



Dates to Remember 2013-2014

<u>December</u>	
20	Last Day of First Term – full day
<u>January</u>	
6	Professional Learning Day – no classes
7	First Day of school for students
29	Start of Second Semester – Intensive French change-over
<u>February</u>	
17	Professional Learning Day – no classes
<u>March</u>	
3-7	March Break
28	Parent Teacher Conferences/ Professional Learning Day – no classes
<u>April</u>	
17	Professional Learning Day – no classes
18	Good Friday
21	Easter Monday
<u>May</u>	
2	Provincial Subject Council – no classes
16	AEFNB & NBTA Meeting (Hampton Education Center only) – no classes
19	Victoria Day – no classes
<u>June</u>	
20	Last Day for students

School Website

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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

1st – EYE-Da Testing for Pre-Kindergarten
6th – Grade 5 Curling
10th – Saint John String Quartet
13th – Christmas Concert 12:30
17th – Hot lunch/milk due for January

Christmas Events

December 13 – Christmas Concert 12:30 p.m.

December 17 – Holiday Dinner

Please join us for our Annual Christmas Concert. The students have been working hard and are really looking forward to performing for you. All are welcome!

The Annual Holiday Dinner will be held at the Apohaqui Rec Center and catered by Mama George's again this year. Thanks to the Home & School who take so much pride in sponsoring this special event for all of us!

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

New Hot Lunch Option!!

Beginning in January, we will be offering Mac & Cheese on Fridays instead of grilled cheese. The Mac & Cheese will be individually packaged in 4-6oz containers and will cost \$2.00. This option will run for the months of January, February and March. The Chicken Poppers and Pizza will continue for these months.

AES Home & School Executive

2013-2014

President – Joellen Landry

Vice President – Mariela Frits

Secretary – Linda Clarke

Treasurer – Julie Soucy

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

Celebrate Notes . . . !!

Subway is once again sponsoring our “Caught You at Your Best” program. One student per class per month will be supplied with lunch from Subway in recognition of the student doing something good. The winners in November were: Brianna McLean-Goddard, Samuel Frits, Chase Grant-Petley, Brayley Smith, Cameron Vail, Trista Greenlaw.

We are also recognizing students again this year as Star Readers. In the month of November, the following students were Star Readers: Brian Hughes, Kalyn Maillet, Katie Carr, Kelsie Drost, Zachary Soucy, Colten Fry, Molly Landry, Sammy Carhart, Grace Lawrence, Kristen Long.



The Numeracy Nook

Helping your child learn math

- **Be positive about math!**
- Let your child know that everyone can learn math.
- Let your child know that you think math is important and fun.
- Encourage your child to be persistent if a problem seems difficult.
- Praise your child when he or she makes an effort, and share in the excitement when he or she solves a problem or understands something for the first time.
- Point out the ways in which different family members use math in their jobs.
- Be positive about your own math abilities. Try to avoid saying “I was never good at math” or “I never liked math.”

Here is a math game to help practice the basic facts. You will need at least one deck of cards with the face cards removed.

Basic War—Each player turns one card face up. The player with the greatest number wins the skirmish, placing his own and all captured cards into his prisoner pile. Whenever there is a tie for greatest card, all the players battle: each player lays three cards face down, then a new card face up. The greatest of these new cards will capture everything on the table. If there is no greatest card this time, repeat the 3-down-1-up battle pattern until someone breaks the

tie. The player who wins the battle captures all the cards played in that turn.

Addition War—Players turn up two cards for each skirmish. The highest sum wins.

Advanced Addition War—Turn up three (or four) cards for each skirmish and add them together.

Subtraction War—Players turn up two cards and subtract the smaller number from the larger. This time, the greatest difference wins the skirmish.

Product War—Turn up two cards and multiply.

Advanced Product War—Turn up three (or four) cards and multiply.

Literacy Minute

Reading Strategies Toolbox: Beyond “Sounding it Out”

Sight words (memorizing words) and **sounding it out** are two of the most common ways children read the words. But sometimes words don’t follow the phonic rules; therefore, it is important to have a toolbox full of other strategies. So what are they?

1. **Chunk It**

Ask your child to cover the last part of the word with their finger and say the first part first. Then ask them to cover that part and say the last part. Next, ask them to put the two parts together.

2. **Use Picture Clues**

Encourage your child to use the picture clues to figure out what that word might be.

3. **Skip It, Go Back**

Suggest they keep reading until the end of the sentence, the period, and then go back to the word and try again.

4. **Does It Make Sense?**

Say, “Hmm, that word you read doesn’t really make sense to me – does it to you?” Suggest they try another word.

5. **Flip the Sound**

Some letters and letters blends have more than one sound. For example, **slow** and **cow** or long vowels vs. short vowels. Get them to try the other sound by flipping it.

6. **Find a Small Word**

Ask them to find small words they know within the bigger unknown ones.

7. **Do you need help?**

Ask them if they have tried all their strategies?

It’s fine to tell kids words. Just remember to keep a balance of both helping and having the child figure it out.

The MORE that you READ, the more THINGS you will know. The MORE you LEARN, the more PLACES you’ll GO! ~ Dr. Seuss



Home and School Update:

During the month of December, we are selling tickets on a collection of gift cards. Thank you to all who gave cards, and sold or bought tickets. Good luck everyone! The winner will be drawn by Santa at the AES Christmas Dinner on December 17th (storm date Dec. 18th). Home & School provides a full turkey dinner (catered by Mama George's) for AES students, staff, and bus drivers at the Apohaqui Recreation Centre, and it is always a fun celebration! Thanks to the ARC for providing the space, and to the school who is covering busing costs, and thanks to all volunteers. This is a great example of what our/your efforts can do!

Save your Bottles!

On Saturday, January 4th, we will be having a bottle drive (storm date Sat. Jan 11th). Norrad's will have a truck parked at the school for us, so save your refundables from now throughout the holidays (caps off if possible). We will need some people with trucks to pick up in various areas, more information to follow soon. As previously mentioned, we have ended the ongoing bottle donation program through Norrad's.

Please note: There will be no regular Parent School Support Committee or Home and School Meetings in December. The next meetings will take place on Monday, January 20th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us, to all of you!

Guidance

*November 18-22nd ~ We celebrated National Antibullying Awareness Week. Students had the opportunity to dress in **PINK** and discuss the importance of accepting each other for who we are.*

Social Skills Training Groups continue and also a reminder that Rainbows' group can be implemented in our school. If you have a child interested, please send a note to their teacher and a permission form will be sent home. The Rainbows group is for students who have experienced a loss or significant event or change in their lives. This can be related to separation ~divorce~ death, etc.

During the month of December, we will be reviewing our First 2 Habits of Happy Kids~ (1) Proactive (2) Have a Plan. Please ask your child about these topics.
