

ACES Newsletter November 2010

The fall is quickly flying by, and there is much happening at Ayer's Cliff Elementary. Please take a few minutes to catch up with what's going on.

What Are We Learning Now?

Below are just a few samples of the many learning activities teachers are working on with your children. Last week, grades 5 and 6 visited the Louis St. Laurent Museum in Compton to learn more about one of Canada's prime ministers. Grade 6 students also followed the story of the Chilean miners and will be writing articles using their laptops.

In 'Univers Social', Grade 6D will be comparing Micmac Indians and native Inuits. On November 9th, Mrs. MacDonald, who is Micmac, will be coming to speak to the class about her tribe.

Once this is done, the sixes will be doing a unit on medieval times!

Grade 4 students, meanwhile, are writing a scary story for Language Arts, working on multiplication and place value in Math, and in ERC are learning about wedding traditions in different religious cultures.

In the next month's newsletter we will feature some of the learning that is going on in K-Grade 3.

Morning Supervision

Please be advised that there is no supervision on the playground until 8:10. There are number of students who are consistently being dropped off well before 8:00 am. Not only is there no one to watch them at this time, on rainy days it makes for a long wet wait.

Colds and the Flu

As we get closer to runny nose season, parents are reminded to be preventative and keep sick children at home. This is particularly important if they have a fever.

Snack Shack is Back !

The popular snack shack will once again be selling healthy recess snacks every morning except Monday. All products are certified peanut free, and cost 50¢. All profits will go toward defraying the cost of cycle 3's end-of-year trip to Ottawa

Custody Updates

Please keep us up to date and inform the school in writing of any special custody arrangements that may affect the school. This way we can get the right information to the right people.

Report Cards and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Report cards will be sent home with your child on Monday November 22nd. Parent /teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday November 24th. The exact time of your interview will be sent home in early November.

Registration

The registration period for new students is from October 25 – November 12, 2010. If you know of any new families who would like to register their child, please ask them to communicate with the school and it will be our pleasure to give them the information, a tour of ACES, etc. If you know of any 4 year olds

Registration continued...

(by September 30, 2010) who would be interested in attending a Pre-Kindergarten program, please feel free to mention to their parents or parents of children in daycares about our ACES program. Our best marketing tool continues to be you and we thank you!

Registration forms for returning students will be sent home later in November.

Volunteers

Volunteers help out at the school in so many ways and all are much appreciated. After Christmas, many classes will be working in Guided Reading groups, and helpers will be particularly welcomed. If you would like to lend a hand on a regular basis for this or any other activity, please contact our volunteer coordinator at the school, Nancy Loadenthal. loadenthaln@ped.etsb.qc.ca

Governing Board

Highlights of October Governing Board meeting are attached to this newsletter. The next scheduled meetings are on November 15 and January 18 at 6:15pm. Any parent is welcome to attend and each meeting has an open question period.

Christmas Wreaths Fund-raiser

Orders for the Christmas wreaths can be collected at Parent-Teacher Interviews, Nov 24th.

Don't forget to order your Christmas wreaths by November 2nd. If your child did not bring home an order form, please contact his /her teacher.

School Fees (Supervision and consumables)

In order to receive your income tax receipt for 2010, your supervision fee has to be paid in full before November 30th. Don't forget, we are open to discuss payment arrangements. Contact Genève Channell or Steve Weary for more information (819-838-4983).

Cafeteria Dishwasher

The ACES cafeteria needs a commercial dishwasher that sterilizes the dishes. A new one is very expensive, so we are looking for a used dishwasher in good condition. Please contact the school if you know of a restaurant or hotel or anyone selling a commercial dishwasher.

4-H Farm Safety Day

All youth aged 6-25 are invited to attend the Quebec 4-H Farm Safety Day at 'Machinerie C. & H.', 3705 Route 108, Lennoxville on October 30, 2010, 10 am - 2:15 pm.

Come and learn about agricultural safety hazards and responding to farm accidents through interactive workshops on tractor and PTO safety, animal handling, silo gas, fire safety and first response.

Lunch will be provided, take-home bags will be given out, and door prizes will be drawn at the end of the day. Non 4-H members are welcome, as are parents.

There is no cost to attend but interested youth must RSVP with Caitlin at 514-398-8738 or agliaison@quebec4h.com by Thursday, October 28, 2010.

Activity Calendar

See the attached calendar for activities during the month of November. (Important future dates include Christmas Concert on Dec 16, Parkside Ranch on January 27- 28, and the Grade 5/6 trip to Ottawa on June 9-10)

Electronic Communications

The ACES website the place to go for up-to-date information on student activities, sports, cafeteria menus, calendars, governing board information and more. <http://ayerscliff.etsb.qc.ca/>

Physical Education

ACES students are busy playing handball in phys-ed class. On Thursday Oct. 28th, some of the cycle 3 students will be participating in a tournament at Sherbrooke Elementary. The teams will be mixed from PEES, SES and ACES. All handball players will get an ETSB handball t-shirt to keep as a souvenir.

Playground Committee

Members of the playground improvement committee met last week to begin planning the “makeover”. As well as a few short-term maintenance projects, the mid-term goals are to finalize the design and then get proper plans prepared. Already \$3000 has been raised and more fund-raising is planned. If you would like to be part of the playground committee, contact Shannon Paxton 819-570-7777.

Last but not least....

This year, ACES Reading Week will be held the week of November 2-5. Tomorrow you will be receiving a schedule of the many events we have planned.

At ACES we are committed to providing quality education to your children. Please be in touch should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Steve Weary
(Principal)

Del Springate
(Head teacher)

Genève Channell
(Secretary)