



Dates to Remember 2020-2021

<u>December</u>	
18	Last Day of First Term
<u>January</u>	
4	First Day for students K-12
<u>February</u>	
15	No Classes – Family Day
<u>March</u>	
1-5	March Break
19	No Classes K-8
31	Report Cards
<u>April</u>	
2	No classes – Good Friday
5	No classes – Easter Monday
14	No Classes K-12 – Parent Teacher
<u>May</u>	
7	No Classes K-12 - NBTA Meeting
10	No Classes K-12 – NBTA Branch Meeting Day
24	Victoria Day – no classes
<u>June</u>	
25	Last Day for students



Welcome Back, Mme. Kunze-Carr

Last week we welcomed back Mme. Kunze-Carr. She has come back on a gradual-return-to-work plan – only 3 days a week to start. Once we get through report cards and parent-teacher (starting next week), her schedule will be Wednesday-Friday while Mme. O’Blenis will be in the 4/5 class on Monday and Tuesday. The return-to-work plan will be re-evaluated at the end of January.

Battery Recycling Program

We are once again running the Battery Recycling Program. For every 5 batteries that are brought in, the student will receive one ballot. At the end of the school year, one name will be drawn from all entries over the year and will be presented with a prize donated by the Home & School.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Holiday Fun Week:

December 14th – Red & Green Day

December 15th – Christmas Hat or

Socks or Mask Day (whatever your preference, or even all three!)

December 16th – Dressy Christmas Day

Wear a special outfit if you’d like

December 17th – Christmas Sweater Day

December 18th – PJ Day

Christmas Events

December 17th – Holiday Dinner

We are excited to say that our Holiday Dinner will proceed, with a little different format, however.. On December 17th, our Home & School is arranging a hot Holiday Dinner for students and staff. Unfortunately, this event will take place in individual classes as we continue to maintain our classroom bubbles. This year we cannot do the full-school gathering as we have in the past.

Christmas Concert 2020

Knowing all the restrictions in place this Fall, we were aware that our Christmas concert would have to take on a different look this year. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Carmichael had started preparing songs for a virtual concert when we then went into the ORANGE phase of recovery. Under this phase, students are unable to sing and practices had to halt. As a result, there will not be a Christmas Concert, but instead we will look forward to a Winter Celebration Concert later in the year, after we return to YELLOW. Something to look forward to in February or March possibly.

In place of the concert, I hope to present a school video of class pictures and events from the month of December. Stay tuned,



HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

The WINNER for our \$250 Christmas Wreath Basket is Michael Monahan.

Congratulations!

HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE THURSDAY
DECEMBER 10TH

Sobeys "Stuff the Bus" food drive

Thank you to the families that sent in non-perishable food items for "Stuff the Bus".

By working together, we can make a difference!!

Virtual Parent-Teacher December 3rd and 4th

This Fall we are embarking on something completely new – virtual Parent-Teacher.

Please keep in mind some important points prior to 'joining the meeting':

- A quiet, private place is best to have your teacher conference. The teachers may have some information for you that they would be uncomfortable sharing in front of the student and/or their siblings. It is important to remember that these are 'adult conversations'.
- Conferences must stay within the 15-minute limit. If further conversation is necessary, I suggest scheduling another time. Even though conferences are spread out, and there should be 5-minute buffer between appointments, we all know that time can get away from us when we are talking about 'our kids' (both teacher and parent!) 😊
- Online etiquette is that the speaker should use the video mode. This is so much better than a phone call because we can get your facial expressions and tone too. It is so much easier to talk to a face rather than a blank screen.
- Also, **very important**, if you did not indicate in the 'notes' section of the booking that you wanted a phone call – we are assuming it is a TEAMS appointment. If this is not the case, you must get in touch with the teacher in advance, otherwise she will be waiting for you on TEAMS.

We'll see you soon on TEAMS!



What to do on a Weather Day

There are so many activities that can be done on a Snow Day that help to continue the at-school learning while at home. Students at AES helped me make a list of the learning they did last storm day.

Language Arts related:

- Read a book
- Write a letter or card
- Practice Word Work
- Cooking/baking
- Raz Kids or Headsprouts

Numeracy related:

- Count some change/money
- Play store
- Play board games or cards
- Practice Math Facts
- Prodigy Math

Physical Activities (outside):

- Play tag or hide 'n seek
- Build snowmen or snow forts
- Go sliding

Other Activities:

- Cosmic Yoga
- ABCYa
- Lego Kits
- Chess or cribbage
- PRACTICE CONCERT SONGS
- Drawing and colouring