



# ACES Newsletter

April 2011

## **Nutrition in March and every day!**

This month at school, we have put a great deal of emphasis on the importance good nutrition. Students have learned about the role of healthy eating for their fitness, learning, and general health. We are hopeful that healthy eating becomes a part of their every day lives, all year long. Parents are reminded to send only healthy foods for recess snacks. Fresh fruit, vegetables, and dairy products are excellent choices.

## **Environmental Awareness**

During our April weekly assemblies we will be working on the theme of Environmental Awareness. Parents play an important role in this area as well. Rather than spending a lot of money on pre-packaged snacks, we would ask that you consider buying foods in larger quantities and sending them in reusable containers.

## **End of Cycle Evaluations**

Students in will be writing provincial or board-wide evaluations in the coming months. Parents should note that these are not traditional exams, but more like regular classroom activities that last for a week or longer. The results are compiled and used by the school, the board and the Ministry. Please help your child do his or her best by getting enough sleep, eating a nutritious breakfast and being present in school each day.

## **Space available in Pre-K and Kindergarten**

Do you know any families looking for top-quality, bilingual education for their young children? ACES still has space in both the pre-K and the Kindergarten classes for 2011-12. Call 819-838-4983 or email [channellg@etsb.qc.ca](mailto:channellg@etsb.qc.ca) for details or to register.

## **Cafeteria Menus and calendars online**

The monthly calendars and cafeteria menus are posted on the school website along with updates on school activities and pictures! <http://ayerscliff.etsb.qc.ca/>

## **Math Competitions**

We wish the best of luck to our team of 10 students from Grade 6 who will compete in the 2011 QAMT Mathematics Competition on April 7<sup>th</sup>.



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## **Mud Season**

Warmer weather is on its way and that means puddles and mud! Please make sure that your child is dressed properly for the spring weather by wearing boots, mud pants and a jacket. When the children start wearing outside shoes, please make sure they also have a different pair for inside use.

ACES has always had a rule that all the while there is snow on the field, the students are required to wear snow/wind pants. This is to ensure that your children do not have to sit all day in wet clothing. Many of the older children choose not to wear their snow pants, which means they spend their entire break hanging out on a small patch of pavement. We would be much happier to see our students out on the field playing sports. Please encourage your children to take a few minutes to dress appropriately, and we will do the same.

## **Governing Board**

Our next Governing Board meeting is scheduled on April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 pm. All parents are welcome to attend. The highlights of past meetings are posted on the ACES website and on the bulletin board beside the Principal's office.

## **Cycle 3 Trip and Fundraisers**

The Cycle 3 classes are going to Ottawa on June 10-11<sup>th</sup>, for their end-of-year trip! Students are working on a variety of fundraising activities.

## **Survey**

Students in Grade 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in the **Tell Them From Me** survey again this year. This survey is given throughout Quebec and Canada and gives a measure of how the students see the effectiveness of the learning, wellness and support programs in the school. The survey will be conducted online during class and all responses are completely anonymous.

## **Naturalist Visit**

On Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>, Kathleen Usher from the St. Francis Valley Naturalists' Club will be at our school for her annual presentation. All students will participate in related learning activities

## **May 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> are now school days**

Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>, have been converted to regular school days to make up for the snow closures in December and March.