



May	
2	Provincial Subject Council Day – no classes
16	AEFNB/NBTA Annual Meeting – no classes
19	Victoria Day – no classes
22-29	Provincial Assessments for Grade 2 Literacy
June	
20	Last day of school



We will be participating in Jump Rope For Heart again this year (at A.E.S. we raise money for only two outside charities per year). The Kick-off Assembly will be held on May 9th. The campaign will take place in May with an end-date of Thursday, May 22 for all funds raised. The actual day when we will be 'Jumping' will be set later in the month – weather permitting.

Star Readers . . .



These students were recognized as Star Readers for the month of April: Kalya Maillet, Joel Clarke, Samuel Frits, Michael Doyle-Chown, Eugene Long, Brynn Darling, Jayden Bevans, Morgan Profit, AJ Tays, Katie Kyle. **Congratulations!!**

Subway Caught You at Your Best Winners for April:

Jack Darling, Hayden Finnamore, Nevaeh Clark, Gavin Profit, Paige Titus, Brianna Hughes.

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

Transition Days

***Note:** the following is still pending Provincial approval*

Over the past few years, Sussex area schools have held a transition day in the spring to familiarize students who will be moving to a different school in the fall. Due to the amalgamation of school districts the format has changed.

Grade 5 Transition – TBA

This year, students from Norton, Apohaqui, Sussex Corner, and Sussex Elementary will be bussed to Sussex Middle School (date TBA) for an abbreviated morning orientation of their new school, running from approximately 8:30-10:30.

Kindergarten Transition – May 30th

On May 30th, current Kindergarten students will remain home while next year's students spend the day with Mrs. Hoyt.

WANTED !

Grade 1 is looking for any used lego (regular size) that parents would like to donate to the class!!

Home & School Association

Apohaqui Elementary Home & School won an award at the New Brunswick Federation of Home & School Association's AGM held in Oromocto, April 25-27!

We are so pleased to say that we won an award for the "***Highest percentage of Home & School members per student enrollment***" for a small school for the current school year!

Thank you so much to each and every member for joining Home & School and supporting what we do. Linda Clarke and Joellen Landry were very proud to be representing Apohaqui at the conference!

The next AES Home and School Meeting will be held on Monday, May 26th at 7pm, all are welcome to attend. (Please note this is on the fourth Monday in May, as the third Monday is Victoria Day.) This will be the final meeting of the year, and we will be outlining much of next year's items, so if you would like to have input, you are encouraged to attend.

Elections for 2014/2015 school year's Home and School Executive Positions will be held during this month's meeting. If you are thinking of offering or re-offering for any positions, or have any questions regarding what is involved, please contact current President, Joellen Landry at joellenlandry@hotmail.ca or 333-7012.

POOL PARTY!

The pool party last June was such a hit that we decided to do it again! The End of Year Celebration Party will take place at the Fundy Civic Centre on Tuesday, June 17th, complete with swimming, snacks and other fun activities, followed by a pizza lunch back at the school. Details to follow as it gets closer to June.

2014/15 Membership Early Bird Draw

The end of the current school year is fast approaching, and fall will be here before you know it (we know it seems like it is still winter some days, but time marches on:) The Home and School Association will be offering an Early Bird Membership Draw, where anyone who becomes a member for the 2014/15 school year before June 15th, 2014, gets a chance to win an E-reader! This will be open to anyone, including parents who have a student enrolled for Kindergarten this fall. A letter will be sent home in the coming weeks to give details, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.



Parent School Support Committee

The final PSSC meeting of the school year will take place at AES on Monday, May 26th at 6pm.

Marigolds

All of our classes will participate in the Marigold Project this year. The Marigolds have been started and are well underway. We will be planting in early June at the Apohaqui Post Office and Store, and on our own school property.



AES has received a plaque recognizing our contribution to the Marigold's Project 2013

"Guinness World Record Holder – Most People Transplanting Seedlings – Multiple Venues."

Mother's Day Sale – Thursday, May 8th

Please start setting aside those little 'treasures' for our annual Mother's Day Sale. The Grade 5 students will set up the sale with donated rummage-sale-type items for students to purchase. (Note: Most items will be less than \$1.00, no item will cost more than \$2.00). We appreciate your donations and support of this venture. The children are always so pleased to shop for Mom!

Welcome to Mrs. Carmichael who is replacing Mrs. Galley while she is out on Maternity Leave. Best Wishes to Mrs. Galley!

"It is not how much we give but how much we put into giving."
Mother Teresa

Limit the Time Your Kids Spend Playing Video Games

Video gaming is a sedentary activity. You don't want media time to crowd out time spent being physically active.

Children who spend a lot of time playing fast-paced video games can have trouble with executive functioning. Such games throw a new stimulus at a kid every few seconds, and the child has a limited number of potential responses. Granted, most children are not executives – but many are future executives, and skill set required begins to be developed in childhood.

"Executive functions" are the mental processes involved in planning, trouble-shooting and delaying gratification. They are crucial for good behavior – and good social interactions.

Many video games contain a lot of violence. Exposure to media violence has been linked to behavioural problems and aggression in children.

This doesn't mean that children should never play video games. But as with everything in life, common sense and moderation are key.

- Limit the time spent playing them. Have rules – and enforce them.
- Choose games wisely. Pay attention to the age ratings. Encourage games that are educational.
- Supervise – and join in. Watch while your child plays to see what the games are really like. Even better, play with them.

Dr. Anthony Komaroff (physician and professor at Harvard Medical School)

Provincial Assessment Update

This year Provincial Assessments will be held for **Grade 2 Literacy**. The provincial tests for the other grade levels are currently being realigned and updated so, as a result, they will not be written this year. Only 20% of NB schools will be selected to complete Gr. 5 Math Assessments.

NOTE: Hot Lunch and milk programs will finish on June 13th. These will not be available during the last week of school.



NUMERACY WEEK
May 5-9

"Reading, writing, financial and digital literacy are all essential skills Canadians require to live a fully engaged life." www.abclifelifliteracy.ca

At Apohaqui Elementary we work every day on building numeracy skills and number sense in all of our learners. During Numeracy Week, we will be planning special events to highlight and promote the importance of numbers. At school, we will be hunting for numbers, playing with numbers, and wearing numbers! Each student will be provided with a small booklet with various math problem solving activities. Some students may work on these activities at school and some students may bring them home. If your child brings the booklet home, please feel free to play some of the games with them. The activities are meant to be fun and some may be challenging. Good luck and have fun.

TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS:

"Volunteers are not paid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." Unknown