

# Alcester-Hudson School Newsletter

Quarter 2  
November, December

Shane Voss, Superintendent/EL Principal  
LeeAnn Haisch, JH/HS Principal



## Principal's News - Mrs. Haisch

### Upcoming Dates

Early Dismissal - 1:45 - October 27  
No School - October 28  
No School - November 11  
Midterm 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr - November 18  
Early Dismissal - 1:30 - November 23  
No School - November 24 & 25  
Semester Tests - December 20 & 21  
Early Dismissal - 1:30 - December 21  
No School - Dec 22-Jan 2  
No School - January 16  
Midterm 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr - February 6  
Parent Teacher Conf - February 9  
Early Dismissal - 1:45 - February 9  
No School - February 10

### Concerts

- ◆ EL Vocal Concert  
December 1
- ◆ 5-12 Band  
Concert @ HS  
December 5
- ◆ JH/HS Vocal  
Concert @ HS  
December 12

### Homecoming 2011

The festivities of Homecoming are now history, but I would like to congratulate those students who were selected as class representatives or royalty candidates: Freshmen - Abby Farley and Eric Berg; Sophomores - Jamie Jansen and Landon Nygard; Juniors - JoAnah Beeck and Shawn Wilson; and senior royalty - Ivy Pearson, Makayla McConnell, Levi Merrick and Tyler Tabbert. And a special congratulations to our Queen and King - Brittani Liston and Rick Heiman. All represented our school well throughout the week.

### Tri-Valley Conference Champions - times 2!

Coaches Linda Thompson, Vicki Ahart, and Hannah Baily, along with the Girls Volleyball are to be congratulated on their defeat of O'Gorman JV in the championship round of the TVC conference tournament. It is nice to fill up our trophy case with championship plaques. Another Tri-Valley Conference Champion was also crowned the same week as volleyball. Ty Schoellerman won the conference title in cross country. Ty was able to defeat his strongest opponents in the homestretch of the race. Congratulations to Ty and Coach David Broadwell. Ty Schoellerman and Katie Homandberg also qualified for the State Cross Country Meet being held October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Sioux Falls. You may find details at [www.sdhsaa.com](http://www.sdhsaa.com)

### Parent Portal

If you have not yet picked up your parent portal access code, please consider doing so at your earliest convenience. The portal is easily accessed through our school website and can provide an in-depth look at your child's grades and attendance records. Due to the confidential nature of the material found on the portal, access codes for parents of junior high and high school students must be picked up in person from the high school office.

### Volunteers

The school is always looking for volunteers in anything from sports to classroom readers to special event coordinators to tutors. If you have time and a desire to help our youth, please speak with me at school or at an event. It truly does take a village to raise a child - volunteering is one way to help.

### Calling All Parents

As I mentioned in the short article above, I believe it does take a village to raise a child. And at the least it takes a concerted effort between parents and school to see that the child is best prepared to be a viable member of any community. Part of that preparation lies in attainment of basic skills and knowledge, and in most cases so much more than that. An important part of this preparation is accountability on the part of everyone, and that includes the student. At the

## Principal Notes continued...

junior high and high school we have many students who simply do not prepare for class - they do not do assignments or even read the material to prepare for an assignment. As a result, they are unable to pass quizzes or tests as they have had little to no contact with the material other than what the teacher has presented in class. As I verbally surveyed students with failing or nearly failing grades in classes, they were honest with their response to the question: "How much time PER WEEK do you actually spend on homework or even studying for a test outside of the school day?"

The general answer was one half hour per week if any. This is where we need the help of parents and grandparents and the village. Any time you can spend helping, checking, or even monitoring homework can only help these students. There should be homework nearly every night for students. If you are wondering whether or not your child is getting his/her homework done, check the parent portal. If you have questions about a particular assignment, please call or e-mail me or the teacher.

## 2011-2012 Yearbooks

- ◆ Capture the memories, with the school annual
- ◆ \$40
- ◆ Order now at the introductory rate.

## Nurses Notes - Mrs. Kost & Mrs. Treiber

Welcome Fall...With Precautions!

Fall is always a fun time of year...brisk air, leaves changing color and Halloween goodies.

**Fall is also the start of cold and flu season.**

Eating right, exercising and getting enough sleep helps your immune system work at its peak to ward off illness.

