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Applegate School Retrofit Project—Update

As many of you may already be aware, in 2010 Applegate School was awarded a grant to perform a seismic retrofit on the historic old brick schoolhouse, making it once again habitable for school children! Ausland Builders has completed its grant work, which encompassed all of the major construction only. Ausland has done much to return the building to its original

glory! We have a new roof, new heating and air systems, reinforced walls, all broken windows have been replaced, new carpeting, new lighting and ceilings, a new front landing and railings. The bell tower has also been reinforced and the bell is set to ring out across the valley again!

However, the grant did not cover everything. The final stages of finish work still need to be completed for this project. We have taken up the challenge of raising funds to bring to a close the renovation of our “new” old school building. Our to-do list is short: finishing the two student restrooms, adding current technology into the old building, upgrading existing doors, some painting and window work.

Throughout the school’s history, strength has come from the community and it is very clear that this spirit continues today. We are asking you to please visit our website at www.friendsofapplegateschool.com to learn more about how you can help. You will also see what has been accomplished, what is still needed, and you will find many photos of this amazing project. Please take this opportunity to be



Ausland Builders brings the school bell out of the belltower and gives each child an orange t-shirt. Photo by Linda Kappen.

part of this historic project by donating either in kind, sponsoring a particular item or giving a traditional monetary donation. Please help us finish this significant historical work for our kids and our community.

Save the date! As a thank you for your invaluable support, we would like to invite all community members to: Applegate School Open House and Lion’s BBQ Dinner
 June 7 at 5 pm

Please RSVP to Shawn at 541-846-6280 if you would like to attend this event, volunteer for our upcoming Spring Work Day, or would like more information about how you can help.

It is our sincere hope that in this spirit of community, you will consider making a donation of money, goods or services to this very worthy project. I have confidence that together we can bring this project to a close and have yet another generation of Applegate kids ringing the school bell each morning for all to hear.
 Stephanie Allen • 541-846-6280
 Principal, Applegate School

Spring masthead photo credit

Liz Butler, webmaster at Herb Pharm, took this photo of spring flowers off Williams Highway between Lofland and Findley.

DEADLINES

ISSUE	DATE
Fall	August 1
Winter	November 1
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Summer	May 1

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- natural resources
- ecology and other science information
- historical and current events
- community news and opinions

AVCN encourages and publishes differing viewpoints and, through the *Applegater* newspaper, acts as a clearinghouse for this diverse community. We are dedicated to working together with community members to maintain and enhance the quality of life that is unique to the Applegate Watershed.

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