



March	
4-8	March Break
22	PD & Report Card Prep – no classes K-8 PD – no classes 9-12
April	
5	Parent Teacher – No classes K-12
19	Good Friday – No classes
22	Easter Monday – No classes
May	
3	Provincial Council Day – no classes
6	AEFNB/NBTA Annual Meeting – no classes
20	Victoria Day – no classes
June	
21	Last day of school

Winter Theme Week

The week of Feb. 25th to Mar 1st will be our Winter Theme week. Each day will have a theme and we encourage everyone to take part.

- Monday – Favourite T-Shirt Day
- Tuesday – Crazy Hair Day
- Wednesday – Pink Day
- Thursday – Sports Day
- Friday – PJ Day

Please keep these themes in mind and we hope everyone will have some fun with it! Information regarding this will come home with your child the week prior.

School Closure? Delay of buses?

Your questions can be answered on local radio stations, on the ASD-S website, or . . .

- http://twitter.com/ASD_South
- Phone line (toll free): **1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]**

Celebrate notes . . .

Caught you Being A Bucket Filler recipients for the month of January were Katie, Jacob, Landon, Adham, and Wyatt.

Skating Day

February 12th is Skating Day!



Primary students (K, Grade 1 and Grade 2) students will be arriving at the rink about 8:45 and **Grades 3-5** at about 9:30.

Parents/grandparents are welcome to join us. The students enjoy skating with family and we can always use extra hands to put on and tie skates; however, younger siblings cannot be on the ice surface during this designated school rental.

Remember, all students are required to have helmets and skates to be on the ice. When transporting skates on buses, they should be in backpacks or kit bags (please no plastic bags as blades can cut through these and be a safety hazard). Dressing in layers can also be helpful because children often get warm from the physical activity.

Parent School Support Committee Update:
Our next PSSC meeting will be held on Monday, February 4th @ 6:00 pm.

BIG THANKS TO:
Norton United Baptist Church, Anglican Church in Apohaqui, Mrs. Jean Kaye and Mrs. Beth O'Donnell for the wonderful donation of hats, mitts and scarves – our students love them!

As part of our School Recycling Program, we will no longer be providing plastic spoons or forks to our students – we are asking parents to provide the necessary eating utensils when packing lunches. We are being more environmentally responsible citizens.
Thank you!



Attendance Matters!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

FOR THE
MONTH OF JANUARY



Hannah A.	Katie B.	Jayden C.
Adison C.	Wyatt D.	Brooks E.
Lucas F.	Maya F.	Izabella G.
Paisley G.	Jakob G.	Evan H.
Ian H.	Avery H.	Kennadi H.
Brayden H.	Chloe H.	Brian H.
Luke H.	Ethan J.	Jaelyn K.
Rachel K.	Zoe K.	Syrus K.
Felicia L.	Jadyn L.	Reese L.
Sophia L.	Spencer L.	Lane M.
Taylor M.	David M.	Kimberley M.
Spencer M.	Jacob McK.	Parker McS.
Jacob Mon.	Marina N.	Declan O'D.
Parker O'D.	Dallas P.	Dylan T.C.
Kayden W.		

**CORRECTION FOR THE MONTH OF
DECEMBER – The following students also
had Perfect Attendance in December:**

Bently D.	Brooks E.	Dakota F.
Dawson F.	Syrus K.	Cale M.
Reid M.	Marina N.	Jayce P.

Congratulations !



