



<u>January</u>	
31	Last day of Intensive French (Gr. 5)
<u>February</u>	
17	Professional Learning Day – No Classes
<u>March</u>	
3-7	March Break
28	Parent Teacher Conferences – No Classes
<u>April</u>	
17	Professional Learning Day – No Classes
18	Good Friday – No Classes
21	Easter Monday – No Classes
<u>May</u>	
2	Provincial Council Day – No Classes
16	AEFNB/NBTA Annual Meeting – No Classes
19	Victoria Day – No Classes
22-29	Provincial Assessments for Grade 2 & 4 Literacy and Grade 5 Math
<u>June</u>	
20	Last day of school

Celebrate notes . . .

The students recognized as Star Readers for the month of December were: Devan Parlee, Emma Hanrahan, Luise Lasangue, Kaitlyn Mason, Valerie Clarke, Brynn Darling, Jonathan deGooyer, Paige Titus, Olivia Folkins, Brianna Hughes.

Upcoming event: Skating – February 14th

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

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 is encouraging 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. Play a board game together.
3. Make up a new recipe together and post it online.
4. Make up a song about your day to sing to your family at dinnertime.
5. 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

Info for Parents:

Residential Camp - Snider Mountain Ranch
Canadian Parents for French-New Brunswick is offering an opportunity for students to participate in a 2½ day totally immersed in French camp experience at Snider Mountain near Sussex. This all French speaking residential camp, now known as the Snider Mountain Ranch, offers organized activities such as: horseback riding, archery, wall climbing, canoeing, trampoline, sports, games, campfires, wagon rides and more. The camp will run from May 12th to June 18th 2014. French only is spoken at the camp at all times; all camp counsellors speak French.

This camp offers programs to students from Grades 5 to 7 in the Intensive French and French Immersion Programs. CPF would like to distribute information on Snider Mountain Ranch. Once information brochures are ready, they will be sent to school districts Subject Coordinators and will include dates, locations, activities, price, rules, regulations, registrations, program categories, number of students and girls and boys ratio.

Summer French Camp

This year CPF NB will partner with French Community Centers in Fredericton, Moncton, and Saint John to offer Summer French Camps to students registered in French Immersion, Pre Intensive and Intensive French programs. Details and registrations for these camps are not available at this time but we will keep you posted when there are.



Parent School Support Committee Update:

Please note that there will be no PSSC meeting for the month of January. Our next meeting will be held during the latter part of February, TBA in next month's newsletter.



Skating on February 14th

Our annual skating day at the 8th Hussars will take place this year on Valentine's Day, Friday 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:

Primary (grades K-2) 9:00-9:45

Upper Elementary (grades 3-5) 9:45-10:30

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.

Thank you.

News from Home & School!

There will be a regular Home & School Meeting held @ 7:00 pm on Monday, January 20th, everyone is welcome. At that time we will announce a February date for 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.

Due to the sudden unexpected closure of Papa John's, we are not able to offer Monday's Chicken Popper Hot Lunch for January. If you had ordered this option, please note you will need to provide a lunch for your child for Monday's in January, and you will be given a \$9 credit towards your February order. Sorry for any inconvenience. Watch for details in the coming weeks for a new Monday lunch option for February. Wednesday and Friday hot lunches are still available with no changes, as they come from different sources.

Congratulations to Norman Wilson (AES Grandparent) who won over \$320. in gift cards and prizes in our Gift Card Raffle! We raised over \$1200...wow, well done everyone!

The bottle drive on Jan. 4th raised over \$300 for the AES Home & School, pretty good considering the cold temperatures! Thank you to everyone who helped out, we really appreciate your efforts!

As we begin a new year, we just wanted to say A BIG "THANK YOU" to all parents, staff and other volunteers who have helped in one way or another this school year. Your participation makes a huge impact on our students' school life. If you haven't been involved so far, we would like to challenge you to choose a H&S project to volunteer with. Even if each parent helped with only one event, this would be a great help. No experience necessary:) A special thank you to Julie Soucy, our Hot Lunch Co-ordinator, as well as the other volunteers who help deliver lunches and count money each month. As parents, we recognize the importance of this program to us and our children.

Happy New Year to Everyone from the AES Home & School Executive!

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR