

APPLERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 2004

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**October 26, 2004**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**APPLERA CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-4389**  
(Commission  
File No.)

**06-1534213**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**301 Merritt 7**

**Norwalk, Connecticut 06851**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

**(203) 840-2000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

(a) On October 26, 2004, Applera Corporation (["Applera"]) announced financial results for Applera and its business units for the first quarter of its 2005 fiscal year. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of a press release issued on October 26, 2004, with respect to financial results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2005 of Applera and Applera's Applied Biosystems Group, and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of a press release issued on October 26, 2004, with respect to financial results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2005 of Applera and Applera's Celera Genomics Group.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(c) Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed with this Report:

*Exhibit No. Description*

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| 99.1 | Press Release issued October 26, 2004, with respect to financial results for Applera and Applera's Applied Biosystems Group. |
| 99.2 | Press Release issued October 26, 2004, with respect to financial results for Applera and Applera's Celera Genomics Group.    |
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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**APPLERA CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Dennis L. Winger

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Dennis L. Winger  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 26, 2004

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