

MAY 2009

Aledo Community Unit School District #201

- May
- 1 JV/V HS Girls Softball, Rockridge, There, 4:30 p.m.
JV/V HS Baseball, Knoxville, There, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity HS Boys & Girls Track, Tiger Relays, at Sherrard, 4:00 p.m.
JH Track, Little Dragon Relays, Here, 5:00 p.m.
 - 2 Varsity HS Girls Softball, ROWVA (double-header), There, 11:00 a.m.
JV/V HS Baseball, ROWVA, Here, 11:00 a.m.
JV HS Baseball, ROWVA, There, 11:00 a.m.
 - 4 JV/V HS Girls Softball, West Prairie, Here, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity HS Boys & Girls Track, Titan Relays, Place To Be Announced, 4:00 p.m.
5th Graders to visit JH at 9:15 a.m.
 - 5 JV/V HS Girls Softball, Annawan/Wethersfield, Here, 4:30 p.m.
JV/V HS Baseball, Annawan/Wethersfield, There, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity HS Girls Track, Avon-Bushnell PC, There, TBA
JH Track, Prairieland Conference Meet, TBA, 4:00 p.m.
Mercer County DARE graduation, HS auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
 - 6 JV HS Girls Softball, Monmouth-Roseville, There, 4:30 p.m.
JV/V HS Baseball, Abingdon, Here, 4:30 p.m.
The New Generation Tour – All Day (featuring Apollo Opening Act Choir, 2:00 p.m. at Apollo)
Rube Goldberg Contest, 6:30 p.m. (See article in bulletin for more information.)
8th Grade Career Expo at Rock Island County Fairgrounds
 - 7 JV/V HS Girls Softball, Annawan/Wethersfield, There, 4:30 p.m.
JV/V HS Baseball, Annawan/Wethersfield, Here, 4:30 p.m.
AHS Top Ten Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
Market Day pick up at Apollo, 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Athletic Booster Meeting, at HS, 7:00 p.m.
8th Grade will go to high school for orientation
 - 8 Half-Day Inservice - Early dismissals: 11:30 a.m. at HS & JH & 11:40 a.m. at Apollo
Varsity HS Girls Softball, The National Bank Classic, Here, 4:00 p.m. (May 8th & 9th)
Varsity HS Boys & Girls Track, Lincoln Trail, TBA, 3:00 p.m.
JH Dance in the Commons Area, 7:00-8:45 p.m.
 - 10 Baccalaureate Services for graduating Class of 2009 – Clergy in our area are in charge.
 - 11 Immunization Clinic for incoming 9th graders at the JH
7th Grade “Welcome to the Real World” in the JH Commons, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
4th Grade to visit JH @ 9:15 a.m.
JV/V HS Girls Softball, Orion, There, 4:30 p.m.
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, West Prairie, There, 4:30 p.m.
JH Track, Orion Title 9, There, 4:00 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting, Unit Office, 6:30 p.m.
AAA Pest Control will spray buildings early prior to students’ arrivals.
 - 12 Aledo High School Spring Concert in HS auditorium & gym, 7:00 p.m.
Prairieland Conference Leadership Luncheon, at Barnstormer in Monmouth, at Noon
Senior Finals
 - 13 AHS Award Night in high school auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
Senior Finals
JV HS Girls Softball, Galva, There, 4:30 p.m.
JH Track, Titan Relays, There, 4:30 p.m.
 - 14 Senior Finals
JV/V HS Girls Softball, Abingdon, There, 4:30 p.m.
JH Fine Arts Festival, in JH gym, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Concert at 6:30 p.m.
The New Generation dance session, at HS, 3:30 p.m.
 - 15 Jazz Band Tour
V/JV HS Girls Softball, Galesburg, Here, 4:30 p.m.
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Riverdale, There, 4:30 p.m.
HS Varsity Girls Track, IHSA Sectional, TBA, 4:00 p.m.

- 16 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, North Fulton, Here, 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Aledo High School Class of 2009 Graduation in gym, 1:30 p.m.
- 18 Varsity HS Girls Softball, IHSA Regional, Here, 4:30 p.m.
HS Varsity Boys & Girls Track, Farmington Relays, There, 4:00 p.m.
- 19 PTO Meeting, Apollo LRC, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Apollo PreK graduation, in Apollo gym, 7:00 p.m.
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, IHSA Regional, TBA, TBA
The New Generation's auditions at HS, 3:30 p.m.
AHS Night of Jazz in Aledo Central Park bandshell, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 HS Varsity Girls Track, IHSA State Finals, TBA, 8:00 a.m.
HS Varsity Boys Track, IHSA Sectional, TBA, 4:00 p.m.
- 25 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
Aledo High School Band marches in Memorial Day Parade, 10:00 a.m.
- 27 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, IHSA Sectional, TBA, TBA
- 28 Apollo Field Day (grades 1-5) (Rain date: May 29th)
- 29 Apollo 4th & 5th Grade Awards Assembly, 8:45 a.m.
8th Grade Promotion in JH gym, 1:00 p.m.
- June 1 NO SCHOOL – Teacher's Institute
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, IHSA Supersectional, TBA, TBA
- 2 Last Day of School - Dismiss at 8:35 a.m. – Report Cards sent home.
- 4 Market Day pick up at Apollo, 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- 6 Jazz Band performs at Rhubarb Fest, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

