey in the mail. It will be fun to see how many students get a response from their friend or relative! In grammar, students know what a noun, pronoun, verb, present and past tense verb are and how they are used in a sentence.

Students are doing well with their spelling list each week. I enjoy seeing students get ALL spelling words correct on their pretest. Beginning in January 1, I will begin giving challenge list to those students that can spell ALL spelling words correct on the Pretest. The student will then take a challenge list test at the end of the week.

We are in Topic 7 in our math series. This topic has taken us back to the basics of having two ten frames and using them to make numbers 11 through 19.

We will also do skip counting and working on a hundreds grid. We are continuing our journey through addition and subtraction flashcards. It is great to see how many facts they are remembering and using during our math work. Please do math flashcards at home for extra practice.

The weather has changed outside and in science we have learned why the clouds form, why the seasons change, and why the temperature fluctuates. Students made a model of the three basic cloud formations and the difference precipitations we find in our sky.

Do you want your student to work hard at home? Well, in Social Studies we are learning

about "Why people work?" We will learn about the importance of having a job, supporting your family, saving money, and the difference between "needs" and "wants". This might give motivation for small jobs around the house. Support their new adventure!

The students have enjoyed making various art projects this year, including painting with primary and secondary colors, scarecrow, a pine cone ornament and a gingerbread house.

We hope you had a safe and happy holiday season! Thank for keeping informed on your child, please call, email, or stop in if you have any questions.



2nd Grade – Mrs. Serck

The second graders are enjoying their reading books. They love reading and discussing their books in group time. They are proud to see their reading level continue to go up. They also have been working hard on their creative writing skills. Taking AR tests continues to be an integral part of their reading program, too.

The second graders have been working very hard in math. With our new math series there are some new

methods, but they are catching on fast and doing well.

In Social Studies they have studied how we live together, living in large and small communities, and customs and traditions of people. They are also exploring the earth and finding out about places on Earth. An interesting project that they did was to draw all the kinds of landforms and bodies of water on big paper and color it. What great artists and geologists we have in second grade!

Every week we do an art project. We are putting all of our art in an "Art Portfolio". Then at the end of the year the kids can take all of their beautiful art home and show their parents.

The second grade class has once again built the burger for their good behavior and hard work in the classroom. They earned another party.

3rd Grade – Mr. Long & Mrs. Schempp

Is it a bird, a plane? NO it's the solar system. The third graders did a unit on the solar system in reading and science. All students learned about the planets, galaxies, and everything else that makes up the solar system. Several guided reading books were read to provide more information. Each student picked a planet of their choice to do a research paper on. A trip through the solar system creative writing was written and several centers were done in relation to the solar system. Then we traveled in December and read Christmas novels in guided reading. Each child did a summary booklet and illustrated the cover to go along with the book they read in their group. Christmas games were played on the computer for a center along with Christmas stories at the listening center.

We enjoyed some fun art projects making Christmas stockings and gingerbread men using glitter, sequins, fuz balls, and rick-rack.

In social studies our chapter has been taking us west across the United States starting with the 13 colonies, then the Louisiana Purchase and lastly the entire United States. We have compared and contrasted several things like types of transportation, different ways of cooking food, exploring different types of homes people settled in and the culture of many different colonists and settlers.

In science we continue to study the solar system, constellations and will be moving on to Patterns in the Sky.

In math your son or daughter just got done with a unit on multiplication. I have really been impressed with their participation and overall math skills. The class has moved into division. Division is much easier if multiplication facts are mastered; so please keep practicing flashcards with your child.

We continue to work on cursive and will have learned all of the lower case letters by Christmas vacation.

We enjoyed the Christmas Concert and singing all of the Christmas songs.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy your time with family and friends!



