

NEXT GENERATION

"Next Generation" features the talents of our local students and school news and updates. All schools in the Applegate Valley are encouraged to submit art, writing, photography and any other creative pieces to gater@applegater.org.

APPLEGATE SCHOOL

SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) is a reading mentorship program that pairs adult volunteers with students in kindergarten through third grade in public schools across Oregon. Applegate School is seeking volunteers to read one hour per week starting in the fall of 2013. If interested, please call Seana Hodge at 541-846-6280 for more information about SMART or visit their website at www.getsmartoregon.org.

Calligraphy. During the third trimester in 2013, Colleen Davidson has been teaching the art of calligraphy as a middle school elective. Colleen is very talented with her calligraphy and is sharing this beautiful art of lettering with students, whose work shows that they are catching on very quickly.

Visual Arts. In the art class elective,

we are continuing our visual arts with recycled products. The students are using reclaimed wood leftovers from shelves that were built in the "new" old brick school building. The leftover pieces were cut into a fish shape that looks a lot like a salmon or a trout. On these fish cutouts, students paint their own designs using acrylic paints.

Spanish. Second and third graders have been learning the Spanish language. Volunteer Fred Hall has teamed with his daughter Rebecca Cross and they are in their second year of teaching introductory Spanish to the 2/3 class. Students have learned to speak greetings, identify objects in their classroom, count, and some things about the Spanish culture.

We appreciate all of our volunteers and learning opportunities at Applegate School. If you have a special talent you would like to teach and share with our students, please call us at 541-846-6280.

Linda Kappen • 541-846-6280
Schoolwide Education Assistant
Applegate School

RUCH SCHOOL

Margaret della Santina and I brainstormed a writing project that would teach the writing process to first- and second-grade students while making the learning meaningful, which is a challenge in the elementary grades. We also wanted to give the students an opportunity to use their imagination and write creatively.

So we researched companies that publish books for young students, and have the students go through the process of brainstorming, writing, editing, illustrating, and then publishing. At the end we celebrate with an author's reception.

The following stories are products of this year's creative writing unit, and are in the process of being published.

All first- and second-grade students will be sharing their stories at the author's reception on Thursday, June 6, at 1:30 pm. The community is invited to attend.

Kim Neiswanger
1/2 Grade Teacher



"The Happy Happy Princess" by Isabelle Brown, First Grade

Once upon a time, a princess named Ellie was ruled by a kingdom. One night the Queen turned evil and kicked the princess out. The princess jumped from her window and landed on a trampoline but the evil guards did not know it was there. She was all alone and scared. She went to the woods to find help, but bad guys from the Land of Goliath chased her. She did not know how to kill them. Suddenly by suddenly, she ran into a prince whose name was Garrett. The evil men from the Land of Goliath had guns and they were shooting at Princess Ellie, but Prince Garrett had a sword and one by one, he stuck it in the bad guys' bellies and they all died. Then Prince Garrett took Princess Ellie to a secret hide out in the Land of

Israel, and left her with his guards and they were good to her. They took care of her while Garrett was gone. Prince Garrett went back to the kingdom and when it was dark he sneaked into the castle and chopped off the evil Queen's head. When Prince Garrett got back to his hide out he asked Princess Ellie to marry and she said yes. They had a baby girl named Isabelle and a baby boy named Wyatt. They really loved their children, and Isabelle and Wyatt never had to run away because Queen Ellie and King Garrett were good. They live happily ever after in their new kingdom.



