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**December
2018**

SEASON OF JOY AND THANKSGIVING!

The sites and sounds of Christmas are certainly visible in the hallways of Aberdeen School. Students and staff are engaged in a multitude of events celebrating this festive season. Judging from the dress rehearsal our Christmas concert will be a huge success. Many staff members have had a hand in putting together the concert and we really appreciate their efforts.

Thank-you to our school community who we know will support the show and enjoy the great performance.

The SRC has been very busy planning and organizing festive activities. On Tuesday they served hot chocolate and cookies to the entire school and today they hosted a Gingerbread House decorating contest. Our Christmas events culminate with the Grade 7 to 12 banquet at the Community Hall on December 21st. Thank you to those parents who are supervising elementary students while the banquet is on. We also wish to extend a huge thank-you to all the families who will be contributing food and to Elma Wutzke who, once again, will lend a hand with the turkey preparation.

2018 has been an exciting year at our school. We have especially enjoyed watching your children learn and grow. We take joy in every student who attends Aberdeen School, as each one is a wonderful expression of intelligence, creativity and life. We are grateful for our caring and dedicated staff, who help to create a rich and positive environment and strive to make our "Learning for Life" initiative work for students. We are also thankful for the involvement and support of our parents, who nurture and guide our students. It is a great experience working with you and our School Community Council. We are also appreciative of the members of our School Board, our Senior Administration and Central Office staff, for they too, work to make a difference in the lives of children.

We would like to extend our wishes for a safe and happy holiday and look forward to 2019 and continued educational opportunities.

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Principal

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Vice-Principal



Dates to Remember
Dec. 20th K-6 Christmas Concert 1:30 & 7:00
Dec. 21 SRC Gr. 7 to 12 Christmas Banquet
Dec. 22nd to January 6th Inclusive Christmas Break
Jan. 23th, 24th, 25th & 28th Exams
Jan. 29th No School
Jan. 30th Semester 2 Begins
Feb. 4th to 8th Grade 12 Work Experience
Feb. 7th Elementary Musical The Lorax 1:30 and 7:00
Feb. 7th Gr. 9 to 12 Report Card Distribution
Feb. 18th to 22nd No School
Mar. 1st Grade 7 to 12 Winter Carnival
Mar. 6th Gr. 7 to 12 Ski Trip
March 15th K to 8 Report Card Distribution
March 19th & 20th Student Progress Meetings
March 22nd No School
March 28th SRC Fun Night

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT
BERNADETTE HAMOLINE**

We want to extend our appreciation to our valued bus driver Bernadette Hamoline who will be retiring on December 21st after 23 years of service. Bernadette has been an amazing employee and a fantastic driver. We will certainly be sad to see her leave and wish her a wonderful, happy and long retirement!



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT—A Major Contributor To Learning Success

An important focus of our school and our SCC is to promote family engagement. We strive to create opportunities to involve families in the school life of their children. Activities such as the recent grade 5 Science Fair and upcoming grade 11 Health Science Career Debate are wonderful examples of opportunities for families to become engaged in their child's learning program. Recently, our SCC sent a letter home to parents asking for suggestions regarding parent engagement. Please take a moment to complete this form and return it to the school. We welcome parents and guardians as partners in their child's education and your opinion matters.

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 6 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Main Gym

Thursday, December 20th

1:30 p.m. AND 7:00 p.m.

SCC Raffle Basket Tickets will be available for sale at the concert.



**FAREWELL TO OUR TEACHER
INTERN**

Aberdeen School would like to send a warm THANK YOU to Adam Grant who worked with Mr. Vedress in the Grade 8 class and with Elementary Phys Ed.

Good luck in the future as you pursue your teaching career.



Merry Christmas from the Aberdeen School Community Council

Laurie Beaulieu	Laura Laskowski	Bonnie Doige
Lana Pearson	Lori Hamoline	Jodi Levy
Krista Doering	Brandi Tomy	Maryann Rempel
Donna Duriez		Deane Martin Gray



SRC News



Christmas will soon be here and the SRC has been busy planning activities for the festive season.

Friday, December 14th was Dress Christmassy/Tacky Christmas Sweater Day. There were many Christmas sweaters, Santa hats and antlers in classrooms and the hallways.

On Monday, December 17th the SRC baked hundreds of cookies for Tuesday's Cookie/Hot Chocolate/Pyjama Day. Everyone was encouraged to wear their comfy pyjamas on Tuesday and were treated to cookies and hot chocolate.

Wednesday, December 19th was the high school gingerbread house building competition. Each colour group selected a team that they hoped would build the best gingerbread house. Some wonderful creations came out of this competition.

