

### What's Happening at AVS:

The first trimester ended on November 21, 2018. Progress reports were sent home as well as the parent reports for the 2017 MEA state testing.

Physical Education in the mornings has begun. Students are welcome to arrive at 7:45 to participate in physical activity before school.

Appleton community supported our annual food drive. This year the food was dropped off at the Come Spring Food Pantry in Union. The Student Leaders did an excellent job of packing up the food, as well as decorating boxes and making posters to advertise the food drive.

Partners for Enrichment provided the Chewonki presentation on tide pools on Friday, December 7, 2018 for grades 3-5.

First and Second graders worked with their buddies in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to practice teamwork by constructing gingerbread houses.

The Winter Concert was held Wednesday, December 12, 2018. Standing room only. The Appleton Fire Department was on hand to help park the cars. Kudos to Ms. Henderson for a wonderful job on "Holidays Around the World". The song in Spanish with Mrs. Karod and the sign language with Mrs. Olsen were very special.

#### Athletics Basketball:

We have played 2 games. Both of our teams are very young, and are doing a great job learning how to play basketball. Boys have won both games and girls are 1 and 1. We have two games this week Wednesday and Thursday at home.

North Haven is looking for a place to donate a full Aquaponic System. Dave is really interested in bringing it to Appleton. Closed system aquaculture is expanding in Maine and is a great opportunity for students. Biggest cost to Appleton would be building a greenhouse to house the system. This would be a great example of community based environmental community learning.

#### Facilities:

A new kitchen sink for hand washing has been installed. It was a violation according to the health inspector.

A new drinking fountain next to first grade is being installed.

We have now used four snow days.

#### Budget thought to be thinking about:

Bussing with our current enrollment -we do not have one seat for each student on the buses. 21 families do not ride the bus.

#### Enrollment:

K - 17	1 - 14	2 - 13	3 - 15	4 - 13
5 - 24	6 - 16	7 - 19	8 - 18	

Four more are anticipated for January. (1 in 1st, 2 in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 in 4<sup>th</sup>) Total 149 (133 for 2017)