Good Afternoon AES Families.

Below are a few important items and upcoming events:

AES Expected Behaviour Winners- Congratulations to Jerika and Colin in kindergarten, Michael and Naomi in grade 1, James and Blake in grade 2, Connor and Keegan in grade 3, Theo and Cohen in grade 4 and Marcus and Autumn in grade 5. These Eagles were our AES Expected Behaviour Winners for this week! Congratulations to Jemma, Reid, Owen, Callie and Kohen in Ms. Carr's class; Rae and Raymond in Mrs. Surrett's class; and Dakota, Bryceson and Kairi in Mme. Douthwright's class. They are the first Eagles to receive 20 or more ballots for expected behaviours and received AES water bottles!

<u>Winter Carnival Week-</u> We have planned a fun-filled Winter Carnival Week Feb. 26-Mar 1, 2024! Monday will be School Colours (blue and grey) Day; Tuesday will be Jersey Day; Wednesday is Pink Shirt Day and Sports Day (Eagles will have some fun sports activities organized for them); Thursday is Crazy Hair/Hat Day; and Friday is PJ Day. On Friday our Home and School will also host a Hot Chocolate Bar for our Eagles!

<u>Pink Shirts-</u> For those who ordered Pink Shirts, I will be picking them up on Saturday. They will be sent home with your child on Monday.

Pink Shirt Day-

The Pink Shirt Day Story ABOUT US DONATE 50/50 DRAW OUR SPONSOR

n 2007, Berwick Nova Scotia, after a new student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, two grade 12 students bought 50 pink shirts and encouraged their classmates to wear pink. The next day they went to distribute the shirts and to their surprise the majority of students arrived wearing pink! With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born.

In recognition of the Berwick event, Nova Scotia proclaimed the second Thursday of September "Stand Up Against Bullying Day." In 2008, British Columbia proclaimed February 27th to be the provincial anti-bullying day, and the movement has continued to grow. In 2012, the United Nations declared May 4 as Anti-Bullying Day, and now the last Wednesday each February is Canada's national Pink Shirt/anti-bullying day.

Many countries now recognize specific days for raising awareness about the prevention of bullying and promoting kindness and inclusion. In Canada, many students have heard the Pink Shirt Day message from kindergarten through to their high school graduation. The movement continues to grow.

At AES, we will hear messages about how to stand up to bullying during morning announcements. Our Eagles are encouraged to wear pink on Wednesday.

Upcoming Dates:

- Feb. 26-March 1- Winter Carnival Week
- March 4-8- March Break (no school)
- March 11- Students return after March Break

Have a wonderful weekend! Sarah Richards Principal