

ACES Newsletter

January 2012

Happy New Year

We wish all the ACES community the best for a happy and healthy 2012. The staff are hard at work to organize stimulating learning activities that help our students achieve success. Keep this newsletter and the attached calendar handy to know what's on at school.

Absents

Students who are absent are missing the day's learning and will have to work extra-hard to catch up later. Please call the school to let us know if your child will be absent, or send a note for a planned absence.

End of term Jan 27

Following new Ministry requirements for evaluation, the second term ends on January 27th, which is earlier than in past years. January will be a busy month with tests and other assignments for the report card. Help your children be their best by making sure they are well rested and in school every day! Reports are due to go home on February 16th.

Staff changes

At the end of January, both Ms. Springate and Ms. Pelletier will be starting their long-planned, half-year sabbatical leaves. We wish them all the best as they pursue their goals. ACES is fortunate to have some excellent candidates as replacement teachers and we are in the final stages of the selection process.

Winter Sports

Now that winter is here, students will be skating at the town rink and snowshoeing behind the school as well as playing outside at recess. Please make sure your child is warmly dressed every day to enjoy these outdoor activities. Teachers will send a schedule of skating dates for specific classes so you will know when to send skates and a helmet.

ACES Sports

The students are busy practicing for our ETSB Basketball Tournament. The tournament will take place at GALT on the Ped Day Friday, February 10th, 2012 for the students who make the team from grade 5 & 6. We also have two ski days coming up at Mont Orford, once again for grade 5 & 6 students only. The first one will take place on Tuesday January 17th and our second day is on Tuesday February 21st.

Parkside Ranch

The grade 5 & 6 students will be going to parkside ranch next week on Thursday and Friday (January 19th & 20th).

School start and end time

Student supervision starts at 8:10am and ends at 2:45pm. Please do NOT drop off your children before 8:10 as they are unsupervised and we cannot be responsible for them. If you are picking up your child, please wait until after the busses leave at 2:45.

Dishwasher Needed

Our cafeteria dishwasher has finally quit, so we are looking for a newer one. If you know of a good, used, commercial dishwasher, please contact the school.

ETSB Registration for 2012-13

Registration for next year will take place February 13-14. All the necessary paperwork will be sent home with your child. Please return it promptly to help us plan ahead. Families who are considering joining ACES can pick up registration forms at the school office.

Young Leaders

ACES is continuing the Young Leaders program. Students in Grade 6 are working with Mrs. Fournier and Louis-Charles, an animator from Movement en Memphré, to develop leadership skills needed to organize and lead a game or activity. These games can be for students at all levels. The goal is to have more children learning more fun, physical activities they can do at lunch and recess. Funding for this program comes from the Gouvernement du Québec and La Fondation Chagnon.

Governing Board

The Governing Board is made up of parents and school staff. Its role is to advise or approve policies and directions including those in the success plan and annual budget. Highlights of past Governing Board meetings are posted on the bulleting board at school and on the NHES website. The next scheduled meeting is January 23rd at 6:30pm. Any parent is welcome to attend and each meeting has an open question period.

Bishop's University Recreation & Aquatics program -

Registration is now open for the Winter session, January 20 - April 5, 2012

Online registration: www.ubishops.ca/recreation (January 6 - 15)

In-person registration: 3 evenings (January 16, 17, 18) 16:00 - 20:00 at the Control Desk

Bishop's University Hockey January 15

All are welcome to a free BU men's club hockey game as the Bishop's team takes on McMaster University at 10am. Following the game children are invited to skate with the Bishop's players and enjoys a free hot chocolate. <http://www.ubishops.ca/alumni-friends/events/alumni-events.html#c8432>

Thank-You

A huge thank-you to the Home & School for hosting the traditional Christmas turkey dinner. This annual event is a highlight of December for both staff and students and we appreciate the time and effort that goes into this special activity.

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