

# Ayer's Cliff Elementary School Newsletter

Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Dear Parents,

The 2010-2011 school year is off to a great start and our team of educators is planning many interesting and educational activities for students, both within regular classes and outside of school. This newsletter is written to inform you of the many wonderful things taking place at ACES.



## Staff changes

This year we have only a couple of small changes: Mrs. Channell is in the Secretary's office from Tuesday to Friday and Miss Georgia will be school Secretary on Mondays. As well, Mrs. Springate and Ms. Fournier are sharing the role of head teacher.

## Corn Roast, General Assembly & Open House September 8<sup>th</sup>

These three important events are being combined into one evening, Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The **Open House** is an ideal time to come and meet your child's teacher to learn more about what they will be doing in school this year. Details are sent in a separate note. We will also hold the election for **Governing Board** and **Parent Reps** for the Parent's Committee.

## Head Check

Please note that TOMORROW, Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, will be the day that we will check your child(ren) head. Make sure that your child's hair has been recently shampooed.

## Healthy School

ACES is continuing the Healthy School program focussed on physical environment, good nutrition and positive relationships. To improve physical environment, we are continuing to improve the playground and promote activities for students. To start the year with good nutrition in mind, we are offering students watermelon as a treat at the end of the first day. (Nutrition fact: Watermelon is one of the best fruits for vitamins and anti-oxidants).

## Parent/Student Handbook

Your child(ren) was given an envelope containing the Parent/Student Handbook. Please take the time to read it with you child(ren). It contains many useful suggestions and also has your child(ren)'s timetable and the yearly school calendar. It is a handy information booklet that you may want to refer to during the school year.

## Morning Walks

To combine our Healthy School goals, every Monday (or Tuesday when Monday is a holiday) students and staff will start the school day with a brisk morning walk.

Be sure that your child comes to school with good walking shoes (not flip-flops) or boots if it is wet.

## **ACES Pre-K**

The pre-Kindergarten group starts on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We are still accepting registrations; contact Mrs. Channell at 819-838-4983.

## **Website <http://ayerscliff.etsb.qc.ca>**

The school website is ready and will be the place for parents to find up-to-date information on what is happening in the school. We also plan to make more use of email to communicate with parents.

## **Indoor and Outdoor Shoes**

All students need a clean pair of shoes to keep at school and wear indoors. This will help to keep our school clean, especially on rainy days.

## **Visitors**

Anyone visiting the school, including a parent, is to come directly to the office to sign in and get a visitor's pass.



## **Bus passes**

ETSB Transportation reminds everyone that passes for a different destination other than their regular stop are only available after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Office hours and Telephone calls**

Our school secretary, Geneve Channell, keeps the school office open from 8:15-12:00 and 1:00- 3:00, however any calls during lunch hour and after 2:30 pm will go to the answering machine. Please use the agenda to communicate any messages to your child's teacher.



## **Bishops Recreation**

Register for the fall program online: [www.ubishops.ca/recreation](http://www.ubishops.ca/recreation)

All of the staff at Ayer's Cliff School are eager to work with you and your child(ren) to make this a fun-filled and successful school year. Please do not hesitate to contact our staff with any concerns or questions you may have.

Steve Weary, Principal

Del Springate & Stephanie Fournier, Head Teachers