

ALDEN ELEMENTARY NEWSLINE

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The mission of the Alden Community School is to provide a caring educational environment where All Belong, All Learn, All lead to Succeed.

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ Thurs., May 18 K-5 Field Day
- ❖ Mon., May 22 Kindergarten bowling field trip
- ❖ Tues., May 23 6th grade visit to RMS 1:30 PM
- ❖ Wed., May 24 1-Hour early dismissal for teacher in-service
- ❖ Fri., May 26 Dental parade 2:15pm
- ❖ Mon., May 29 Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
- ❖ Tues., May 30 PK Celebration 1:00 p.m.
- ❖ Tues., May 30 5th grade field trip to Capitol
- ❖ Tues., May 30 4th grade to Calkins Campus
- ❖ Wed., May 31 1-Hour early dismissal for teacher in-service
- ❖ Wed., May 31 3rd -5th grade Awards in gym at Sunrise @ 8:35 AM
- ❖ Wed., May 31 Last day of Kindergarten
- ❖ June 1 & 2 - Kindergarten Round-Up
- ❖ Fri., June 2 - Last Day of School - 2 hr early dismissal
- ❖ Fri., June 2 - 6th grade Awards @ 11:45 AM
- ❖ Fri., June 2 - 6th grade clap-out 12:45 PM

Check out the calendar online:
www.ifacadets.net



K-5 Field Day

May 18th

K-2 9:30-11:30

3-5 12:15-2:30

Alden Elementary

Playground and Field

Per school board policy, NO ANIMALS on the school grounds during field day.



Green Belt Bank & Trust partnered with Hardin County Soil & Water Conservation and Calkins Nature Area to plant a Flowering Crabapple tree on the grounds of the Alden Elementary School.

In celebration of Earth and Arbor Day, students were given a presentation on how to plant a tree and the reasons why it is so important. Each student was given a White Oak seedling to take home and plant as well.

Pictured with Mrs. Holly Wibholm's 4th grade class is Lucas Wagner, Calkins Nature Area and Kinsey Aldinger, Green Belt Bank & Trust.



Mrs. Wibholm, Ms. McGill, and some students went to the Leader in Me Symposium at UNI. They talked about our service learning projects we have done in the last few years.

Farewell

Please join us to
thank and honor
Kim Nelson
for her 20 years of service
at
Alden Elementary
Wednesday, May 31st, 2017
1:15-2:00 p.m.
Alden Elementary
Gymnasium
Reception to follow



The Kindergarten classes are learning about the life cycle of a chicken. We have learned that chickens start as an egg, become a hatchling, then a chick, and then an adult chicken. Thanks to North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom for giving us the opportunity to observe this process!

End of School Year Reminders

*Please remember to keep lunch bills up to date!
This time of year, students may not be able to eat lunch if they have more than a \$10 balance.
*Please make sure your child(ren) return books to the school library in a timely manner.

Dress Code Expectations

As the warmer weather approaches, we remind students to make appropriate choices with clothing. Girls should not be showing undergarments. Shorts should also be long enough to touch their fingertips when arms are extended down.



Counseling Corner

Accountability is the willingness to answer for your choices, behaviors, and actions. Being personally accountable is a trait that we sometimes don't see. We would rather blame others when our choices lead to bad outcomes. We are seeing this more and more in today's world. So how do we get our children to understand that being accountable for their actions is important?

- Set rules and establish clear expectations. Have consequences for not following the rules
- Give them responsibilities and/or chores. Keep track of them on a chart or calendar so they can see what they have accomplished
- Allow children to help you even if they don't do it to your standards. They are still trying to be helpful
- Don't always bail them out when they are not being responsible. Let the natural consequences be part of life learning.
- Praise them. Children thrive when they are praised.
- Be a good role model. Talk to them about how you are accountable at work, home, and as a parent