

Carroll County Alternative Learning Center

Board Report – September 2011

1. Mr. Root's student performing group now has buckets and drum sticks to make their music. At this point he has taught our students how to read music and is practicing weekly. He is holding a contest for the students to name the band and the entries so far have been very interesting.
2. Ms. Welch held another successful "Rachel's Challenge event on Wednesday, August 31st, 2011. She had a full day training session for representatives from, Cartmell Elementary, Middle School, High School and Alternative School. There was also an assembly for all students from those four schools and a night session for parents.
3. We held an open house at the ALC on Tuesday, August 23rd. Our new teachers were introduced, our new classes were reviewed, the Novel Stars on line curriculum was presented and food was provided.
4. Attendance was very strong for the first two weeks of school, but has made a dip since then.
5. We held a program to honor the victims of 9/11. After the program we had a long class discussion on the History of terrorism and what led up to the attacks.
6. We have begun our new Careers program that includes guest speakers every Friday to present a short program on their career. This month we have Ed Nelson - Ag. teacher, Principal and Farmer, Amanda Caldwell - Court Designated Worker, Tammy Welch - Counselor and Lisa James - Superintendent.
7. Ms. Welch is beginning the part of her Why Try program that covers Character Counts. This unit teaches the importance of good character and how it affects the quality of and success in life.
8. We have been holding many parent conferences to discuss discipline and academic issues.
9. Ms. Welch has given presentations to Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club on Rachel's Challenge.
10. Ms. Welch has been holding regular Rachel's Challenge Club meetings at the ALC.

Ed Nelson, Principal

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