Remember to **Wash Your Hands** for 20 seconds with warm soapy water often! Washing your hands is the number one defense against illness.

**Back to eating right....**eat whole grains, green and orange veggies ( a little brown sugar on cooked carrots or sweet potatoes, some low fat or fat free cheese on top of steamed broccoli and raw spinach tossed in regular salad is a great way to start )

Also check with your health care provider for any needed updates on your immunizations. **CDC recommends a Tdap booster for 11 to 14 year olds.** This combination will protect you against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, which is Whooping Cough. There have been recent outbreaks of Whooping cough and many infant deaths that could have been prevented with immunization.

**Get your flu shot as soon as possible.** Alcester Hudson School District offered free flu shots to its students on October 18<sup>th</sup>; more than 100 students took advantage of this service. If you missed this opportunity, call the clinic or S.D. Dept. of Health for information on getting a flu shot as soon as possible.

We wish you a healthy start to this school season! Remember parents...please keep your child home for 24 hours after his/her fever breaks; this will prevent spreading infections to other children at school. Thank you for your compliance.

## Counselor's Corner - Mrs. Doering

It's hard to believe that October has nearly flown by!

All the Juniors and Seniors traveled to USD for Fall Planning Days. This gave the students an opportunity to speak to representatives and pick up information regarding the schools or careers that they are interested in.

Several high school students attended Scrubs Camp in Yankton. They were able to explore many different careers in the medical field. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls also attended a Women in Science day at Mount Marty campus. The girls were able to participate in hands-on activities that related to future careers in the medical field and research.

Juniors and Seniors need to be taking their ACT's if they have not done so already. Four year universities REQUIRE ACT scores prior to the student being accepted. You can register for the ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) Any Juniors or Seniors interested in a tech school need to see Mrs.Doering regarding an application. Seniors can also go on-line to [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) or [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) to fill out a profile regarding scholarship opportunities.

Some important dates to remember for Juniors and Seniors:

ACT Test Dates:

December 10, 2011

February 11, 2012

April 14, 2012

Registration Date:

November 4, 2011

January 13, 2012

March 9, 2012

Register on-line at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**Scholarship information:**

Lucy Hoskins Ayes Scholarship  
South Dakota Farmer's Union  
Burger King

Application with Mrs. Doering  
Application with Mrs. Doering  
[www.bk.com/scholars](http://www.bk.com/scholars) Access Key: BKS

Scholarships are made available as they are received outside the School Counselors office. Student and Parent Financial Aid Night ---December 19 at 6:30p. Please come with questions about the FAFSA and Students loans at that time.

Please call if you have questions!

Shana Doering  
Guidance Counselor

### SDMyLife

SDMyLife is a career focused program made available to all students in South Dakota at no charge. The program offers several different features for students to explore when making future plans. There are career assessments that can be taken by students to help match likes and interests to specific career choices. The program also showcases MANY careers in SD and the projections of future need and pay scales. There is an ACT prep tests, Financial Aid information, businesses that you can network and communicate with. It is an excellent tool when planning for the future career of your son or daughter.

Each student has a username and password. Parents are also able to log-in and check it out. Have your son or daughter stop by the school counselors office to pick up their information or stop by Mrs. Doering during Parent Teacher's conference. She will have the website up and explain some of the different options for you.

## FFA - Mrs. Dunkelberger

### STATE FFA OFFICERS VISIT ALCESTER-HUDSON FFA CHAPTER

The Alcester Hudson FFA members and the new Advisor Mrs. Dunkelberger have started off the year with a bang. On September 26<sup>th</sup> some of the Agricultural Education students welcomed Amanda Buus, State FFA Secretary and Olivia Siglin, State FFA Reporter to the Alcester-Hudson High School. While at the school, Buus and Siglin presented workshops to agriculture education classes about teamwork, goal setting, communication, and the benefits of being an FFA member.

On September 26<sup>th</sup> several FFA members along with other various groups in the school participated in a community service day helping a family in the Dakota Dunes area remove sandbags after the flooding over the summer.

The members have also started working very hard on getting their Fall Career Development Events (CDE's) ready for the Jackrabbit Invite on October 31<sup>st</sup> and the District level CDE on November 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be one team competition in the Ag Marketing CDE along with many individuals doing CDE's such as Job Interview, Extemporaneous Speaking, Public Speaking, Ag Salesmanship and don't forget the FFA Creed CDE. For most of these CDE's the members are required to work on finding information about a particular agricultural topic and learning this new information before they attend the CDE. More information will come after the CDE's have been completed to show you how well the members did.

