

ACES Newsletter

February 2012

It's hard to believe, but we are now half way through the school year. This newsletter and the attached calendar are to keep you informed of the important events happening at ACES in the month ahead.

Staff Changes

Ms. Springate and Ms. Pelletier are off on their planned sabbatical leaves for the remainder of the school year. They are replaced by Ms. Wadleigh in Grade 2 and Mr. Boivin in Grade 4 and 5.

Ms Drew is now sharing the Head Teacher position with Ms. Fournier.

Donna Hand is taking a temporary leave and is replaced in the cafeteria by Lacy and Richard Stone. We welcome our new staff to ACES.

End of Term, Report Cards and Interviews

Following new Ministry requirements for evaluation, the second term ended on January 27th. Reports are due to go home on February 8th.

Parents will be invited for Term 2 Selective Interviews or can select a time to meet with teachers on Thursday, February 9th.

Monday Walk and Assembly

Research continues to show that exercise helps our brains work and learn better so we continue with morning walks on Mondays. At the assemblies, classes take turns presenting skits on social skills and bully prevention.

ACES is Going to the Dogs!

Dogs and the work they do will be the learning theme for all students in the month of February. Each class has a different speciality and will connect dogs to reading, writing, social and cultural studies appropriate for the age of the students. At the end of the month, students will share with other grades and we will celebrate at Carnival with a visit by a local dog-sled team and rides for all the children!

Bread Fundraiser

Following last year's successful fundraising and the purchase of new "cliff-hanger" climbing piece for the playground, the ACES Playground group is organizing another Bread fundraiser for February and March. Look for details to come home in mid-February.

Toys at School

Please remind your children that their personal toys are to be left at home.

Sports

It is now Basketball season and teams are practicing for the Galt tournament on February 10th. Our next ski day for Grades 5 & 6 is February 21st, details will be sent home soon. As ACES now has the equipment, students will be snowshoeing during Phys Ed class and at lunch -once we get some more snow! Classes are also going to the local rink to skate. February is Winter Sports Month and we are lucky to live where so many winter sports are available. Make the most of the winter weather at home to go out and enjoy winter sports as a family!

Hooked on School Days Feb 13-17

People with a Secondary school diploma are less likely to be unemployed and on average earn higher incomes than dropouts. The Eastern Townships has a high dropout rate, but through efforts it has improved in the past three years. Hooked on School days are set up to encourage students to appreciate school and plan to persevere through to graduation. It's never too early to encourage your child to stay in school. Parent support is a key factor in student success.

Parkside Ranch

On January 19-20 the grades 5 and 6 students made the annual outing to Parkside Ranch. Everyone enjoyed the variety of activities and many parents came to see the student skits. A big thank-you to the teachers, parent volunteers and everyone who contributed in making Parkside a success.

Governing Board

Highlights of the January Governing Board meetings are posted on the bulleting board at school and in the Parent Information section of the ACES website. The next scheduled meeting is March 26th at 6:30pm. Any parent is welcome to attend and each meeting has an open question period.

ACES website <http://ayerscliff.etsb.qc.ca/>

General school information as well as the latest activity calendar, lunch calendar, and the Governing Board Highlights are always on the ACES website. Photos of school activities are there too!

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