REGISTRATION FEES & MEAL PRICES

Mercer County School District #404 has approved the registration fees and meal prices for the 2009/10 school year. The elementary school's registration fees at Apollo and New Boston will be: \$51 for registration, \$1.75 for paid lunches, \$1.00 for paid breakfast, and milk-break fee of \$24 per semester. The fees at the junior high school in Joy and the intermediate school in Aledo will be: \$52 for registration, \$1.75 for paid lunches, and \$1.00 for paid breakfast. The Mercer County High School registration fee will be \$75 plus any course fees applicable. The meal prices at the high school are: \$2.00 for paid lunches, \$2.00 for salad bar, and \$1.00 for paid breakfasts.

AHS SPRING MUSIC CONCERT

The AHS Spring Music concert (grades 9-12) will be Tuesday, May 12th, at 7:00 p.m. Performing will be The New Generation, Concert Choir, Concert Band, AHS Jazz Band, and a variety of solos and ensembles. Awards will also be given and seniors will be recognized. The concert will begin in the auditorium. All are invited to attend and enjoy some familiar and some new tunes. The AHS Music Department would like to thank you for your continued support!

AHS NIGHT OF JAZZ

The AHS Music Department will be sponsoring its annual "Night of Jazz" on Thursday, May 21st, at 7:30 p.m. in the Central Park band shell. If it rains, the event will be held in the high school auditorium. Please bring your lawn chair and join us! Groups performing will be The New Generation and Jazz Band. Admission for the concert will be by donation. A variety of jazz styles and solos will be presented. Hope to see you on Thursday, May 21st at 7:30 p.m.

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY BAND BEGINS AGAIN

The Mercer County Community Band will begin summer rehearsals on Tuesday, May 26th, 6:30 p.m. in the Aledo Jr. High Band room. Any graduating 8th grader through adults from Mercer County who play an instrument may participate. Some great musical arrangements have been planned for the June 25th concert so please come and enjoy. If you are interested and did not play last year, please contact Director Rusty Ruggles at (309)582-8305 or email him at ruggles30@yahoo.com

S.M.I.L.L.E

Someone, Making, an Impression, Lasting, an Eternity

The Mercer County Family Crisis Center is currently looking for male and female high school Juniors and Seniors to volunteer a little bit of time to be a mentor with elementary age students in our S.M.I.L.L.E. program. Becoming a S.M.I.L.L.E. mentor requires organizing and helping with special group activities such as bowling, holiday parties, flying kites, etc. We would really like as many volunteers as possible. It's fun, very self rewarding, plus community service looks GREAT on scholarship and college applications! To volunteer or if you have any questions, please call Brenda Dunn, Children's Advocate, at the Mercer County Family Crisis Center, 582-SAFE (582-7233).

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN, SECOND, & SIXTH GRADES

All students entering kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th grades are required by the State of Illinois to have a dental exam. The exam must be completed by a dentist prior to May 15, 2009 of this school year. The dental examination form must be completed by the dentist and returned to the school before May 15, 2009. School nurse Becky Hyett has sent a letter and the proper dental form home with students who need the dental exam. Please take this form with you to the dentist's office so that it can be completed and the student can return it to the school nurse at Apollo. If you have any questions, please call school nurse Becky Hyett at 582-5350 (extension 4). Thank you for your cooperation.

APOLLO PRE-K PLACEMENT

Apollo Pre-K educational placement for 3 and 4 year olds will conclude in May. Placement into this program is for 3 and 4 year old students entering the at-risk program at Apollo. The goal of the program is to help children be prepared and ready to enter school. If you believe you have a student who may be eligible for these services or if you have any questions, please contact Lynette Perlikiewicz at Apollo (582-5350).

ANNUAL RUBE GOLDBERG CONTEST

The Aledo High School Physics 1 students are currently busy building machines for this year's Rube Goldberg contest. At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6th, the judging will begin at the Bond resident, 407 NE 12th Street. This year's task is to prepare a glass of lemonade by mixing ice, lemonade mix and water in a cup. The students are required to use seven different forms of energy and to produce a sound at fifteen (plus or minus five) seconds while accomplishing this task. Two teams of students are competing in this contest. Spectators are welcome. Contact Ms. April Todd, high school Physics teacher, for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE & GRADUATION

Baccalaureate service for the Aledo High School Class of 2009 will be held Sunday, May 10, 2009, with a location and time to be determined at a later date. The clergy in our area will be in charge of the service.

Graduation will be held Sunday, May 17th, 1:30 p.m. at Aledo High School.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

COLLEGE FOR KIDS: Will be held at Monmouth College June 15th-26th and at Blackhawk College August 3rd -7th. Bus transportation will be provided by Westmer.

