



January

- 9 Professional Learning Day – no classes
10 First Day of school for students

February

- 6 Start of Intensive French change-over
24 Professional Learning Day – no classes

March

- 6-10 March Break
31 Parent Teacher Conferences/
Professional Learning Day – No Classes

April

- 14 Good Friday – No Classes
17 Easter Monday – No Classes
28 Professional Learning Day – No Classes

May

- 5 Provincial Council Day – No Classes
19 AEFNB/NBTA Annual Meeting – No
Classes
22 Victoria Day – No Classes

June

- 23 Last day of school

Celebrate notes . . .

"Caught You at Your Best" sponsored by Subway winners for December were: Leah G, Harvey G, Dallas P, Kennadi H, Kristen A, Jaiden L.

AES Mitten Basket

Donations gladly accepted!

The Mitten Basket is set up to provide extra mittens for students who find themselves in need. If you have gently worn mittens that your child has outgrown or you would like to donate a new pair, we would happily accept them.

Family Literacy Day

January 27th is National Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day, a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada, is a great reminder to take time to read daily or do a learning activity with your children. Learning can happen anytime and anywhere and even 15 minutes a day can have a huge impact on your child's development. ABC Life Literacy Canada encourages Canadian families to have "15 Minutes of Fun" learning together.

Some of their suggestions are:

1. Read a bedtime story to the grown-up putting you to bed.
2. Write a note to put into a grownup's lunchbag - ask them to write back.
3. Make up a new recipe together and post it online.
4. Create a story with your family: take turns writing a sentence at a time and then read it aloud when you are done.
5. Look up the words to your favourite song, and have a sing-off with your friends!
6. Write messages to your family on sticky notes and post them around the house.

For other suggestions visit their website at:

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/fld/15-minutes-of-fun>

Other suggestions:

- Encourage children to read words on TV, street signs, mugs and T-shirts.
- Pick a weekly/ biweekly day to make a trip to the library.
- Write a "hello" or thank you letter to a family member or friend.
- Create quiet and cozy reading spaces for your child to read independently.

Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered as a precious gift. - Kate DiCamillo

SMOOTHIE DAY !

We are giving our students the opportunity to try three different smoothies this month. The dietician at the Superstore is coming to speak to our school on the benefits of eating fruits and vegetables and being open to trying new foods. We will send home the recipes they have tried and your children can tell you which ones they liked the best! If you'd like more information on healthy eating you can contact Elise at the Superstore and all her services are free.

Why should we try smoothies?

- Can incorporate all 4 food groups
 - Especially helps ↑ vegetable and fruit consumption
- Convenient (and healthy)
- Variety in the morning
- Gives energy
- Tastes good

Skating on February 14th

Our annual skating day at the 8th Hussars will take place on Tuesday, February 14th. This is a whole-school activity and all students will be participating.

Students are required to have skates, helmets (bicycle helmets will suffice), and mittens/gloves while on the ice.

Busses will transport students to the rink and return them to the school.

Skating times will be as follows:

Grades K-1 9:00-9:45

Grades 2-5 9:45-10:45

Parents are welcome to come to the rink to help out with skate tying and helping students on and off the ice. Unfortunately, younger siblings cannot attend this activity due to the fact that this time is provided to AES students only.





Talk about Math

Ask questions that encourage your child to:

- use math language, including words such as add, subtract, equal and the names of shapes;
- explain his or her thinking; "Tell me how you know that" or "How did you get that?";
- sequence and plan; "What are you going to do first?";
- count; "How many buttons are on your shirt?";
- compare; "Which leaf is biggest?";
- use logical thinking; "There are four kids coming to the party. How many treats do we need?";
- describe the world; "What shape is the moon?".

Talk about math as you show your child how you use math in your life. For example, to:

- measure for recipes, sewing, and woodworking; "I need one cup of sugar";
- estimate amounts of paint or wallpaper or to hang pictures; "I want to put this picture 10 centimetres above the other one";
- use the clock to be on time or plan ahead; "If the party is at five o'clock we need to leave in half an hour";
- read schedules for television, bus or movie times; "The movie starts at seven o'clock, so we'll be home before bed-time."

Attendance Matters!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

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| Axel A. | Jack B. | Joel C. |
| Valerie C. | Dahleigha C. | Jaden C. |
| Felicia F. | Lucas F. | Miranda F. |
| Zack H. | Avery H. | Kennedy H. |
| Logan H. | Luke H. | Ashton K. |
| Jadyn L. | Claire L. | Jaiden L. |
| Isabella M. | Gavin P. | Jasper T. |

Congratulations !

Home & School Update

December was a busy month for Home and School!!

We had a turkey dinner for the students and staff catered by Mama George's restaurant and had a special visit from Santa.

The Home and School Association raised more than \$2,000 from the gift card fundraiser - thank you all so much for the support!!

Our next meeting is January 23rd at 7:15 - all are welcome to attend!!

PSSC meeting January 23rd at 6:00 pm

A reminder of our Positive Learning Environment Initiative – Bucket Fillers