On October 18-22 three FFA members traveled to Indianapolis IN. to represent the Alcester Hudson FFA chapter at the National FFA Convention. While at National FFA Convention Ashtin Scotting, Haley Boyer, and Tashena Osterkamp participated in many different events to help they better understand and respect The National FFA organization. The three students helped work the National Prepared Public Speaking CDE through the Courtesy Corps program; they attended leadership workshops, listened to National Convention sessions, and spent time attending the Career Show talking with vendors about many different areas of agricultural.

The year has only begun but the members are going to be working hard on creating new community service projects, planning activities for the FFA chapter. FFA fruit sales will also begin in the middle of November and last through November 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are in need of some FFA Fruit please contact any FFA member and let them know you would like to order from them.



## Preschool News - Ms. Erickson

The preschool has 43 three, four and five year olds this year. They are all busy learning letters, number, and shapes. Please check your child's backpack each night. Then you can see what they have been busy making and ask them about their day. Also the class books are starting to go around. Each student will get a turn to take the class book home for a night. Please send it back to school the next time they come to class. These books are always the most popular thing in our classroom library. It gives parents a chance to get to know the other children in the class and get to know your child's friends.

The school's blogs have been taken down because of some program updating for the school's website. I have been busy learning a new program to make a website for preschool. It is a learning process for me too since it isn't one I am familiar with. I am hoping to get the site available for parents soon. I will send a note with the web address as soon as it is done.

## Kindergarten News - Mrs. Merrick & Mrs. Yoerger



This year the 2011-2012 A-H Kindergarten has 29 new students. The class was divided into two sections. Mrs. Merrick has 14 students in KA and Mrs. Yoerger has 15 students in KB.

We have started a new math program this year. Students are enjoying the use of the new manipulatives. We have covered the topics of counting sets from 1-10 and writing the numerals 0-10.

Students have practiced the concepts of more, less, fewer, and the same as and are now working on reading and making patterns.

In letter people students have learned 7 letters of the alphabet. We learned our first vowel Miss A and now we can play "The Catching Game". Students take turns holding the letters and spelling the am, at, and an word families. We are learning to read, spell and write these words.

We have discussed the topics of family and friends in our reading series. Students drew family portraits and labeled the people in their families. We read

stories of about friends and how friends around the world play games like us. We have learned eight sight words and are learning to write them in a sentence. Students are practicing reading short stories and using picture clues for finish the sentence.

In social studies we discussed fire prevention. Thank you to the Alcester fireman for coming to our school and teaching about fire safety. We discussed school rules and using our five senses to learn about our world.

We have learned the characteristics of how plants and animals grow and change in science. We learned about how pumpkins grow. Students weighed, measured, and graph the sizes of their pumpkins. They invited a guest and carved jack-o-lanterns.

We enjoyed a field trip to the Sioux Falls Zoo and to the Country Apple Orchard. Students had a great time checking out the animals and gathering apples to make apple treats. Thank you to all of the parents that were able to come along to help out.

We are getting ready for Halloween and decorating our rooms and hallways. Thank you to all of our parent helpers for furnishing the lunch and providing the games. You did a Boo-ti-ful Job!!

## First Grade News - Mrs. Webb

First grade is in full swing! We journeyed through the depths of Africa on a Safari and studied the various animals that we might see there. We even made Safari hats and took part in our own safari here at school. Students saw various animals like elephants, toucans, bears, lions, jaguars, and various butterfly species. Take a look below as we went on our journey.

First grade is an important year for many new skills to develop. I can see how well the first grade is working as we move forward in our reading series. It is amazing

how many words we learn to read and write. Each week there is a list of spelling words we study and take a test over on Friday's. Along with these words, we learn 3-4 High Frequency words that students use in their stories and writing. It is exciting to see the students read and write these words with ease.

Not only are the students developing well in reading and writing but they are also working hard in math. We are excited to have begun a new math series this year. The students enjoy being able to use math manipulatives (counters, dice, and game pieces) to help develop their adding and subtracting skills. We look forward to learning to tell time, count money, and recognize geometric figures. Keep practicing flash cards at home to develop those skills!