INCOMING FRESHMAN ACADEMY: Starts June 8th and ends July 17th. Bus transportation will be provided by Westmer.

MERCER CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program 2009

All ages are invited to take part in the reading program. Participants will read five books out of eight categories at their reading level during the program to be eligible for reading prizes. To be eligible for reading program prizes, participants must *register* at the library by June 5, 2009.

Summer Events

June 18	10:30 a.m.	Fire Truck/Extinguisher Training
June 25	11:00 a.m.	Furry Friends Petting Zoo
July 2	1:00 p.m.	Forest Park Nature Workshop
July 9	10:30 a.m.	Puppet Playhouse Theater

Events are open to the public and no registration is required to attend. Please visit us at 200 North College Ave., Aledo, IL, (309)582-2032, or <http://mercercarnegielibrary.home.mchsi.com>

MERCER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Honor your favorite student, graduate, teacher, or alumni with a donation to the Mercer County High School library. The high school library now has a wish list of books for the collection requested by staff and students and is viewable at www.amazon.com Donors can select items from the “Aledo/Mercer County High School” wish list to purchase and the books will be sent directly to the school. Upon arrival, each book will be labeled with a bookplate to indicate the person or event the book is donated in honor of. This is perfect for birthdays, graduations, reunions, or “just because”. Support the high school students of Mercer County with the gift of books! Please contact Brooke Fleurette at 309-582-2223 if you have any questions. Donors can also visit the wish list directly at <http://www.amazon.com/wishlist/366OUBMZY8W0GV>

MERCER COUNTY JR. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The librarians of Mercer County School District #404 are seeking monetary donations to provide books for the Mercer County Jr. High School library in Joy when school starts in August. The library at the current Westmer Jr./Sr. High School building in Joy has had past difficulties including financial issues and being flooded during the large rainfall in September of 2008. Furthermore, the rearrangement of staff and students to various buildings has caused a need for additional library materials for the junior high students. This age group needs to physically see the books to make a selection that is appropriate for their reading and interest level and be able to check them out immediately. Please help to make reading material available for our junior high students by sending a donation to: MCJH Book Fund, c/o Aledo Jr. High School, 1002 SW 6th St., Aledo, IL 61231. If you would like a book plate on the books that your donation buys, indicate what you want on the book plate when you send in your donation. If you have questions, contact Marge Seiver, Apollo Elementary School, 309-582-5350 extension 5. The future librarians at Mercer County School District #404 (Chris Armentrout, Jeni Ewing, Brooke Fleurette, and Marge Seiver) thank you for helping to provide the love of reading to the junior high students of the district.

PUBLIC AWARENESS BULLETIN

Aledo C.U.S.D. #201 provides and maintains appropriate special education programs at no cost for all exceptional children who are residents within as specified in Article 14 of the School Code of Illinois and Public Law 94-142. These programs are carried out independently or in cooperation with other districts within the Black Hawk Area Special Education District for those exceptional children the ages of three through twenty-one. Homebound tutoring services are provided when necessary and private facilities are utilized when situations warrant such programs.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS PROVIDED

1. Speech and Language Therapy.
2. Special classes and resource services for the educable mentally handicapped, educationally handicapped, behaviorally disordered, and learning disabilities.
3. Special classes for preschool age children.
4. Homebound tutoring services for those requiring special placement at home or in a hospital because of temporary health impairment.
5. Program placement of the severely handicapped in public or private facilities which best meet the needs of the individual.
6. Psychological testing and placement services.
7. School social work services.

Programs are also provided by the Black Hawk Area Education Center and Quad-City cooperating schools within the Black Hawk Area Special Education District to service the needs of the hearing impaired, visually impaired, socially or emotionally handicapped with behavior disorders, physically handicapped, trainable and educable mentally handicapped, multiple handicapped, and speech and language impaired.

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

The Aledo School District in cooperation with the Black hawk Area Special Education District each year provides a preschool screening program to identify exceptional children.

Hearing, vision, speech and language screenings are held at regular intervals during the child's school career.

Annual screenings are provided by teachers and other professional personnel for referral of those children who exhibit problems which interfere with their educational progress and/or adjustment to the educational setting.

Each student to qualify for special education placement must be referred for a case study review and evaluation. Referrals for case study review may be made by school personnel, parents, community service agencies, persons having primary care and custody of the child, other professional persons having knowledge of the child's problems, the child, or the Illinois Office of Education.

Parents may contact the student's teacher, school principal, or special education coordinator to initiate a referral for a case study review or evaluation of a particular student.

Referral steps may include:

1. Request for services
2. Parental permission
3. Preliminary evaluation
4. Case study review
5. Health history and personal interview
6. Developmental study
7. Psychological evaluation and/or other pertinent evaluations
8. Multidisciplinary staffing
9. Vision and hearing screening

Parents within the Aledo School District have the right to review the rules, regulations, and the child's placement in special education programs. The right to request a due process hearing if differences cannot be resolved within the framework of the local district procedures and practices is inherent in special education. Further explanation of the rules and regulations of special education may be obtained from school administrators.