

September 2015

Andover Elementary School Newsletter



Principal's Message



Students are not permitted to have cell phones in our school during Instructional Hours. Families are also discouraged from sending students to school with any hand held games or musical devices. Cameras are not allowed unless the teacher has given permission for a specific project.



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school and to extend a warm welcome to our new students. Mrs. Kelly Christensen, Our Vice-Principal, Mrs. Cheryl Webster and Mrs. Kim McLaughlin, our Administrative Assistants and I are happy to welcome you on behalf of the rest of the Staff.

We are beginning the year with approx. 300 students and 20 educators. Our Kindergarten Team of teachers is Mrs. Michelle Chase (K-MC) and Mrs. Tara Dixon (K-TD). Our grade one team is Mrs. Jennifer Rossignol (1-JR) and Mrs. Kelly Christensen (1-KC) as well as Mrs. Laura McCarthy O'Neill and Mrs. Kathy Ester who will share a grade one class (1-LMO) in addition to their responsibilities for music and Guidance. Mr. Jason Green and Mrs. Laurie Sutherland are our Resource and Methods teachers. The grade 2 team is Mrs. Krista Christophersen (2-KC), Mrs. Kate Scheidler (2-KS) and Mr. Justin Tompkins (2-JT). The grade three

We appreciate your understanding with respect to the safety and security procedures we have set in place. The doors to our building are locked at all times. Should you need to come to school to meet your child, we are asking you to wait outside for routine dismissals. If you need to pick up your child early or drop something off, you will be able to

team is Mrs. Tanya Crawford Murchison (3TCM) and Mrs. Jennifer Paterson (3-JP). Mrs. Darcy Pelkey will teach a 3/4 combined class (3/4-DP). Mrs. Nathalie Brodeur (4-NB) and Mrs. Gina Fournier (4-GF) make up the grade four team.

This year we will have our Intensive French students in grade 5. They will spend the first semester doing the French language instruction with Mrs. Tammy Wright (5-TW) They will have Math with their home room teacher, Music with Mrs. McCarthy O'Neill, and Physical Education with Mr. Shannon Fillmore in English. Late in January the grade 5 students will have the compacted grade 5 subjects with their home room teacher. Mme. Lynn Caron teaches the grade 5 French Immersion class (5-LC). Mr. Fillmore's main responsibility remains physical education. Ms. Carol Godbout will operate the Community School and Volunteer Centre in our building.

enter the vestibule where there is a window and a door bell. You will need to wait to be admitted and then proceed to the office if you need to come in. You will be able to request that your child be called to the office and sign him or her out from the vestibule.

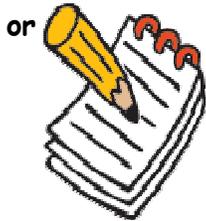
Our educational assistants are Mrs. Kris Williams, Mrs. Linda Morrissey, Mrs. Vicki Broad, Mrs. Marianne Pelkey, Mrs. Margaret Baker, Mrs. Kim McLaughlin is returning as our librarian. Our custodial staff will be led by Mrs. June Haines. Mrs. Linda Lawrence and Mrs. Cindy Hansen also work as custodians with Mrs. Haines. Mrs. Bernice Amerogen and Mrs. Eleanor Kelly work in our cafeteria.



You will also be able to drop things off that have been forgotten using this vestibule window.



Please write a note to inform us if any person other than the parents has permission to pick up your child. This information should be sent in the communication book or agenda.



K-2 Children go outside to play at the end of the day unless you write a note and tell us you will be picking them up at 1:50 or 2:40 pm

The next few sections of this newsletter will be useful for our new parents. There is some new information in this newsletter as well. While there is a wealth of information below, the list is not conclusive. Should you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 273-4761. We are

really looking forward to this year and we trust you are too!

Due to a new financial program Province-wide, we do not keep any amount of money at the School, so we will NOT be able to make change.



Fall Sale on AES School Clothing
\$10 T-shirts
\$15 Hoodies

School Arrival



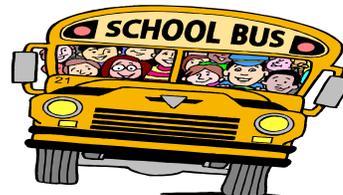
Our school begins at 8:15 A.M. when the first bell rings. Parents who drive their children to school should plan to arrive at 8:00 A.M. The school is not able to

provide supervision for your children prior to that time. The doors of the building will be unlocked for arrivals beginning at 7:55 am.