Did you know that Pluto isn't a planet anymore? Well it hasn't been a planet for a while. First graders studied the eight planets and discovered why Pluto is now called a dwarf planet. During our study on the planets we made a solar system and studied why we have day and night sky. Our science also includes simple machines, the weather, and Earth's natural resources. This correlates nicely with our Social Studies, where we discuss how we protect and take care of our Earth's natural resources.

Thank You for those that have donated items to the classroom this year! We are making good use of everything!

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

First Grade dressed up as "The Beatles and their fans" from the 1960's, for homecoming week. "All You Need is Cubs!"



## Second Grade News - Mrs. Serck

Dinosaurs, dinosaurs, lots of dinosaurs! The second graders began their year with an across the curriculum unit on dinosaurs. They were Paleontologists as they studied the ancient life forms of dinosaurs. They really enjoyed their study of many dinosaurs by completing their "Dinosaur Detective" booklet. Their Weekly Reader was especially interesting because the students learned that fossil hunter Sue Hendrickson discovered T. Rex bones sticking out of a cliff in eastern South Dakota. The fossil is named after Sue. They thought it was sad that Sue did not get to stay in SD, but is on display in a museum in Chicago. They also got to see a dinosaur movie.

In Science they also have been learning about the Earth's land, air, and water, and Earth's weather and seasons. They drew the water cycle, labeled it, and colored it.

Hooty Hoo! The second graders do give a hoot about owls. We did an across the curriculum unit on owls including an owl acrostic, listening to Owl Moon followed by a creative writing, and some owl crafts. In guided reading we read several owl books learning about the different kinds and the places they live. Other nocturnal animals were also studied including the possum and raccoon. Theresa Kruid, Karson's mom, came and showed the class how to dissect owl pellets. She also shared fun owl facts and activities with us. Thanks Theresa!

For the Homecoming Parade the second graders dressed like the "80's". We rode on a flatbed pulled by Tim and Kim Renken. We had so much fun chanting "Hit 'em with your best shot!" Thanks Renkens for pulling us.

In math we are working on addition and subtraction facts and stories.

We are gradually filling our Art Portfolio. We drew an outdoor scene with two people, leaf design, apple cutout, water cycle, and weaved a pumpkin and decorated it. We will be adding our owl art soon.

## Third Grade News - Mr. Long & Mrs. Schempp

The third graders splashed into their new year by starting the year out with an Under the Sea unit. They learned about plant and animal life under the sea. They wrote coral reef writings, read about whales and researched a whale of their choice, read Rainbow Fish and compared and contrasted two books about Rainbow Fish. Then they plunged into their new reading books and did units on First Day Jitters, Dear Juno, Whose Habitat is It?, Life in Antarctica and a special unit on Pumpkins. With the habitat unit each student chose an animal and researched its habitat. Life in Antarctica taught us a lot of about the animals that live in the cold climates. Our special unit was a pumpkin unit reading novels pertaining to autumn themes. With this we made autumn acrostics, wrote and painted bat poems, illustrated a book cover for the pumpkin book and wrote about the problem and solution. October is National Pizza Month so we are doing novels once again for the pizza unit. We made personal pan pizzas out of felt and yarn, along with writing about our own 'pizza in a box' using adjectives. We do a lot of different types of centers for guided reading which include listening center, computer spelling game center, game center and art center.

In social studies we completed Unit 1 about Communities and Geography. We have learned about landforms, ecosystems, urban, rural and suburb communities, and maps skills. Each student made a flip chart for the different kinds of communities and an ecosystem poster. We enjoy using the promethean board as the material is presented.

In science we have covered plants, animals and where and how they live and survive in their habitats. We made booklets for vertebrates (animals with backbones), posters for the different types of ecosystems, and did some research with enchanted learning website.

Cursive is new for third graders and so far we have learned 12 of the lower case letters.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math we are finishing up a topic on subtraction by creating our own real-life story problems. The class really seemed to enjoy being able to make their own and have me solve them. Over the next couple of weeks the class will be working on multiplication. I can already see that some of the students have been practicing their multiplication, and I would like you to encourage your child to practice them daily. This will help them master their multiplication skills.

We would like to thank the American Ladies Aux. in Hudson for the dictionaries. Also, we would like to thank the fire department for giving us an excellent presentation to us for Fire Prevention Week.

We welcome a new girl to our class, Emily VanderFeen. Emily came here from Hawarden, Iowa.

