

April 2012



# AES Newsletter

Modoc Joint Unified  
School District

## Principal Barnhart's Corner

Spring is here and with it has come some very blustery weather. Please continue to send your students to school dressed for the cool weather on days when the temperature dips. The cafeteria staff asked me to remind you that in order for students to make it to class on time in the morning, students should arrive at the cafeteria no later than 8:15. Some students feel they need to eat more quickly so they won't be late to class, and some students are not making it to class on time because it's important

for them to take the time they need to eat a good breakfast. For the remainder of this school year, it's important that students eating in the morning arrive at the cafeteria by 8:15. On this note, I have informed the PTO and the Site Council that we continue to move in the direction of providing breakfast in the classroom, free of charge, for every student at AES beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. Because of reimbursements from the USDA, this move actually will increase revenue to our district. The increased revenue

will cover the cost of feeding all of our AES students at no charge to families. Many districts that have already become part of this program report an increase in student attendance and a decrease in nurse visits, tardiness, and disciplinary referrals. If you have any questions about this program, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Finally, please remember that school starts at 8:23. While most students are making it to class on time, we still have a number of students who come to school late and who miss out on the beginning-of-the-day activities that are so important for ensuring that students have a successful day.

### Teacher Requests for 2012-2013

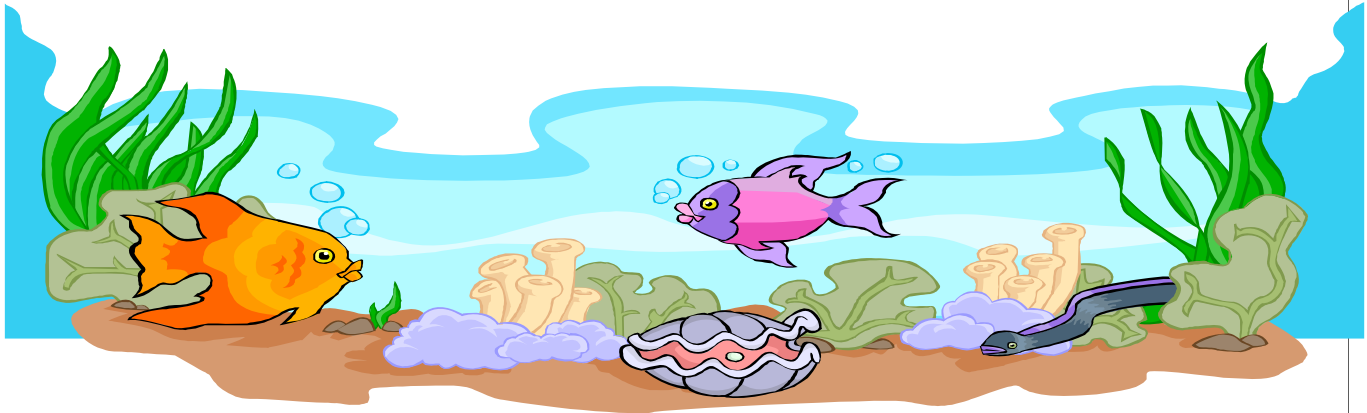
## Kindergarten April News:

Our kinders are learning more and more each day. They are reading and writing all the time. We are working on weather, practicing our sight words, and reading everything we possibly can. We celebrated Dr. Seuss with Green Eggs and Ham and were lucky enough to have Mr. Barnhart and board members read to all our classes. To celebrate spring, we are working on farm life and nutrition. Open House was a big success! We all had a great time talking with each other and showing off our work in the classroom.

We are accepting parent requests for student placement for the 2012/2013 school year. Request forms are available in the office, and the last day to submit a completed request form will be Monday, April 30th.

Students are placed in classrooms for the coming school year by their current teacher. Students are placed with an equal girl/boy ratio, with balanced academic levels and personalities. Students are also separated from other students with whom they may have had difficulties. Teachers at AES spend a great deal of time placing students where they feel students will be most successful and where they will excel.

## First Grade News



First graders have been learning about the ocean and the interesting plants and animals that live there. We know about the layers or zones in the ocean, and we know about the special adaptations that ocean animals have. If only we could all visit a tide pool now!

The first grade teachers are very proud of the efforts our students have put into reading and math this past quarter. Keep up the good work!