HOME & SCHOOL UPDATE

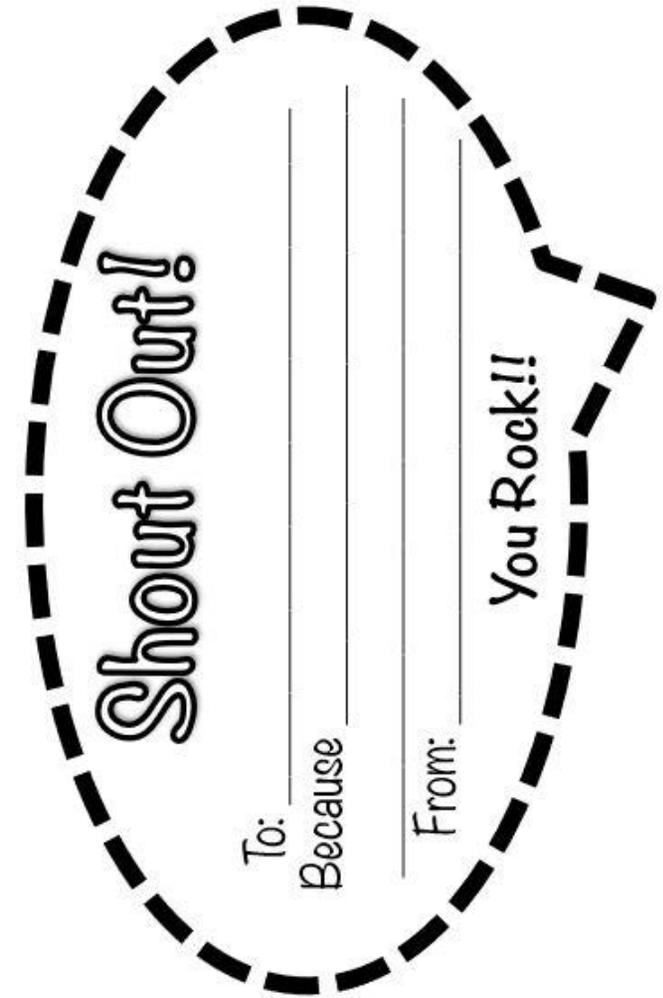
Well, January sure ended with a bang but we are ready to Welcome our shortest month of the year!

February is the month of love and appreciation.

We will be taking this opportunity to celebrate our Staff here at AES during Staff Appreciation Week, Feb. 11-15. Part of our celebrations we ask that you and your student take some time to send in a Shout Out to be added to our Appreciation board! This could be to a Teacher, Educational Assistant, Administration, Custodial Staff, Bus Driver or Volunteer – they all make our days here at AES ROCK!! Some other ideas that you can do to show your appreciation are; wear your teacher's favorite color, write down your favorite recipe and give it to your teacher, Parents & Students each write a special Thank You note. Or be creative and think of your own way to let our staff know we think they are the best!

Don't forget that we will have no school on February 18th as we celebrate Family Day! Be sure to check out our Facebook page for some Family Fun Activities and Ideas!

We hope that everyone has enjoyed our hot lunch options. Some warm comfort food to get us thru the colder months! A big *Shout Out* to Knocks Cafe and Kingswood for helping us provide these yummy new options, and always, Greco for the ever popular pizza!





MARCH HOT LUNCH:

Student: _____ Gr _____

Milk Money

15 Days X .40 = \$6.00

Choc _____ White _____

Monday Hot Lunch (Chicken Soup with roll)

3 days X \$5.00 = \$15.00

Wednesday Hot Lunch (Pizza and veggie sticks)

3 days X \$2.50 = \$7.50

Friday Hot Lunch (Spaghetti and garlic bread)

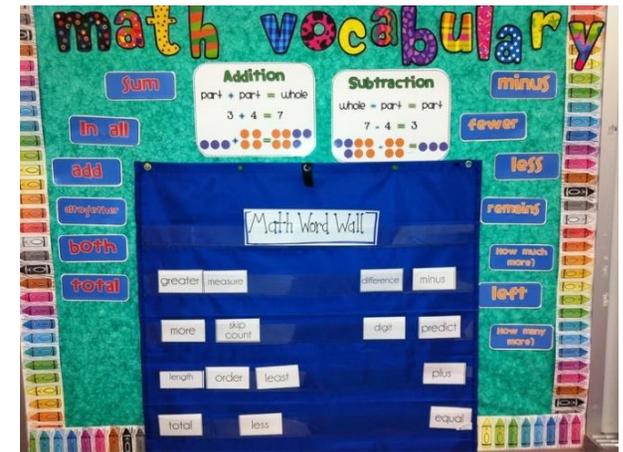
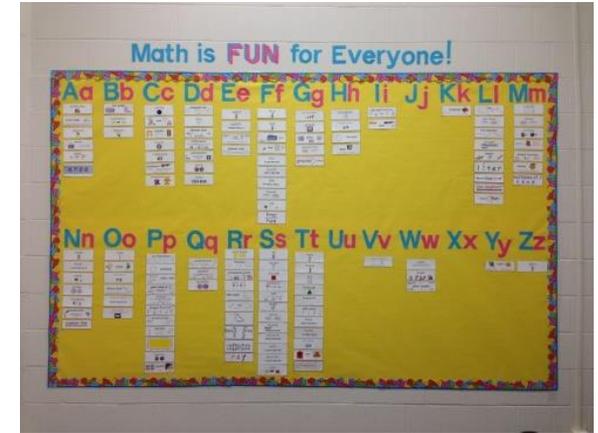
3 days X \$3.50 = \$10.50