We had a wonderful time in the homecoming parade and thank you to Mr. Wilson for helping with the choreography for the Power Rangers theme.

We are excited for our Halloween Party and looking very forward to the holidays thereafter. We wish all of you a great autumn season.

## Fourth Grade News - Mrs. Scott

The fourth graders at the Alcester-Hudson School are off to a great start. We are small in number, only having 9 students, but we are a mighty group that loves to read. We were fortunate in that we had Linda Daugaard come to our classroom and read to us. She told us about favorite books of members of her family and stressed the importance of reading.



In science, the students are making a book of a collection of at least ten different types of leaves. Pictures were drawn of the various parts of plant cells, parts of a flower, and different types of roots. These pictures were also included in the plant book. Students enjoyed eating an edible cell, making it the highlight of the science unit.

The Alcester-Hudson Elementary School adopted a new math curriculum for this school year. It is Envision Math by the Pearson Company which is based on the Common Core States Standards which were released in June 2010. The purpose of the program is to reinforce the "Big Ideas" in math and show how these ideas are related. Hopefully this program will be a great preparation for the Dakota Step Test. Most of the math instruction is done with the use of a promethean board, which is an interactive whiteboard. The students have many opportunities to be actively involved in their learning.

October has found the fourth graders packed and ready to travel to the northeast states. Each student made a banner about one of the northeastern states. The banner included information about a state tourist site, manufacturing in their state, and the state symbols. The students used research books and the Internet to find the information for their banner. This has also been a great opportunity to learn about map keys while learning maps skills.

The students seem to enjoy having art taught by their teacher, Mrs. Scott. They worked on a project called Shrinky Dink where the boys made airplanes and the girls made charm bracelets. They would like to thank Mrs. Vicki Larson for donating the Shrinky Dink material. Recently they disguised a ghost in different costumes to go to a party. Happy Halloween to all of our readers!!

*Picture Retake Day  
Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Elementary School  
8:30 am*

## Fifth Grade News - Mrs. Anderson

Students in fifth grade haven't had any trouble getting excited about the beginning of the school year. We started off by celebrating summer reading success with a pool party. It is special for the kids because swimming isn't typically in the school day. At the beginning of the plants unit, I always ask the kids if a cucumber is a fruit or vegetable. As we continue to study the reproduction of plants they find out they are usually wrong. I have also found out they are always hungry and willing to try any kind of food. We have tried avocados, mangoes, green peppers, jicama, tomatoes, cucumbers, blueberries, raspberries, and other foods not directly out of the garden like mini cupcakes, and homemade sugar donuts. During our invertebrate study students used their creativity to make a model of one of their choice. They amazed me with the "stuff" they found around the house to make spiders, worms, jellyfish, clams, octopus, sea urchins, sea stars, and many more.

Since we have a new math series the vocabulary used in teaching is somewhat new. We are learning the commutative and associative property of adding and multiplying numbers. They are estimating sums and products using rounding and compatible numbers. We have even started using equations which are new to them, but they are up for the challenge.

Students have found the stories in our reading series interesting and fun to read. Some are fiction and many are non-fiction. Summarizing and main idea are challenging concepts we continue to understand. In small groups we are reading novels, *Tuck Everlasting* and *Hatchet*. Two very different genres, but both thought provoking.

### *Pictures*

*Top - Brandon Schuller with his sea urchin*

*Middle - Eli Sklogland with his sponge*

*Bottom - Brendon Nissen with his sea star*



## 2011 Dakota Step Test Results for Alcester-Hudson

Results of the 2011 Dakota Step tests are in and once again Alcester-Hudson students scored above the state set goals. We also exceeded the goals set by the state for attendance, graduation rates and highly qualified staff.

The Dakota State Test of Educational Progress (Dakota STEP) is South Dakota's annual statewide assessment of student progress, administered to students in grades 3 through 8 and 11 each spring. Public school districts are required to administer the Dakota STEP. The Dakota STEP is the assessment system for accountability used in South Dakota as required by the No Child Left Behind Act and South Dakota state law.

Students at Alcester-Hudson schools made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) in every subgroup on the test this past spring. The Alcester-Hudson School District met their goal this past spring by having 73% of our students achieve a Proficient or Advanced rating in Reading and 72% in math.

The teachers in the Alcester-Hudson school system have worked hard to develop curriculum that is aligned to the state content standards.