## Second Grade News

As we head into the fourth quarter, second grade is turning its attention to the upcoming state testing which begins at the end of April. We'd like to encourage parents to review work that is coming home and help your child with any concepts that are still difficult. Remember, subtracting with borrowing has about ten steps, and if one step is missed, the answer may be incorrect. In other news, students are having a great time with science. We visited the Digital Star Lab (brought to us by Strong Family Health Center and RISE) and got to see star constellations and hear Native American legends. Did you know there is a frog on the moon? We've also been learning about soil, space, plant and animal life cycles, and spring. Our language arts theme is "Family Time" and we're reading some great stories about families who share their cultures and values through cooking. We even get to try the yummy recipes at the end. We hope you have a great Spring Break and come back refreshed and ready to hit those tests.

## Fourth Grade News

Fourth grade teachers and students have a sigh of relief now that the state writing test is over. All classes were prepared for writing a summary, a response to literature, or a narrative. The teachers believe that our students worked hard on it and put in a great effort.

Dr. Seuss Day was fun in fourth grade. Classes had different activities planned, such as art work or special readers who came in to share a Dr. Seuss story.

Fourth grade also enjoyed Open House. All the classes had wonderful artwork and projects displayed. There was a chili cook off and coffee and munchies. It was a fun evening.

## Third Grade News

Third grade is beginning a unit on tall tales. In science, we are exploring animal habitats and created wonderful diorama habitat boxes. We have experimented with warm and cool colors in art. We have learned how to be/ become a good citizen in social studies. We loved sitting under the stars in the Star Lab! Thank you all for visiting our classrooms during Open House!

## Fifth Grade News

5<sup>th</sup> grade is busy gearing up for state testing to begin the week of April 30<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all 5<sup>th</sup> graders to get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and come prepared to work hard. We are currently working on biography report speeches and writing our autobiographies. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be tested on their states and capitals in May, so keep on studying.

### SPRING MUSIC PROGRAMS

#### THIRD GRADES:

Friday, April 27th - 1:30pm - AES MPR

#### FIRST GRADES:

Wednesday, May 16th - 1:30pm - AES MPR

#### FOURTH GRADES:

Thursday, May 17th - 9:30am - AES MPR

#### FIFTH GRADES:

Thursday, May 24th - 1:00pm - AES - outside

#### KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION:

Tuesday, June 5th - 9:15am - AES MPR

**Get ready for STAR state testing;  
April 30th through May 11th**

### Mark Your Calendars

- Spring Book Fair: April 5th & 6th
- April 6th: Minimum Day 12:35 pm dismissal
- Spring Break—April 9th -13th
- MJUSD School Board Meeting April 17th, 6pm
- April 22nd: Minimum Day 12:35 pm dismissal

### Lost & Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with jackets, coats, hats, gloves, and other articles of clothing. All items will be donated to a local charity after Spring Break.

## Spring Book Fair

When: Thursday, April 5th 7:00am to 8:00 pm  
Friday, April 6th 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where: Room 12



All profits from the Book Fair will be used to buy books for each of the classrooms and for our library.

*Thank you for supporting the Alturas Elementary School Library*

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual AES PTO Winter Blues Bingo

**A huge thank you to the local businesses and individuals who donated items for the AES PTO Bingo prizes!**

G Face and Body

California Highway Patrol

Larranaga Trucking

Top Hat Entertainment

Surprise Valley Electric

True Value

Ted's Barber Shop

Scentsy- Amee Albrecht

Girl Scouts

Timi Blankenship

Subway

Quizno's

Plumas Bank

Bear Paw Coffee

Main St. Antiques

Walt Davis

Nile's Theater

Walton's Auto Care

Holiday Market

Carey's Grooming

Jodie Larranaga

State Farm Insurance

Tammy Rhoades

Alturas Chevron

Shear Creations Hair Salon

Les Schwab Tire

Modoc Wireless- Verizon

Boy Scouts

Marina's Bakery

The Art Center

Ace Hardware

Modoc County Office of Education

Nile's Coffee House

Sandy Sphar

Antonio's & Stan Yagi

4 Corners Market

Mary Kay Cosmetics, Carolyn Bridwell

## **HAVE FUN ON THE ISLAND!**

Just a reminder that your student should log on to Study Island, at [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com), over the weekends and during the evenings. This is an excellent time to catch up or get ahead on math and reading skills.

All first graders log on with the username aes11 and a password of aes11.

All kindergarteners log on with the username aesk1 and a password of aesk1.

All other students log on with their first and last name with no capitals or spaces and their password is their first name. All students have logged in and used Study Island in the Learning Center. If they have a problem remembering their password, please e-mail me at [kparker@modoc.k12.ca.us](mailto:kparker@modoc.k12.ca.us). I check my mail daily and will check on your student's password for you.



**The Island is calling!**

**Mrs. Parker**