



<u>January</u>	
8	First Day of school for students
17	Half Day for students K-12 – morning only
<u>February</u>	
1	Start of Intensive French change-over
19	Family Day – No classes
<u>March</u>	
5-9	March Break
14	No classes K-8 – PD Day
29	No classes – Parent Teacher Conferences
30	Good Friday – No classes
<u>April</u>	
2	Easter Monday – No classes
25	Half Day for students K-12 – morning only
<u>May</u>	
4	Provincial Council Day – No Classes
7	AEFNB/NBTA Annual Meeting – No Classes
21	Victoria Day – No Classes
<u>June</u>	
22	Last day of school

Celebrate notes . . .

“Caught You Being a Bucket Filler” sponsored by Subway winners for December were: Spencer M, Dylan TC, Brooklyn D, Hannah M, Hayden F.

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

Skating on February 13th



Our annual skating day at the 8th Hussars will take place on Tuesday, February 13th. 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-2 9:00-9:45

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.

Home & School Update

First of all, WOW! What a show our students and Mr. Britten put on for us just before the Holidays! Congratulations and great job to everyone who participated!

Congratulations to Jennifer Loughery who won our gift card draw! Thank you to all who donated gift certificates, prizes, sold and bought tickets - we raised \$925.00!

We hope you can join us for our first meeting of 2018 being held **Monday, January 15th @ 7:15PM**. We will be discussing how we will celebrate Staff Appreciation Week which happens in February; as well as starting to shape a plan for our Spring playground work! If you have ideas for either of these topics or something else you'd like to share please come out and join us!



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

Lennox A.	Katie B.	Joel C.
Adison C.	Jaden C.	Felicia F.
Miranda F.	Evan H.	Avery H.
Ethan J.	Jadyn L.	Reese L.
Claire L.	Kaitlyn M.	Jacob M.
Parker M.	Declan O.	Parker O.
Jack P.	Paige P.	Emmitt S.
Allison W.		

Congratulations !

FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH

February Milk Money - 19 Days X .40 = \$7.60

Student _____ Gr _____

Chocolate _____ White _____

February's Monday Hot Lunch (Hamburger)

3 days X \$2 = \$ 6.00

Student: _____ Gr _____

February's Wednesday Hot Lunch (Pizza)

4 days X \$2 = \$ 8.00

Student _____ Gr _____

February's Friday Hot Lunch (Chicken Fingers/Veggies)

4 days X \$ 3 = \$12.00

Student _____ Gr _____

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