Students who were tested in the spring of 2011 will be receiving individual reports outlining their personal achievement on the Dakota Step test later this week.

Test results for the past two years for each grade tested are shown in the table below. Also included in the table are Alcester-Hudson's attendance rate, graduation rate, and percentage of teachers who are classified as highly qualified.

### Dakota Step % Proficient or Advanced

	Reading 2010	Reading 2011		Math 2010	Math 2011
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	94%	100%		94%	100%
State	78%	79%		77%	78%
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	94%	89%		93%	94%
State	77%	77%		79%	78%
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	83%	81%		83%	74%
State	76%	77%		77%	77%
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	88%	74%		89%	79%
State	75%	75%		79%	77%
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	70%	74%		77%	90%
State	74%	72%		77%	76%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	72%	64%		77%	50%
State	76%	74%		79%	77%
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	82%	51%		81%	45%
State	70%	68%		68%	67%

District	85%	71%	83%	73%
State	76%	75%	76%	77%
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>		
Attendance Rate	96.33%	96%		
State	94.99%	95.87%		
Graduation Rate	100%	96.55%		
State	89.23%	83.39%		
Highly Qualified Staff	100%	100%		
State	98.7%	99.3%		
ACT Score Avg.	21.3	22.3		
State	21.8	21.8		

## Title 1 - Mrs. Johnson

Games, supper, prizes, reader's theater, songs and much more... All title children and their families are invited to attend a family fun night on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 in the Title I room near the library in the elementary building. This will be a night for you to see some of the projects the students have been working on along with some games that we play to enforce reading and math skills. The students have been working hard this year and would love to show you some of their hard work. If you are unable to attend a grandparent or relative is welcome to bring your child. I hope to see you there!

Students in K-6 have been busy getting back into the school routine. A big thank you goes out to the families of kindergarten and second grade students who have been participating in the family literacy bag activities. The students get excited about taking the bags home and also telling about the activities they completed at home.

Second graders are actively preparing a reader's theater for the family fun night. They are enjoying the script for "Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type." Each week students in 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> have a reading assessment on Fridays covering certain reading concepts and vocabulary. In title we focus on the same concepts and vocabulary to give them a little extra practice. Students have really enjoyed playing a variety of vocabulary games. They are excited to show you their skills at the family night!

Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally-This is one example of how the 6<sup>th</sup> graders remember the order of operations (parenthesis, exponents, multiplication and division, addition and subtraction). When working on math concepts we focus on the skills being taught in the classroom and enforce these concepts by doing various activities. Some activities include games, coming up with sayings to remember math facts or simply practice, practice, practice.

All of the students have been working so hard in Title! We look forward to seeing you on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

**Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner**  
**Wednesday, November 2**  
**12:30 pm**  
**High School Gym**  
*\*Please call 934-1890 for reservations.*

## Library Book Fair - Mrs. Cole & Mrs. Conner

Thanks to students, parents, grandparents, staff, and local businesspeople, the Fall Scholastic Book Fair at Alcester-Hudson Elementary School was a rousing success. The book fair theme was "Reading is out of this World" and the librarians dressed as aliens and decorated the library in a space theme. The school welcomed family and friends for Monday's Family Night and Wednesday's Grandparents' Lunch. Each of these events took in roughly nine hundred dollars in sales.

Each student who participated in the school's summer reading program received a five dollar coupon, redeemable for a book fair purchase, paid for by the elementary student council. Coupon sales totaled five hundred dollars.

Students and local businesses collected loose change for the library, competing for prizes. Mrs. Webb's first grade class collected the most change in the elementary school, totaling \$137.93. Their prize was a pizza party in the park with a special alien guest. Among local businesses, Alkota collected the most change, totaling \$126.74. The Coin Wars brought in a total of \$718.43.

The total amount collected through sales, coupons, and loose change donations came to \$3,815.94, the largest amount in recent years of Alcester-Hudson's book fair sales. Books were purchased from the fair for the library's collection with the loose change donations as well as with a portion of the \$2,423.10 merchandise credit awarded by Scholastic for sales and other incentives. The remaining merchandise credit will be used in the future to add more books to the library's collection.



## Library News continued...

The elementary library has a new look. A different checkout desk has been brought in which is lower and more child friendly. The elementary library has been busy. We are still in the process of cataloguing all the books that we were able to purchase at the book fair. It has been fun seeing so many new books in the library.