4th Grade – Mrs. Scott

The first edition of the *North Pole Gazette* is hot off the press from the fourth grade classroom. The Gazette included activities happening at the North Pole during the two weeks before Christmas. One article covered the fact that Santa has made a deal with the penguins. The penguins want to help at the North Pole by sliding on their tummies to make the snow smooth so Santa's sleigh is able to get off of the ground. Oops, Santa's sleigh is now stuck at the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France. Will it get down in time enough to deliver the rest of the presents? The North Pole is also in need of many more elves to make toys for Christmas. They will need at least 10,000 more elves, so get busy and create more elves.

The fourth graders have been anxiously reading books in the Prairie Pasque collection. This is a collection of sixteen books that have been selected as good reading material for students in the state of South Dakota.

Electrical circuits are running wild as the fourth graders begin a unit on magnets and electricity. The unit began with the students having a scavenger hunt of electric items brought from their homes. Many great items were brought to the classroom to use during discussions of how electricity works. The students enjoyed experiments about static electricity, electrical circuits and electro-magnets

The fourth graders have completed the classroom level of the Geography Bee. Layne Miller is to be congratulated for being the class winner. Next Layne will compete against the winners of the fifth and sixth grade to determine our school Geography Bee Winner. Questions in the Geography Bee covered such topics as United States geography, world cultures, the continents, and world geography.

5th Grade – Mrs. Anderson



Fifth graders have had a very fast first semester. Our new math series has been challenging with new terminology and skills. Emphasis is on real word problems which require a visual picture or model to help students determine the process to be used to compute the answer. They have met the challenge and are even successful at making their own word problems for others to solve. We have been estimating multiplication and division problems and finding the actual answers. Multiplication and division of decimals will be the emphasis in the next month.

Students have completed our life science unit with a study of ecology. Biome exploration was a favorite of theirs with a couple of

games on food chains and food webs we found on the internet. There is much interest in ecology and nature in our classroom since many of the students love the out-of-doors.

We have just completed reading *Hatchet* and *Tuck Everlasting* during reading class. Students were able to watch characters change and grow during the span of the novels. We continue to explore a variety of genres through our reading series. They provide an opportunity to understand reading skills through the styles presented.

Mr. Marlin Hansen was our guest art teacher last week presenting a drawing lesson using chalk.

He taught us how to start with a circle and create an apple that looked three dimensional. The kids thought it was pretty "cool" to have an artist with us. He inspired me as well as the students.

It was a good experience for the students to try our Write To Learn program on the internet to try their first written essay. Many were successful, and each one used their six tries to improve their papers from the feedback given in the program.

We're all looking forward to a Christmas break. We are thankful to have a family to love, a school to attend, and friends that are here for us. May you all experience the Miracle this season.

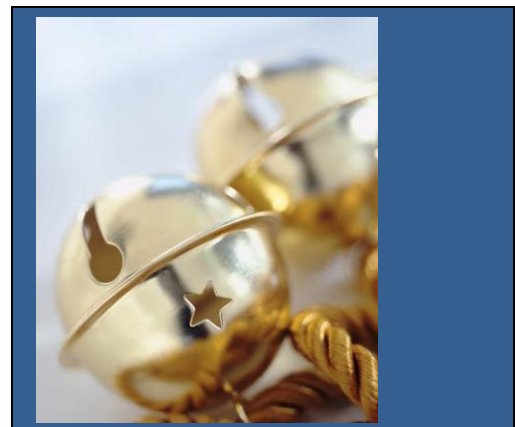
Three Student Artist's Work Chosen for the 2012 Children's Capitol Art Show

Three Alcester-Hudson Elementary students will be sending their artwork to Pierre for the Children's Capitol Art Show, one of the most important advocacy projects for art education in South Dakota. The artwork will be digitally reproduced and printed on tote bags to be presented to our area Legislators. Participating student artists will receive a certificate from South Dakotans for the Arts and an invitation to attend the exhibition and performance at the Capitol on February 14.

We want to thank all the students that participated in the art contest. We also want to congratulate the students that were chosen to represent our school. We are very proud of their hard work and artistic abilities.

