



HOME & SCHOOL UPDATE

Due to illness, inclement weather, etc. we have had to post-poner our January meeting twice. Therefore, we have decided to meet sometime within the first week of February to discuss details for the Teacher Staff Appreciation Week, and to hold off on the rest of the agenda until the February meeting. So the TSAW planning meeting TBA in the next few days. All are welcome to attend.

Our February Home & School Meeting will be held @ 7 pm on Monday, February 24th, everyone is welcome.

Meanwhile we will soon be having a Fall Fair Committee Meeting. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Linda Clarke (ldcosman@hotmail.com or 433-5018) ASAP, as we will be looking to set a date/time agreeable to as many as possible.

A big "Thank you!" to all AES teachers and staff from the Home and School Association. As parents, we recognize how so many of you go above and beyond what is required on a regular basis for the students. You are a wonderful group, and we are fortunate to have you working with our children. Thank you for your help shaping our little people's lives!

Skating Day

February 14th is Skating Day!

The Primary students will be arriving at the rink about 8:45 and the Upper Elementary at about 9:35.



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.

We have had a few pairs of skates donated to the school, so if your child has outgrown his/hers we may have a pair to offer. These will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

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).

Celebrate notes . . .

The students were recognized as Star Readers for the month of January: Jack Darling, Dylan Perry, Skyla Snyder, Nevaeh Clark, Hayden Finnamore, Hunter Finnamore, Jaiden Long, Cory Hope, Chase Grant-Petley, Katerina McKnight, Mia Powell, Tyler Aiton, Matthew Sears, Annabelle Korth, Noah Johnston

Caught you at Your Best for the month of January: Parker McSorley, Hunter Hayes-Newman, Logan Hughes, Mia Powell, Trista Greenlaw, Olivia Folkins

Apohaqui Elementary is part of the Anglophone School District – South and is directly supported by the Hampton Education Centre.

March

- 3-7 March Break
- 28 Parent Teacher Conferences/ Professional Learning Day – no classes

April

- 17 Professional Learning Day – no classes
- 18 Good Friday – No classes
- 21 Easter Monday – No classes

May

- 2 Provincial Subject Council Day – no classes
- 16 AEFNB/NBTA Annual Meeting – no classes
- 19 Victoria Day – no classes
- 22-29 Provincial Assessments for Grades 2 & 4 Literacy and Grades 3 & 5 Math

June

- 20 Last day of school

Winter Carnival Theme Week

The week of Feb. 24th to 28th will be our Winter Carnival week. Each day will have a theme and we encourage everyone to take part.

- Monday – Favourite T-Shirt Day
- Tuesday – Crazy Hair Day
- Wednesday – Red/White (Canada) Day
- Thursday – Backwards Day
- Friday – Sports 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.

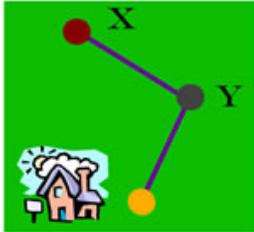
School Closure? Delay of busses?

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]



Problem Solving Strategy of the Month:



MAKE A PICTURE OR DIAGRAM

*Turning the words of a problem into a picture or a diagram can help you "see" the problem. By using the part of your brain that visualizes a situation or object, you may see relationships or information that help you solve the problem. Try **making a picture or a diagram** to solve these problems:*

K - 2	3 - 5	Challenge!
On the playground there are three bicycles and four tricycles. How many wheels are there?	Every bike slot in a bicycle rack was filled. Donna's bike was in the middle. There were six bikes to the right of Donna's. How many bicycles were in the bicycle rack?	In the restaurant there are 12 square tables. Only one person can sit on each side. What is the greatest number of people that can be seated if the tables are pushed end to end into one large rectangle?



Apohaqui Elementary School Chess Club

Chess is a popular worldwide activity that enhances math skills by using higher cognitive (thinking) skills such as critical thinking and problem solving skills. It is also a social activity that encourages patience, good sportsmanship and self-esteem.

Our Grade 1-2 & 3-5 Chess Clubs have begun and will be starting school based chess tournaments to choose students to qualify for the District Chess tournament in March. Students wishing to play chess but not take part in the school tournament are still welcome to the club.

There are some resources in our school library and on the internet should you wish to help your child with their chess playing skills. The internet sites below give elementary level chess tutorials to help teach and explain the game from the simplest moves to the more complicated plays.

If your child in grade K plays chess at home and is interested in attending the district chess tournament, please send a note to their teacher to let us know.

~ Mrs. Whitters, School Intervention Worker
www.chesscorner.com/index.html
www.chessvariants.com/chess4kids.dir/c4c-intro.html

Parent School Support Committee Update:

Our next PSSC meeting will tentatively be held on Monday, February, 24th @ 6pm.

Apohaqui Winter Fun Activities Saturday, Feb 1, 2014

8-10:00 a.m. Community Breakfast - \$6.00
Menu: sausages, eggs, pancakes, home fries, brown bread, homemade beans, donuts, juice/tea/coffee
Warm up your morning, have breakfast with friends and neighbours of the Community at the Apohaqui Recreation Centre, Jones Memorial Park Road, main level. Lively musical entertainment by "Happy Go Lucky Fiddlers" while you eat. All proceeds raised will be used to assist in purchasing a generator for the hall for emergency community measures.

Outdoor Fun Activities

After breakfast get ready for Outdoor Fun Activities at the Park:
Snowshoe Clinic
Sliding - bring your own sled
Scavenger Hunt
Fun Snow Games
Bonfire and hot chocolate
Healthy lunch at noon

Swimming at the Civic Centre in the afternoon - everyone must be registered - please contact Christy at 433-1545

(In case of rain, fun activities in the Recreation Centre beginning at 11:00 a.m.)

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