As November approaches we will start the Prairie Bud, Prairie Pasque and YARP reading programs. The YARP program is done at the Jr. High and High school where the students go on to the State Library Web site and give their opinions of the books. They are given extra credit by classroom teachers when they read those selected books. The Prairie Pasque and Prairie Bud books are done at the elementary school. The Prairie Bud books are read to the children during library skills time and the Prairie Pasque books are read by the students and we see which class can read the highest percentage of books. This has been a very successful program in our school, with our school being one of the schools in the state with the highest percentage of participating students. Remember to read as a family and keep your students involved.

**POOL PARTY!** There was lots of excitement at the Alcester Swimming Pool when the elementary kids who participated in the Summer Reading Program were rewarded by an afternoon swimming! Congratulations to the 98 students who read books this summer and met their goal! Thanks to the City of Alcester for letting us use the pool and to the lifeguards who took time to watch over the swimmers!



### *Alcester-Hudson Athletic Booster Club SPIRIT NIGHTS*

*December 15<sup>th</sup>  
&  
January 12<sup>th</sup>*

*\*Wear blue & gold to  
the game and receive  
free popcorn*



## November Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Applesauce Banana	2 Hot Dogs w/Bun Chips Carrot Sticks Apples	3 Mac & Cheese Green Beans Pears	4 Chicken Strips Macaroni Salad Pineapple
7 Cheese Pizza Corn Apple Slices	8 Cooks Choice	9 BBQ Chicken w/Bun Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce Bananas/Kiwi	10 Hamburger w/Bun Potato Rounds Pears	11 NO SCHOOL
14 Mini Pizza Bagels Green Beans Pineapple	15 Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Corn Mixed Fruit	16 French Toast Sausage Orange Slices	17 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Lettuce Bread Stick Peaches	18 Super Nachos Lettuce & Tomatoes Yogurt Pineapple
21 Chicken Nuggets Potato Smiles Tropical Fruit	22 Tavern w/Bun French Fries Peach Cups	23 Submarine Sandwich Corn Peaches	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL
28 Soft Shell Taco Refried Beans Applesauce	29 Rib Pattie w/Bun French Fries Pears	30 Sausage Pizza Coleslaw Bananas		

Salad Bar Offered Daily

Choices of Milk Served Daily: Skim Chocolate & White 1%

Bread, Peanut Butter & Jelly Offered Daily

## December Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Chili Soup Cinnamon Roll Peach Cups	2 Beans & Weenies Potato Wedges Mandarin Oranges
5 Chicken Strips Rice Pilaf Mixed Fruit	6 Cheeseburger French Fries Pineapple	7 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Grapes	8 Pepperoni Pizza Onion Rings Orange Slices	9 Chicken Noodle Soup Turkey Sandwich Pears
12 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Lettuce Garlic Toast Pears	13 Corn Dogs Tator Tots Peaches	14 BBQ Chicken w/Bun Macaroni Salad Bananas	15 Soft Shell Tacos Refried Beans Apple Slices	16 French Toast Sausage Mixed Fruit
19 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Corn Applesauce	20 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Pears	21 Cheese Pizza Yogurt Peach Cup	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL
26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL

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## Access Your Family Lunch Account

- ◇ Call the school to receive your username & password
- ◇ Go to the school website <https://alcester-hudson.k12.sd.us>
- ◇ Click on Parents
- ◇ Click on Wordware Icon
- ◇ Click on blue icon that says family login (top right corner)
- ◇ Fill in your username & password
- ◇ Click Sign In button
- ◇ Two boxes will appear enter South Dakota for state & Alcester-Hudson for school district
- ◇ Click the Sign In button
- ◇ Your Family Information will appear

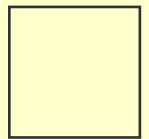
*\*If you have any questions about the new lunch program, please don't hesitate to call the school.*

## Box Tops for Education & Land O Lakes Milk Caps

We are once again collecting BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION and LAND O LAKES MILK SAVE FIVE FOR SCHOOL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS. Collect these items from your friends and relatives and send them to school with your child. Each month there will be a contest to see which classes bring in

the most Box Tops and Milk Caps. The money received from sending in all of these Box Tops and Milk Caps will go toward class trips as well as guest speakers and assemblies that the children enjoy throughout the year. Your support in this project is greatly appreciated.

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