Winners – Artwork to be sent to Pierre
Elyzabeth Jeffords, Grade 3
Madison Treiber, Grade 5
Cash Hemmingson, Grade 6

Honorable Mention
Layne Miller, Grade 4
Zach McKee, Grade 6





Alcester Hudson FFA Chapter Finishes off Semester with awards and gets ready to prepare for Spring Semester FFA Advisor – Mrs. Dunkelberger



Fall 2011 has been very busy for our FFA members as they traveled around the state competing in Leadership Career Development Events (CDEs). In November they drove to Harrisburg to compete at the District level. This was a great and fun experience for the younger FFA members, because even if they didn't place they know what to expect next year. The following members competed in these District CDE's Ag Broadcasting – Brigita Rassmussen, Ag Sales – Kody Bratzel, FFA Creed – Paytin Sullivan, Job Interview & Public Speaking – Haley Boyer, Extemporaneous Speaking – Eden Hemmingson, Tashena Osterkamp and Marketing Plan – Cody Christensen, Casey Reihe, Haley Boyer. The CDE's that brought the Alcester-Hudson name to the podium were Extemp Speaking and Public Speaking. Eden Hemmingson received 4th in Extemp and Haley Boyer took 1st place in Public Speaking, These achievements resulted in Eden being a state alternate and Haley packing her bags for a road trip to Pierre, SD for the state level competition. Haley Boyer also received the District 3 Secretary position for the 2011-2012 year.

On December 4th and 5th, a few of the Alcester-Hudson FFA members were able to take that road trip to Pierre for the State Leadership CDE's. Haley Boyer participated in the Prepared Public Speaking CDE and received 4th place overall. Haley's speech was "Agricultural, More than Just Farming" where she focused on talking about how Agricultural and the National FFA Organization can prepare all students for their future no matter what career they choose. Eden Hemmingson and Tashena Osterkamp were also chosen to attend the State Leadership CDE's and helped in timing the Senior Parli Pro CDE.

The FFA chapter is busy delivering fruit from the fruit sales and would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who ordered fruit from them this year. The spring semester will start in a couple weeks and the members will begin preparing for their spring CDE's and National FFA week. Throughout the month of January the members will work on updating their record books putting all the information from their Supervised Agricultural Experience into the forms required to help them win awards throughout their years in FFA. The students will also start preparing for their Production CDE's from Livestock Judging, Floriculture, Ag Mechanics, Nursery and Landscaping, Horse Judging, and many more. The students will attend many practice CDE's before attending the State Competition in April. During all this time they will also make plans to help the Alcester-Hudson Community celebrate National FFA and National Ag Week. Please look for information to come regarding various activities during these weeks.



The Alcester-Hudson FFA chapter is always looking for community service projects to help better the community and our organization if you have any suggestions or requests please let a member or Mrs. Dunkelberger know and we will see what we are able to help with.



January Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School	3 Mozzarella Sticks w/Marinara Sauce Corn Applesauce	4 Ham Slice Augratin Potatoes Green Beans Peaches	5 Hot Dog w/Bun Baked Beans Pineapple	6 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Corn Mixed Fruit
9 Spaghetti w/Sauce Coleslaw Bread Stick Peaches	10 Pepperoni Pizza Pasta Salad Pears	11 Chicken Pattie w/Bun French Fries Fruit Cocktail	12 Vegetable Beef Soup Lunch Meat Sandwich Mandarin Oranges	13 Super Nachos Spanish Rice Pineapple
16 No School	17 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Green Beans Pears	18 Taverns Potato Rounds Peaches	19 Crispitos w/Cheese Sauce Corn Applesauce	20 Cheese Pizza Pasta Salad Mixed Fruit
23 Mac & Cheese Green Beans Pears	24 Corn Dog French Fries Pineapple	25 Chili Soup Cinnamon Roll Banana	26 Rib Pattie Broccoli w/Cheese Orange Slices	27 Cooks Choice
30 Cheese Omelet Sausage Peaches	31 Chicken ala' King w/Biscuit Apple Slices			

February Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Sausage Pizza Coleslaw Grapes	2 Cheeseburger French Fries Mandarin Oranges	3 Goulash Corn Pineapple
6 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Peas Mixed Fruit	7 Chicken Nugget Broccoli w/Cheese Peaches	8 Mozzarella Sticks w/Marinara Sauce Green Beans Grapes	9 Chicken Noodle Soup Ham Sandwich Orange Slices	10 No School
13 Chicken Strips Augratin Potatoes Pears	14 Soft Shell Taco Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges	15 Rib Pattie Potato Wedges Bananas	16 French Toast Sausage Peaches	17 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Mixed Fruit
20 No School	21 Corn Dogs Broccoli w/Cheese Pineapple	22 Taverns Tator Tots Bananas	23 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Bread Stick Mixed Fruit	24 No School
27 Peaches Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Corn	28 Pepperoni Pizza Coleslaw Pears	29 Super Nachos Yogurt Orange Slices		

March Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Hamburger French Fries Bananas	2 Omelet Ham Slice Mandarin Oranges
5 Chicken Casserole Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce Fruit Cocktail	6 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Grapes	7 Taco Salad Lettuce Tomato Yogurt Peaches	8 Chicken Pattie w/Bun French Fries Pears	9 No School
12 Sausage Pizza Coleslaw Applesauce	13 Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Orange Slices	14 Mozzarella Sticks Corn Banana	15 Chicken Nuggets Au gratin Potatoes Peaches	16 No School
19 Rib Pattie Corn Pears	20 Pepperoni Pizza Macaroni Salad Mixed Fruit	21 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Toast Grapes	22 Cooks Choice	23 Chicken Strips Potato Rounds Mandarin Oranges
26 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Peaches	27 Taverns Corn Pineapple	28 Mac & Cheese Green Beans Applesauce	29 Crispitos w/Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Pears	30 Cheese Pizza Onion Rings Fruit Cocktail

Salad Bar Offered Daily
Choices of Milk Served Daily: Skim Chocolate & White 1%
Bread, Peanut Butter & Jelly Offered Daily



Library News – Mrs. Cole & Mrs. Conner

We have started both our Prairie Bud and our Prairie Pasque programs for the school year. Prairie Bud and Prairie Pasque books are picked by librarians and teachers as books they feel are good books for South Dakota children to read. The Prairie Bud books are for the K-2nd grade students and we read one of those each week for 16 weeks. The children will vote on their favorite book and we will submit that vote to the South Dakota State Library. At the end of March all votes are tallied and we find out the favorite South Dakota title. The Prairie Pasque books are read by children in grades 3-5 and those students have been reading like mad. For each book they read they can enter their name in a drawing for a free poster or book that is drawn once a week. Our recent winners have been Tori Rasmussen, Sam Bakker, Jordan Rasmussen, Emily Miller and Mykenzie Squires.

Other exciting news in the library is that many new books have been purchased. Mrs. Cole went to the Scholastic 1/2 off book sale in Sioux City and used some of the Scholastic Bucks that we earned at the book fair. "Using our Scholastic Bucks at a 1/2 price sale really stretches out our ability to buy books" says Mrs. Cole. Mrs. Conner has been very busy cataloguing these books which has put a huge variety of new books into the hands of the children. We also just placed a large order of new books from Scholastic using more of our Scholastic Bucks. The children have been waiting for some of these titles all year. We got eleven 39 *Clues* books, *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever*, Jan Brett's, *Home for Christmas*, a set of books about the different Military branches and a set about different Military vehicles. These will be great additions to our library.

The Nooks are also being used in the classrooms and we have been loading new books onto those during the year. A new Colored Nook was added and is being used mostly in the Kindergarten and first grade classrooms. This is loaded with many picture books and easy readers for children who are beginning to read. Nooks have also been used by teachers so they can have multiple copies for reading groups. The students like to use the new technology in the classroom.