The Bee, The Rainbow, and The Blackberry by Ellie Hillen, Second Grade

One day a colorless bee found a rainbow. The bee wanted to be colorful, so the bee went into the color red. The bee became red! A hummingbird came along and pestered the bee. Finally the bee had to sting the hummingbird. The bee didn't want to, but it was the only way. After that the bee decided to go into another color. The bee went into the color blue. But kids chased him! Quickly the bee flew toward the rainbow. But Oh No!!! One of the kids had a jar!! The bee flew fast but the kid with the jar ran faster! Buzz, buzz, buzz, thomp, thomp, thomp! Buzz! Buzz! Jump! Buzz! Whack! The jar trapped the bee! The bee broke free with his stinger. The bee flew into the rainbow. This time the bee went into the color yellow. The bee was happy! But the bee realized he didn't have any black stripes! The bee looked and looked. Finally, the bee found a juicy blackberry. The bee grabbed a pine needle and poked it into the blackberry. The bee stuck the pine needle in a tree. The bee put his beehind on the needle and spun around. It worked! The bee had stripes!! Finally, the bee had the right color, and stripes, and a juicy blackberry for dinner.

Submitted by
Julie Hill, Principal, Ruch School
541-842-3850
julie.hill@medford.k12.or.us

**Enjoy more stories
by Ruch School students online!
www.applegater.org**

Battle of the Books: Jerome Prairie and Applegate Schools place first and second

Jerome Prairie Elementary School swept the Battle of the Books held at Fruitdale Elementary School in Grants Pass on April 27. Both of their teams (Level 1 and Level 2) placed first in the district-wide competition.

Pictured, left to right, are: **(top row)** Kimberly Flow; Level 2 team: Annika Sellke, Daniel Beachy, Weston Flow and Aileen Poynter; Alicia Beachy; **(bottom row)** Level 1 team: Drew Sellke, Lea Beachy and Maxwell Sloan.



Applegate School was also a double winner. The competing teams not only received the Sportmanship Award at the Battle of the Books, but the school's Level 1 team, comprised of third graders, also placed second in the district competition.

Pictured, left to right: **(top row)** coach Jean Hall and teacher Debra Yerby; **(bottom row)** Maria Cross, Carlen Nielsen and Coral Lowry.

Applegate School students receive awards at Three Rivers School District Science Fair

Every two years, Mr. Scull's Applegate School 4/5 class participates in the school district science fair.

Pictured are the students who received awards this year. Left to right **(top row)**: Lucas—Silver Ribbon (second place certificate); Caitlyn—Gold Ribbon (honorable mention certificate); Riley—Bronze Ribbon; Kaiah—Gold Ribbon (first place certificate); Alia—Bronze Ribbon; **(bottom row)** Joshua—Silver Ribbon (second place certificate); Laney—Gold Ribbon (first place certificate); Macy—Gold Ribbon (third place certificate), Liam—Gold Ribbon (third place certificate); Gabe—Silver Ribbon. The school is proud of all of you!



Annual Children's Festival at Britt Gardens, Jacksonville



The 47th annual Children's Festival, a magical three-day event from July 13 - 15 at Britt Gardens in Jacksonville, promises to be an amazing day for the entire family. This year's theme, "Dig Deep—Adventures Await!" was inspired by the Jackson County Library's Summer Reading Program, "Dig into Reading."

Presented by the Storytelling Guild, the festival includes over 30 booths of hands-on arts and crafts and daily feeding of the beloved litter-eating dragons, Rosabelle and Pebbles. Older children will enjoy crafts such as candle making, pottery and woodworking, while younger children can make their own puppets, create sand and easel art, and have their faces painted. The whole family can look forward to child-focused stage performances, yummy food from our Dragon Deli and activities like Storytelling on the Hill. We always enjoy having local celebrities read to the

children, including a few well-known news anchors!

The festival runs for a total of three sessions over a three-day period:

Saturday, July 13, 4:30 - 8:30 pm

Sunday, July 14, 4:30 - 8:30 pm

Monday, July 15, 10 am - 1:30 pm

Admission for all the adventure you can handle is \$3 per day for adults and children. Our goal has always been to offer a wonderful day of entertainment and education while keeping the cost to families as low as possible.

This year's festival promises to inspire children of all ages and will help us continue our mission of instilling a love of reading in children, a gift that if given in childhood can last a lifetime.

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, visit the guild website: www.storytellingguild.org or our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/storytellingguild.