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## APOHAQUI ELEMENTARY NEWS

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<u>March</u>	
1-5	March Break
19	No Classes – Professional Development
	<u>April</u>
2	Good Friday – No classes
5	Easter Monday – No classes
14	Parent Teacher – no classes K-12
	May
7	Provincial Council Day – no classes
10	AEFNB/NBTA Annual Meeting – no classes
24	Victoria Day – no classes
	<u>June</u>
25	Last day of school

#### **Winter Theme Week**

The week of Feb. 22nd to 26th will be our Winter Theme week. Each day will have a theme and we encourage everyone to take part.

Monday – Favorite 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]

# 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 we need to be there for our 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 don't have a cafeteria that might serve larger numbers all at once.
- Thank you for going some days without regular breaks and/or lunches free of children because we are all doing the best that we can and we work as a team to cover when others are out and not replaced.
- 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!
- And thank you for the many other things that you do, that I never have time to acknowledge . . . and I should always make time to do so!

Jayne Bettle

#### **HOME & SCHOOL UPDATE**

A big THANK YOU to Barbours for donating \$200 to the Breakfast Club Program!

We held our last meeting January 18 virtually on TEAMS and welcome anyone interested in seeing what Home and School is about to join our next virtual meeting on February 16th at 7pm on TEAMS. Due to COVID protocols within the school our activities have been limited this year but we are hoping to have a few surprises for the kids before school ends in June.

Teacher and Staff appreciation week is February 8th to 12th. Let's show our teachers and staff how much we care! You and your child can send in a special Thank You card, arts and crafts or even a virtual note to let them all know how much we appreciate the hard work they have been doing. Home and School has something special planned for all the teachers and staff at AES.

Just a reminder that when you submit an etransfer for Hot Lunch to include your child's name and class in the memo portion.

Remember to Like & Follow us on facebook @ Parents & Guardians of AES

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PAYMENT DUE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 E-transfers send to:

aeshomeandschool@outlook.com

Please send in this form for all payment forms

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

### The Adventures of Sunflower

Once upon a time, there was a friendly orange cat named Sunflower. One day he decided that he wanted to go to school to learn how to read dog books and the newspaper. In order to be ready, he went shopping for a book bag, a lunch kit, new glasses, and some mice snacks. He was ready for school.

On the first day of school, Sunflower felt nervous! Would he make a new friend? He put on his favourite mouse mask. Off he went to AES with Maylee and Keegan. They took him to Mrs. Hoyt's class. Mrs. Hoyt asked Sunflower to put away his things. Oh no! He could not see a cat tower. Where would he sit?

Sunflower asked Mrs. Hoyt "where will I sit if there is not any cat tower for me?" Mrs. Hoyt explained to Sunflower that at school there are not any cat towers, but she showed him his seat by the window so that he could look outside. He looked out the window and saw the monkey bars and the slide he could not wait for recess time. He did not have a cat tree but boy he thought he could have some fun on those monkey bars looking for squirrels and mice!

"Rinnngggg" he walks out the door to get on top of those monkey bars. Instantly he spots a squirrel! He leaps off the monkey bars and dashes after that squirrel. The squirrel flew up the nearest tree and Sunflower bolted up the tree after him. They then come down and the chase continues through the playground. The squirrel zooms like a rocket up Miss McKnight's pants. The squirrel goes up one pant leg and down the other. She screams while Sunflower watches patiently.

Meanwhile Mrs. Cossaboom is getting ready to leave and the squirrel springs into her truck. Sunflower follows but before Sunflower can get in the truck, Spencer tries to get it out. Mrs. Bettle runs out and tells Spencer to come inside because he wasn't supposed to be near the vehicles. Spencer tried to run but the squirrel jumped on his face and he fell to the ground. Sunflower came to his rescue and chased the squirrel away. Sunflower was happy to see the squirrel leave the school grounds and he started back to the playground when a bunch of puppies came running after him. He quickly ran and jumped in the garbage dumpster to lose the dogs. The dogs ran past the dumpster, not realizing he was in there. His plan worked!

When Sunflower realized the dogs were gone, he climbed out of the dumpster to join his classmates on the monkey bars once again. He was so tired that he stretched out across the top of the structure. At the end of recess, Sunflower snuggled into Billi's arms as she carried him inside where he was safe and sound.

Sunflower was so tired from his busy recess that he was happy to curl up on his chair by the window. He was now ready to be inside with the kids and learn about reading, writing, and math in kindergarten!

