



## 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 Grade 4 Literacy and Grade 5 Math

## June

- 20 Last day of school

## **Litterless Lunch**

Once again this year, we will sponsor a Litterless Lunch day in April. On Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in recognition of Earth Day 2014, 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!***

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



These students were recognized as Star Readers for the month of March: Rhys Douthwright, Jack Bell, Lilly Darling, Kristen Aiton, Denton Landry, Vance Miller, Spencer Hayes, Caden Cossaboom-House, Cameron Vail, Emma Carmichael.

Subway Caught You At Your Best for the month of March – Dylan Perry, Kelsie Drost, Jenna Grant, Tyler Aiton, Kacey Hope and Denton Landry.

**Congratulations!!**

## **PSSC Meeting and Home & School Meeting**

Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and 7:00  
respectively

## **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.

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

## **Home and School Association**

The Home & School Association will be hosting a Family Fun Night at AES on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. This is sure to be a great event for the whole family including games, challenges, and general fun and silliness for everyone! Did we mention pizza and snacks for the whole family? Costs will be kept to a minimum, and invitations will be out soon, so be sure to RSVP so we can plan ahead. Perfect time to have a family outing, just before an extended long weekend!

Elections for 2014/2015 Home and School Executive Positions will be held next month. If you are thinking of offering or re-offering for any positions, or have any questions regarding what is involved, please contact current President, Joellen Landry at [joellenlandry@hotmail.ca](mailto:joellenlandry@hotmail.ca) or 333-7012.

**The next AES Home and School Meeting will be held on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, all are welcome to attend.** (Please note this is on the fourth Monday in April, as the third Monday is Easter.)



## 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.**



### *Apohaqui Elementary School Chess Club*

Spencer Hayes and Zachary Rouse represented AES at the Hampton Education Center Chess Tournament on Saturday, March 15. Emma Carmichael and Matthew Sears were eligible to participate, but were unable to attend.

Great Job Zachary and Spencer!!



### Marigolds

Some 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.

### Numeracy Week

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We will be Celebrating Math and Numbers during the week of April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>!

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.

### 3-STEP PLAN

The 3-Step Plan is a school-wide strategy for addressing teasing through specific steps that allows children the opportunity to be assertive while continuing to be respectful. It also teaches the teasing student the effects of their words and actions on others and to take responsibility for their behavior. Students are taught the importance of following through with each step as required and of maintaining an assertive stance through their tone of voice and body language. By practicing with your children at home, they may feel more confident in using the 3-Step Plan when the need arises.

#### The 3 Steps:

**Step1.** "(say the person's name), I want you to stop (name behavior)". Example: "Julian, I want you to stop taking my hat." Then walk away and/or ignore the person.

**Step 2.** If the behavior continues, say: "If you don't stop I am going to tell . . . (teacher, parent, etc.)". Then walk away.

**Step 3.** If the behavior does not stop, go tell an adult.