Total \$ Amount _____

PAYMENT DUE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Learning to Think and Talk Like a Mathematician

When reading your child's report card you will recognize the four strands of the New Brunswick's mathematics curriculum: Number, Patterns and Relations, Shape and Space and beginning in grade 2, Statistics and Probability. This year your child has been learning to make sense of the outcomes embedded in these strands. In order to achieve a deep understanding of these concepts your child's teacher has been providing many opportunities to read, write, listen and talk about math. Having the math vocabulary is an important tool in the process of communicating or "talking" like a mathematician.





As part of Literacy Week, a story was written as it passed from class to class. Here is our completed tale!

Unfortunate Case of Hiccups!

There once was a young beautiful princess named Berryella. She had an angry old father, King Keve, and they lived in a castle far, far away.

One day, a fire breathing dragon flew over the castle. He had the hiccups and accidentally lit the castle on fire.

The people of the Kingdom were panicking! Everyone ran over the drawbridge, through a path and into the woods. Meanwhile the dragon continued to fly and hiccup. Each time he hiccupped, he breathed fire. It was shocking!

Princess Berryella screamed, "STOP!" to the panicking people. All the people

of the kingdom froze like statues. Princess Berryella asked all of the citizens of the kingdom to follow her to the moat, hoping that the dragon would follow.

The Princess asked the King to call the Knights to help get all the crocodiles out of the moat. But the King said "But first, I need a coffee." The Knights sprinted to the moat and lassoed all the crocs out and put them in cages. The princess yelled "Hey, let's go for a swim!" All the citizens were having a grand time swimming laps around the castle. The dragon saw how much fun they were having and decided to join them.

The dragon cannonballed into the moat and caused a gigantic tidal wave. The tsunami sent a blanket of water over the castle and extinguished the fire. The people climbed out of the empty moat and celebrated. The cannonball cured the dragon of his hiccups. The community helped fix up the castle and they all lived happily ever after.

It's Staff Appreciation Week next week and this note is to all my staff at Apohaqui Elementary.

- *Thank you for being flexible when buses are delayed, playgrounds are icy, and specialists need spaces to work.*
- *Thank you for doing extra supervision because colleagues are required for Breakfast Club, noon groups, and other services we provide students. I appreciate that in larger schools there are more hands to cover the work.*
- *Thank you for giving every noon to eat within classrooms because we can't service large groups to eat lunch in a cafeteria.*
- *Thank you for going many days every week without breaks and/or lunches free of children because we are all doing the best that we can for our students.*
- *Thank you for being a part of the solution when problems come my way!*
- *Thank you for looking out for your 'charges' – from dressing them, to wiping runny noses, to replacing wet mittens, to providing food when lunches are forgotten, to investigating when feelings are hurt, to connecting with home when necessary, to devising new strategies to meet them where they are, . . . Face it, just being an educational professional daily!*
- *Thank you for dropping everything when you are needed – even if that means going right through to 2:30 before realizing you haven't had lunch yet.*
- *Thank you for picking up the slack when your admin team is down and/or out or staff replacements are not available!*
- *And thank you for the many other things I never have time to acknowledge . . . and I should!*

Jayne Bettle