New on-line payment option for families will be available beginning JANUARY 2, 2012

The Alcester-Hudson School District is pleased to introduce a new program call ***e-Funds for Schools***. This program offers various options for parents/guardians who ***choose*** to make payments on-line and is extremely user friendly. Not only will you have the ability to have various school fees and lunch payments electronically withdrawn from your checking account or charged to your credit card, you also have the flexibility to make a payment at any time through the school's website. The ***e-Funds For Schools*** service is offered to you by a third party service provider and they charge for processing your payment(s), similar to other on-line banking services. The district does not request or keep records of family checking or credit card account information.

The "***e-Funds For Schools***" electronic payment service is provided to the school by a third party service provider. The service provider has a nominal fee for their service. **There is a \$1.00 transaction convenience fee for each electronic checking payment that you make.** The system carries a Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) charge if the payment is "bad". **For payments made by credit or debit card, there is a transaction convenience fee of \$1.95.** When you set up your account, please review your options carefully.

You are in full control of your account and can make a payment at any time that is convenient for you. **No payments will be allowed without your knowledge and authorization through this secure payment system.** By providing your home and/or work email address, an email notification informing you of the student's name, purpose of the payment, and the amount of the item will be sent to you each time that a payment is to be processed. The ***e-Funds For School*** site is secure and uses industry standard data encryption.

How does e-Funds for Schools work?

- Families set up and maintain their own logins, passwords, and payment preferences. Your account information is retained in a password-protected file.
- ***e-Funds For Schools*** will help to eliminate last minute check writing hassles, improve efficiencies, and help cut costs for both you and the school district
- On-line payments will help eliminate the worry that your children could lose or forget the money intended for school items or that it might be spent on other non-school related items.
- Payments from a credit card or checking account may easily be set up.
- Parents/guardians may establish a reoccurring payment or may opt to make a one-time payment.
- The program offers various types of payment to families that include but are not limited to instructional materials, field trip fees, yearbook fees, graduation fees, and of course food service payments. The system may be expanded to include other fees as well.
- Your payment history for the year is available with a click of the mouse

HOW DO I START?

1. Call the school for your student(s) ID numbers and Family ID number.
2. Go to the Alcester-Hudson website.
<http://alcester-hudson.k12.sd.us/default.aspx>
3. Click on the Parents link on the left menu bar.
4. Click on the E-Funds for Parents link.
5. Follow the Registration guide under New Users.

\$2.10/K-6 meal, \$42 for 20 meals \$2.35/7-12 meal, \$47 for 20 meals



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Alcester-Hudson School District

Parent Portal Information

The Parent Portal will be opened up to parents and students on October 24, 2005. The Portal is part of the school's new administration program which allows parents/legal guardians to look at their children's' progress in all classes in school. Teachers will be updating their grades at least weekly so parents or guardians and students may monitor each class. In order for anyone to access the Portal it is recommended they use Internet Explorer 5.5 or greater and you must have Java installed and enabled on your computer and access to the Internet. There will be a link posted on the schools homepage. The address is: <http://www.alcester-hudson.k12.sd.us>

In order to access the Portal parents/guardians must obtain an access key. The key may be obtained from the school offices. The key must be picked up in person. Once the key is obtained and the Portal is opened up, after your first log on you will be able to make your own username and password. Each parent or guardian can have an activation key or you may share one for the family. Students in grades 7-12 will have their own activation key and they will be able to see the same thing as the parents/guardian. For security reasons the activation key will not be mailed or e-mailed to any person or student. If you forget your username or password, you will need to come to the school office and obtain this information.

There will be information posted on the school homepage with information about using the Portal. The school will not help set Internet connections nor help with the installation or enabling of Java.

Parent Portal User Guidelines and System Requirements

Your Parent Portal account will become active as soon as we receive your signed copy of the Acceptable Use Policy. Your login information, (web site, user name, and password) will be given to you the parent/student by the Alcester-Hudson School District upon receipt of the above-mentioned Acceptable Use Agreement Signature. Your login information must be picked up in person at the High School office.