Please do not drop off elementary students before this time. Upon arrival, after 7:55, students should go directly to their classroom.

We assume that both parents have the right to pick up a child unless you tell us differently. Custody Papers or legal restrictions which are shared with the Administration will be enforced.

School Departure



This year there is one bus run for Perth-Andover. Students in Grades K-2 will finish their instructional day at 1:50 P.M. Parents/caregivers who pick up their children

are to come at that time. Parents and care givers are asked to wait for the students outside. Walking students are also dismissed at this time. We will super-

vised the bus students until 2:40 when our buses will be loaded before going to PAMS for 2:50 and SV at 3:00 after which the buses will leave Perth Andover.

Sign Outs

Safety is our first priority for our children. We have a moral and legal obligation to be aware of all visitors in our school and the purpose of their visit. Any person on school property who is not a student or staff member of Andover Elementary is considered a guest. Please do not go directly to our playgrounds during school hours without stopping in the office first.

All visitors are required

Busing

The Anglophone West School District has a busing policy that was in place last year. This information needs to be recorded on the blue form you have received. The purpose of this form is to ensure the safety of your children. You may have two regular

to make us aware of their need to enter our building and once buzzed in they must report to the office. Permission must be gained from the office before proceeding to any other part of the school and a Visitor's Pass will be issued by the Administrative Assistant before guests proceed to any other part of the building.

Research has clearly shown that student outcomes are directly affected by time on task. Gaining the attention of children is not as easy as flipping a switch. It is a dynamic and fragile process,

which requires careful planning and execution to establish and is equally difficult to maintain. Once the focus of a class is broken, it is all but impossible to regain before the end of the period.

Visitors to classrooms during teaching and learning time are distracting to students and disruptive to the teaching and learning process. We ask parents

to work in partnership with the school to protect and preserve teaching and learning time for our children so that they might have the best possible opportunity for success.

If it is necessary for you to pick up your child early (which should be only for a medical appointment or family emergency), the office staff will call for your child. You will be asked to sign-out your child and remain in the office area. Please do not go to the classrooms during instructional time.

bus stops for your child, a regular or primary stop which is often the home address and then you may have one alternate address. You must indicate on this form where your child will be picked up and where your child will go for each day of

the week. Your child needs to go to the same place on the same day of the week.

When a child's parents are in two separate homes, each parent has a primary and alternate bus stop for their child. This is something we realize will be hard for some families but it is District policy. **Please do not call the school for Bus Passes or changes unless there is an emergency.**

Volunteers

Parents and family members who wish to volunteer in the school or join a field trip must have 701 Training, a police record check and be familiar

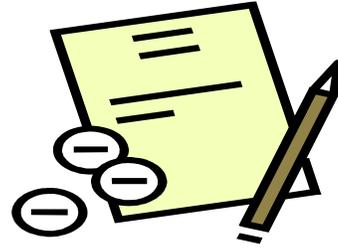
with several other provincial policies. You may call the school and we will arrange a time to provide you with this information and process

your request to volunteer. Carol Godbout is our Community School CoOrdinator and she is a great help in organizing these opportunities.



OPEN HOUSE

Thank You to all the families who attended our Meet the teacher event on September 3rd. We were pleased to see so many of you. Our Parent School Support Committee elections will take place on Tuesday, September 29th at 7 PM. We have had a few people express an interest in joining us. Please consider nominating an interested parent or volunteering to meet about once a month to support the school.



Medication for Students

On occasion, we have been asked by a parent to ensure their child receives prescribed medication. Please be aware that in order to do so, we require the completion of the Request for Administration of Medication at School Form. This form is available from your child's teacher and must be completed in advance before medication can be administered.



In the month of September, including "Safe Schools Week", September 28th – October 2nd, we will practice our fire drill, safe in place and evacuation procedures. These are procedures we need to keep us all safe at school.

SAFETY
FIRST 

Behavioural Expectations

The expectations of Andover Elementary School are made for the safety and comfort of the entire school community. The expectations are meant to instruct students in appropriate behaviour and assist parents in their efforts to raise children to become happy and productive citizens. The following five simple rules are meant to ensure that students, staff and parents have a common and consistent understanding of the accepted conduct code at Andover Elementary School.

Rule #1: Please treat others the way you would like to be treated. All members of our school community expect polite, respectful and courteous behaviour at all times both inside the building and on the playground.

Rule # 2: No rough behaviour inside the school or when playing outdoors.

