

September 30
2016

Lil' Dragon Fire

What's New at AES



10/6 Laura Ingalls Wilder presentation @ 7pm

10/7 MWF Preschool is going to the Apple Orchard

10/11-10/12 make up picture dates

10/18 PTO Meeting @ 6:30

10/19 Early Release - 12:30 at the elementary school

10/20-10/21 No School

10/24-10/28 National Hot Lunch Week

10/25 Hearing/Vision screening

AES Introduces Reading Wonders to Our Students

The start of the school year is an exciting time for both students and staff at AES. The opportunities to renew friendships and meet the new teacher are just some of the things that make the new year special for our students.

This year we have a brand new reading curriculum called Reading Wonders and Wonder Works. This 2017 copyright curriculum is designed around the National Reading/Language Arts Standards, which are often referred to as Common Core. The State of Minnesota adopted the Common Core standards back in 2010, and the State of Minnesota added additional standards as well. We have been working on implementing these standards into our classroom instruction over the past few years. For this segment of "What's New at AES" we want to share some information about the Reading Wonders curriculum.

Wonders is a comprehensive K-6 English Language Arts and English Language Development program built on the National Language Arts Common Core standards. Our teachers received implementation training this summer, and they are excited to use the resources that are available with their students.

We were able to purchase all the important pieces of this curriculum that will allow our teachers to choose from a wide range of resources to help all our students develop their literacy skills. As the year progresses, your child's teacher will share important information about how families can access some of the resources at home to help their children with their literacy development. To learn more about Reading Wonders, you can go to the following web link that provides examples of the types of resources your child will be interacting with during the school year.

<http://www.mheducation.com/prek-12/explore/reading-wonders/products-wonders.html>

In the October 14th edition of our Lil' Dragon Fire newsletter we will provide an overview of our Reading and Math Title I program that we have at AES.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter!!

Kids Against Hunger

We want to thank everyone who has helped make this event successful. The 4th and 5th graders were able to go and help pack meals that we raised money for. The winner of the Penny Contest is Mr. Kruger. The kids did a fantastic job and really got into the Penny Competition. Our school was able to raise almost \$5,500! Thank you!



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Important Reminders to Parents:

- * If your child has a bus note please make sure that you have the date, phone number, information about the change, and a parent's signature included in the note. All bus notes must be brought to the office to be signed.
- * If you are calling the school with a change to your child's regular form of transportation to/from school, please do so before 2pm so we can make sure the appropriate people can be notified.
- * Students without a note or phone call to approve a change will need to use their scheduled form of transportation.
- * Any preschooler who is riding the bus needs to have a Bus Buddy who gets on and off at the same stop as the preschooler. If a preschooler does not have a Bus Buddy that student will not be allowed to ride the bus that day.



Picture packets were sent home with your child this week. If you would like to have your child's picture retaken, retakes will be held on October 11-12. On these dates we will also be taking all the preschool student pictures, PK-5 class pictures, as well as pictures of any students that did not get them taken on the August 30th picture day. If your child did not get their picture taken on August 30th, he/she will be bringing home package pricing in their Friday folder.

PTO Corner

If anyone is interested in joining the PTO please attend the meeting on October 18 @ 6:30 pm in the Dragon Skylight Diner. Box tops are due by October 14th. The last day for Campbell Soup labels is January 1, 2017.

For updates, please checkout AES PTO on FaceBook



Nurse Notes

K-5 Hearing/Vision Screening will be held on October 25th.

If you have not returned your child's health form please do so as soon as possible.

If you have not sent back your updated Kindergarten shot records, please do so. You may fax them to 507-483-2461.

Lost and Found

You may have noticed that your child is missing some items from home. There is a table in the elementary foyer with a number of lost items. If you are stopping by the school, you may want to take a look through these items and see if any of them belong to your child.

* An electronic form of the Lil' Dragon Fire is available at www.isd511.net/elementary under AES Newsletter