1. Parents/Students (9-12) will have access to the following data:
 - a. Attendance – Updated Daily
 - b. Grades for current classes – updates will vary from class to class. Grades will be updated weekly.
 - c. E-mail addresses of teachers are available on the school website.
2. Parents/Students will receive login information and instructions after we receive your signed Acceptable Use Policy agreements.
3. Parents/Students will not share their password with anyone and will not set their browsers to auto login to the portal. Passwords are system generated.
4. System recommendations for home computers to access the Parent Portal:
It is recommended you have Internet Explorer 5.5 or greater and you must have Java installed and enabled on your computer and access to the Internet.
5. Security features of the Parent Portal
Once your user name and password are obtained and the Portal is opened, after the first log on you will be able to make your own username and password. Each parent or guardian can have a username/password or you may share one as a family. If you forget your username or password, you will need to come to the High School office and obtain this information.
Three unsuccessful login attempts will disable the Parent Portal account. In order to use the portal again, parents will need to contact the School District Office during school hours to have the account reactivated. You will be automatically logged off if you leave the Parent Portal Web browser open and inactive for a period of time
All attempts at login into the system are recorded and monitored, and a full audit trail is tracked on sensitive data.

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Alcester-Hudson School District Parent Portal Acceptable Use Policy

Alcester-Hudson District has developed a Parent Portal as a means to further promote educational excellence and to enhance communication with parents. The Portal allows parents to view their own child's school records anywhere, any time. In response for the privilege of accessing the Alcester-Hudson School District Parent Portal, every parent is expected to act in a responsible, ethical and legal manner. The Portal is available to every parent or guardian of a student enrolled in Alcester-Hudson Schools.

Parents/Students are required to adhere to the following:

1. Parents/Students will not share their passwords with anyone, including children.
2. Parents/Students will not attempt to harm or destroy data of their own children, of another user, school or district network, or the Internet.
3. Parents/Students will not use the portal for any illegal activity, including violation of Data Privacy laws. Anyone found to be violating laws would be subject to Civil and/or Criminal Prosecution.
4. Parents/Students will not access data or any account owned by another parent.
5. Parents/Students who identify a security problem with the Parent Portal must notify the District Office immediately, without demonstrating the problem to anyone else.
6. Parents/Students who are identified as a security and harassment risk to the Parent Portal or any other Alcester-Hudson School District computer or networks, will be denied access to the Parent Portal.
7. Parent/Student access to their children's/own records will be on a continuous basis for all K-12 years as long as their children are enrolled in Alcester-Hudson Schools.

User guidelines and system requirements are attached. Please review them before signing and returning the lower portion of this page. Only by signing and returning the agreement will you receive access to the Parent Portal for your child.

Alcester-Hudson School District
102 E 5th, Alcester, SD 57001

Return this form to the high school office.

Names of your children in Alcester-Hudson School District

I have read the Parent Portal Acceptable Use Policy and User Guidelines and I agree to abide by and support these rules. I understand that if I violate any terms of this Acceptable Use Policy that I may lose my privilege to use the Parent Portal, and may be liable for civil and/or criminal consequences.

Parent/Guardian #1 Signature

Parent/Guardian #2 Signature

Parent/Guardian #1 Print Name

Parent/Guardian #2 Print Name

Date

Date

RECEIVED ACCESS KEY

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Nurses Notes – Mrs. Kost & Mrs. Treiber

The communicable disease season is here and that is very evident if you walk by the health office at the elementary school. It is not uncommon to see three or four students laying in the office sick waiting for someone to pick them up. I would like to make some guidelines for you as parents to follow in making decisions as to whether your child should come to school or not. For the well being of all the students and staff we would appreciate if you would follow these guidelines.

Influenza-please go by the recommendation of your health care provider
Strep Throat-24 hours after diagnosis and the start of medication-providing
temperature is down

Stomach Flu/Diarrhea-24 hours after the last incidence of vomiting or diarrhea

Fever-24 hours after a temperature has not exceeded 100 F

Pink Eye/Eye Infection-24 hours after diagnosis and treatment has been started

Head Lice-after treatment and all nits have been removed

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