



<u>April</u>	
3	Good Friday – no classes
6	Easter Monday – no classes
15	Mental Wellness Night
<u>May</u>	
1	Provincial Subject Council Day – no classes
15	AEFNB/NBTA Annual Meeting – no classes
18	Victoria Day – no classes
<u>June</u>	
19	Last day of school

**MENTAL WELLNESS NIGHT – See back of Calendar for details of this event! Hope to see everyone there!**

**Celebrate notes . . .**



Subway Caught You At Your Best for the month of March – Jacob McKnight, Jack Bell, Rian McCullum, Valerie Clarke, Mia Powell, and Hayden Finnamore. **Congratulations!!**



*Apohaqui Elementary School Chess Club*

Logan Hughes represented AES at the Hampton Education Center Chess Tournament on Saturday, March 21. Logan came in second for all the Gr. 3's in HEC. Great job Logan!

Logan will travel to the Provincial Chess Championship in April – Good Luck!

**Marigolds**



All of our classes will participate in the Marigold Project again this year. We love to be able to contribute to adding beauty to the community.

**SAVE THOSE POP CAN TABS!** Gail and the Afterschool Program students have set up a collection center for pop can tabs to raise funds to buy special needs equipment, in partnership with the Lions Club of Sussex, NB. Started by 2nd grader Alex Ravn on behalf of his brother Eric.

**Parent School Support Committee Update**

**Be sure to join us on Wednesday, April 15th from 6-8pm for a Mental Wellness Event!** This event is being organized by the AES Parent School Support Committee, and is sure to be very informative. Last fall AES hosted an event that focused on physical health and wellbeing, this one will center around mental health and wellbeing of students and family members, as well as members of the public. Join us for three guest speakers, as well as an opportunity to talk one on one with numerous experts on topics from autism, anxiety, socialization, trauma, addiction, and suicide prevention; to nutrition and resilience, sleep, exercise, relaxation/massage, internet safety, and where to find counseling services. This will be a free event, and a great chance to get some answers to those questions that you didn't know who to ask! This event is open to the public, so please spread the word, everyone is welcome to attend. Limited childcare is available on a first come, first served basis, but must be pre-booked. Please call 432-2021 to reserve your childcare space.

Door prizes will be offered, including a free one hour counseling session, donated by Anne Graham, a local Psychologist. Be sure to be at AES the evening of April 15th! See attached poster for details, and please forward this poster on to your friends and neighbors.

Do you have questions about the Parent School Support Committee? The PSSC will have information available during this event, just in case there is something you would like to know. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for a free workshop called "Kids Have Stress Too", to be held later this spring.

**Litterless Lunch**

Once again this year, we will sponsor a Litterless Lunch day in April. On Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in recognition of Earth Day 2015, we want to encourage students to 'Think Green' and reduce the amount of garbage we produce here at school. Students can earn a ballot for a special prize when they arrive at school with a litterless lunch on that day.



Remember to pack only reusable containers in the lunch cans!

***Thank you for your support in helping to make our school a better place for your children!***

**Have you checked out our School Website? It is so easy to navigate and jammed full of information.**

**PSSC Meeting and Home & School Meeting**

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and 7:15 respectively



**What is Numeracy?** Numeracy is the ability to make sense of math and to use it effectively in real life situations.

Numerate people:

- Can use what they know to figure out what they don't know
- Can use reasoning and evidence to prove a point
- Can explain what they are doing as they work with numbers, symbols, and geometric objects
- Know which processes to use to solve problems and can tell why
- Can talk about their ideas and show their thinking.

## **Numeracy Week**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

We will be Celebrating Math and Numbers during the week of April 27-30!

Events/activities will take place here at school and we will encourage home support as well. Information will come home regarding what we are doing at school and how you can get involved too.

## **Weather in New Brunswick!**



**Br-r-r-r-r!**

Yes, it may be spring on the calendar but it certainly hasn't felt like it the last few days! Daytime temperatures may be going up, but it can be much colder in the morning than in the afternoon so please have your child dress in layers so that he/she may be dressed appropriately for the season change. Also, as is the case each spring at AES we will have lots of water and puddles on the playground – a change of clothes in your child's backpack will help to avoid the calls home for dry clothes.

## **Home and School Association**

- This month the Home & School Association will be offering Pineapple as the fruit of the month!
- We have also made a new purchase for the school: a projector for the gym! This will help with assemblies, concerts and other school activities.
- We are hoping to host another Family Fun night this spring filled with activities to enjoy with your whole family!
- This year we are planning an end of the year Fun Day. We have lots of surprises up our sleeves!! We will need volunteers to help pull this day off. Please let the school know if you're available June 17th to lend a hand!

## **Literacy Minute**



## **Importance of Sight Words**

1. Sight words are confidence builders.
2. Some words are rule breakers and cannot be discovered using phonics.
3. Sight words give the readers clues about the meaning of the sentence.
4. Knowing a list of sight words frees up your child's time and energy to focus on more challenging words.

**Spring is here – well on paper at least and with that comes Easter.**

**Here are a couple of ways to combine plastic Easter eggs and sight words.**

1. *Write your child's sight words on each side of the egg.*
2. *Separate them.*
3. *Put them in a sack.*
4. *Take turns pulling two out, say the words and if they match, you get to keep them.*

***Extension: Make a sentence using the word you matched.***