Rule # 3 The use of foul or inappropriate language is not acceptable.

Rule # 4: Respect for personal and school property must be shown at all times.

Rule # 5 Quiet and orderly behaviour is expected at all times when moving throughout the building.



Homework

If your child struggles to finish assigned work within a reasonable amount of time, check on starting time, actual work time, or other difficulties. Sometimes a two-minute question and answer session will help get things back on track. Also, let your child's teacher know of any difficulties you encounter. Teachers generally try not to assign homework over holidays and reduce the requirement considerably on weekends. In upper elementary, longer periods of time are frequently allotted for extended project type assignments such as science and social studies projects, book reports, etc. Parents should watch for due dates and assignment guidelines for these projects and give encouragement along the way.



**School Pictures will be taken on
Wednesday, September
30th by Harvey's Studios.**



Newsletters and Announcements

A school newsletter is sent home on the first Wednesday or Thursday of the month. The newsletter is sent home with the oldest child in each family. We also post the Newsletter on our website. aes.nbed.nb.ca

The October Newsletter and School Wide Fundraiser information will go home on Wednesday, October 7th. This fundraiser will run from October 7th—23rd and we are hoping you will consider buying Christmas wrap and gift items or magazines as funds from this sale will benefit our students.



2016-2017

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The 2016-2017 kindergarten registration will be held on October 13 -16 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please call the school at 273-4761 to pick up a registration form.

[Student Use of the Telephone]

Students will be permitted to call home (or calls will be made on their behalf) for emergency situations such as illness or injury. Forgotten assignments, gym clothing, skates and requests to go somewhere, other than home after school, are not considered emergency situations. Students will be encouraged to be responsible with regard to planning and preparing for their day.



ASD-W is holding a unification run that will also mark the 35th Anniversary of Terry Fox's run across our country. Teachers and staff throughout the district are participating. The run will end at AES on September 12th and begin Monday, September 14th when the AES students and staff will get the baton to Perth Middle School.

The AES student contribution will be made from student fees and the staff contribution will be made from our "Jeans on Friday" fund.



September Dates to Remember

September	8	Students' First Day
September	9	September Newsletter
September	8,9	Kindergarten Staggered Entry
September	14	Terry Fox Walk and Fundraiser
September	29	PSSC Elections September
September	29	Student of the Month Assemblies
September	30	Picture Day
October	7	Newsletter & Fundraiser

Talk Mail

As many of you know the school district has now contracted our message service with Synervoice and we use this service to send messages. We will also post most school wide messages on our web site.



At Andover Elementary School we provide school supplies for each student, however we do require parents/guardians to pay \$50 per student which covers all of the necessary supplies for the year, all performances/plays or special guest speakers as well as end of year activities for your child.

Please check which payment method you are using and return with your child/children

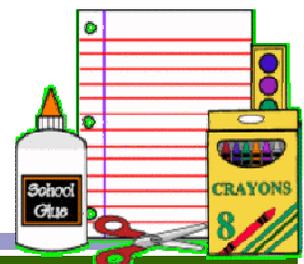
Name of Student _____ Grade _____

Name you would like on receipt _____

2015-2016 Supply Reimbursement Cost

One Payment of \$50 _____ cheque _____ cash

2 Payments of \$25 _____ cheque _____ cash



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Breakfast Program begins after Thanksgiving!!

Phone:506-273-4761 fax:506-273-4764

HOT LUNCH

The Hot lunch menu is attached. Please help your child decide what they wish to eat from the menu each

This is just a reminder that we are a peanut free school. Therefore, please do not send any peanut butter, peanuts or any product containing peanuts to school with your child.



Our Community School Co-ordinator, Carol Godbout, has organized a clothing drive fundraiser to help support the **Breakfast Programs** in all three area schools that will run from September 21th to October 21st. Any clean clothes, shoes, boots, purses or apparel of any kind will be taken as donations for this project. Drop offs can be left at each school during this time or at the old Knights of Columbus hall on the following Saturdays—Sept. 26 and Oct. 17th. The goal is to collect aprox. 1,200 garbage bags of clothing or 20,000 lbs



Popsicles will be on sale on the fine weather days for \$1 with proceeds going to the Garden Club.

The Southern Victoria Pipe Band is taking new students in snare drumming and bagpipes. Lessons are on Monday afternoon and evening at the Saint Mary of the Angels Catholic Church hall in Andover. Anyone from grade 4 to Adults are welcome.

Contact: Darlene Morton at 273-3108

