



<u>January</u>	
28	Last day of Intensive French (Gr. 5)
<u>February</u>	
10-12	AES School Improvement Review – classes as usual
13	Professional Learning Day – No Classes
<u>March</u>	
2-6	March Break
27	Parent Teacher Conferences – No Classes
<u>April</u>	
3	Good Friday – No Classes
6	Easter Monday – No Classes
20	Professional Learning Day – No Classes
<u>May</u>	
1	Provincial Council Day – No Classes
15	AEFNB/NBTA Annual Meeting – No Classes
18	Victoria Day – No Classes
<u>June</u>	
19	Last day of school

## Celebrate notes . . .

The students recognized as **Star Readers** for the month of December were: Rian McVicar, Wyatt Worden, Charlotte Coates, Kalyn Maillet, Jack Bell, Wyatt Dunn, Kristen Aiton, Angela Carhart, Christopher Rideout, Gavin Profit, Valerie Clarke, Destiny Hall, Brayley Smith, Emma Carmichael, Molly Landry.

The students recognized as **Mathletes** for the month of December were: Hannah Mason, Ally Williams, Isaiah Craig, Devan Parlee, Brianna McLean-Goddard, Rhys Douthwright, Zackary Hall, Kristen Aiton, Robert McLaughlin, Logan Hughes, Cory Hope, Jaiden Long, Paige Titus, Bradley Rideout, Brayley Smith.

"Caught You at Your Best" sponsored by Subway winners for December were: Blake Goddard, Devan Parlee, Charlie Kyle, Logan Hughes, Emma Carmichael, and Katerina McKnight.

## Family Literacy Day

### January 27<sup>th</sup> 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/flid/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*

## Welcome!

To Mr. Leland (who returns to us from 2 years ago) into Mrs. Surret's position of Phys. Ed. and Grade 3/4 Language Arts! We wish Mrs. Surret and baby Shea all the best!

## Skating on February 18<sup>th</sup>



Our annual skating day at the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars will take place this year on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

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) 9:45-10:45**

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.

Thank you.

## News from Home & School!

**There will be a regular Home & School Meeting held @ 7:15 pm on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome.**

Congratulations to Jennifer Hornbrook who won over \$500 in gift cards and prizes in our Gift Card Raffle! We raised over \$1,705...

Wow, well done everyone!



## 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?".

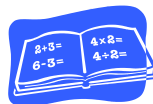
**Talk about math** as you show your child how you use math in your life. For example, to:

- 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."

### Did you know?

- Of the 25 Grade 4 and 5 students who completed this year's 'Tell Them From Me' survey, 60% said that the only Math they talk about at home is homework.

I'm sure you are 'talking math' but they don't realize it! It is so important for you to show your children how numbers and math relate to everyday life.



**Then they will better see the relevance of what they are learning at school.**



Happy New Year from the Guidance Department, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Whitters. We are pleased to be back at Apohaqui Elementary School. I will continue to be offering Guidance lessons in the classroom and throughout the school. We hope our students will set their own goals and accomplishments as the New Year Starts. We will continue to promote Respect, Trustworthiness, Fairness, Citizenship to caring and Responsibility. We have covered the following seven habits: Habit 1 to Habit 3 ~ Be Proactive, Begin with the end in mind, Put first things first. We will begin 2015 with Habit #4 and finish with Habit #7 ~ Think win-win, seek first to understand, then be understood, synergize, and sharpen the saw! Be sure to ask your child what they talked about in Guidance! We will also be offering Subway lunches once per month for a student "caught at your best". Thank you Subway! Our friendly Helpers will continue to do their best in supporting our positive learning environment. Thank you for supporting your child, not only with their academics but as they grow socially and emotionally! If you should have any further requests or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. Thank you...  
Crystal Gray - MEd, BA.Psych, YCW ~  
Guidance Counsellor

## Have you noticed the changes on our school website?

In September – we added our new AES Vision:

**"Encouraging all members of our community to reach their full potential"**

And in January – we are proudly displaying our new school mission statement:

**"The mission at Apohaqui Elementary School is to engage all learners, promote academic excellence, and develop individual growth in a safe, nurturing environment."**

The above two statements will help lead our school staff as we focus on what is so important – preparing your children to be good citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Through this year and those to come we pledge to do our best, working together with you, to 'encourage, engage, promote, and develop'.

## A reminder of our Positive Learning Environment Initiative – Bucket Fillers