Every year the Grade 7 – 12 students look forward to the annual Christmas banquet to kick off the holiday season. This year was no exception. The annual banquet was held on Friday, December 21st, with a feast of perogies, turkey and all the trimmings. The meal was also enjoyed by all staff and some invited community guests. The left over food was delivered to members of the community.

The SRC would like to thank Mrs. Printz for her organization and preparation of the Christmas banquet. Once again we send a huge thank you to Elma Wutzke, whose assistance has been invaluable for many years.



Again this year the SRC has supported Aberdeen Christmas Miracles by collecting food items and toys, as well as presenting a cash donation. Thank you to all the families who have contributed to this special project.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
from
ABERDEEN COMPOSITE SCHOOL SRC
And ADVISORS Mrs. Wudrick, Mrs. Duriez and Ms. Werner***

YEARBOOK

It's hard to believe that Christmas holidays are almost upon us! The yearbook is well on its way but we still have a long way to go! The staff is showing lots of creativity and initiative and we are excited to see the progress from week to week. If you would like to order a yearbook for the 2018-2019 school year please contact the office. Yearbooks are \$35 each. Happy Holidays to you and your family!



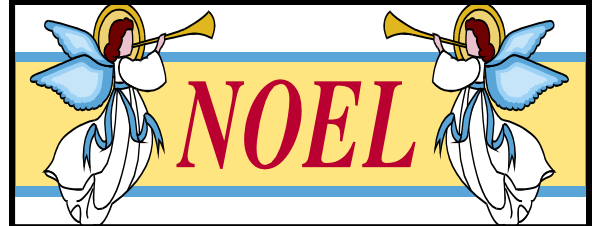
DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Please be sure your child is dressed for the weather each day. Students have recess in the morning and at lunch. Students need boots and snow pants in order to play in the snow. Also, please be sure your child is prepared for the cold days of winter and is wearing mittens and a toque. Thank you to the community members who have donated warm clothing to the school. We really appreciate your kindness!



REMINDER

Skates transported on the school bus must be in a cloth bag.



CRUSADER EXTRA CURRICULAR NEWS

CURLING

Curlers have been developing and improving their delivery techniques and are now working on their sweeping methods and styles before the Christmas break. Curling practices will resume in the new year on Tues/Wed/Thurs starting on Jan 8th.



BASKETBALL

Junior Girls Basketball

The Junior Girl's Basketball team has gotten things underway for the 2018/19 season. After a couple practices, the girl's will all have plenty of rest before coming back in the new year. The girl's will be looking to show off their skills with a few games starting in January.

Senior Boys Basketball

The Senior Boys basketball team is starting their push to playoffs! With tournaments planned for January and February, we're looking to be as competitive as possible with our large Grade 12 crew. Our home tournament is on Saturday, March 2nd - the last weekend before playoffs! Put it in your calendar to come cheer on our Crusaders!



WELCOME

Welcome to Megan Baker who will arrive from Deniliquin, NSW Australia to teach Grade 5 starting in January. We wish Ms. Telfer all the best on her year adventure of teaching in Australia.

Boh Voyage



Join us for the Aberdeen Library Christmas Party!

Wednesday 19th December
5:30 – 6:30

There will be stories, games, music and crafts – not to mention the delicious cookies!

AND.....SANTA will be visiting us! He will be telling the kids a fun story and be available for photos.

Why not join us for a turkey dinner at the ARC café. It will be on special between 5 – 8pm

SCHOOL BUS NON-OPERATION

The following is information regarding the non-operation of school buses in inclement weather:

Winter weather conditions which result in a combination of factors such as severely limited visibility, dangerously high wind chill values, or icy roads, may be seen as reasons for non-operation of the school buses. Specific conditions which meet or exceed the following criteria can be seen as reasons for non-operation of the school buses to schools in the division.

- A) Combined temperature and wind-chill factor of -40°C at 6:00 am.*
- B) Severely drifted or extremely icy roads.
- C) Limited visibility because of fog or blowing snow.

*These environmental conditions as announced by Environment Canada.

The decision not to run a bus **would be made by the bus driver**, who would immediately inform the school principal of the decision. The bus driver will also contact all families on his/her route to inform them that the bus will not be running. Buses that do not run at the regular time in the morning are not to run at all on that same day.

There is to be no early dismissal due to deteriorating weather conditions. If it is determined that the buses will not run at the regular dismissal time, previously arranged in-town billeting is to be used for bus students and families are to be notified of those arrangements.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ALL BUS STUDENTS HAVE AN IN-TOWN BILLET. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A BILLET!



Wishing each and every one of you a safe and joyful holiday season.

From the staff and students of the Aberdeen School,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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Grades 7-12

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SINGING
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SHORT NOTES

Put memory to work

Many card games build *working*, or short-term, memory. This kind of memory lets your youngster remember and use information he learned recently. Play Go Fish or Crazy Eights together. By keeping track of which cards have been played, your child will make better moves!

Taking the lead

You may have heard the phrase “a born leader.” But leadership skills, such as speaking up and taking initiative, can be learned. Encourage your youngster to practice during group projects. For example, she might suggest a way to divide up tasks or offer to give the introduction during the group’s class presentation.

Busy parents can volunteer

Whether you have a little time or a lot, you can pitch in at your child’s school. Ask teachers and PTO or PTA officers for ways to volunteer that fit your schedule. Maybe you’ll listen to students read for 20 minutes during your lunch break or compile families’ book catalog orders on the weekend.

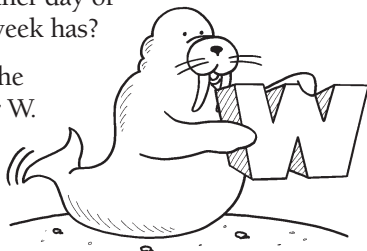
Worth quoting

“If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door.” *Milton Berle*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What does Wednesday have that no other day of the week has?

A: The letter W.



Smart discipline

Disciplining your child is all about guidance. You’re training her to follow rules and behave in an acceptable way—without your nagging or yelling. Consider these strategies to make discipline easier and more effective.

Stay positive

Rather than telling your youngster what she *can’t* do, try explaining what she *can* do. Instead of “Don’t shove your brother,” you might say, “Keep your hands to yourself, and politely ask Billy to move out of the way.” Giving your child clear instructions will inspire her to cooperate.

Watch body language

When you correct your youngster, speak face-to-face rather than calling to her from across the room or another part of the house. You could get down on her level, gently touch her shoulder, and speak softly. Sensing that you’re in control of yourself will keep her calm so she focuses on what you’re saying.



Be consistent

If your child breaks a rule, announce a consequence right away. This helps her see cause and effect. For example, if she eats in the living room and that’s not allowed, ask her to vacuum up the crumbs right away. *Tip:* Being consistent with consequences shows that you’re serious. If she knows you won’t change your mind, she’ll be better about sticking to the rules.♥

Engineering at play

Every time your youngster has fun on the playground swings, he has engineers to thank! Let him explore engineering for himself by constructing a play swing set.

He might use craft sticks for the frame, yarn for the chains, and cardboard for the seat.

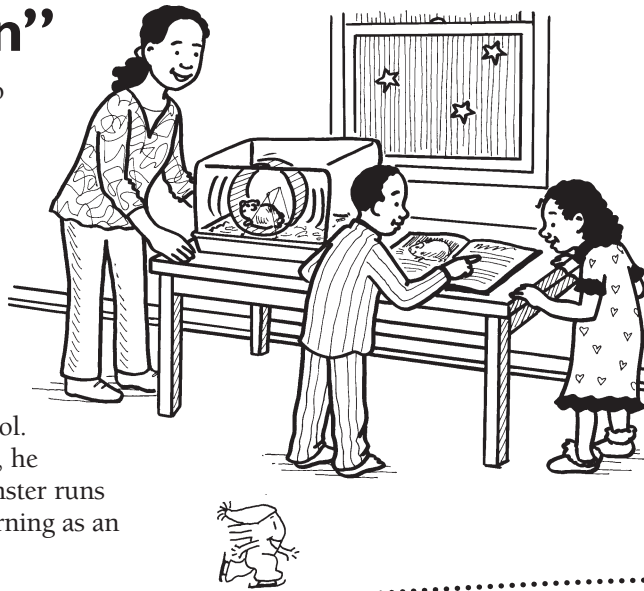
How could he make a swing that gives a longer “ride”? Suggest that he adjust the length of the “chains,” and then test it each time. He can set a timer for one minute, pull back the seat, and count the swings per minute. What does he notice? (The shorter the chains, the more swings per minute.)♥



“I love to learn”

Children devote more energy to learning when they're motivated. These ideas will boost your youngster's thirst for knowledge.

Show enthusiasm. Tell your child what you learn. (“I found out that about 90 percent of the world's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere!”) Also, ask him to teach you information he learns in school. If he's studying nocturnal animals, he might explain to you why his hamster runs on its wheel at night. He'll see learning as an



everyday activity for kids and grown-ups, and your attitude will be contagious.

Inspire curiosity. Express interest when your youngster poses questions. If he asks why we get the hiccups or whether owls really are wise, you could say, “That's a good question! Let's find out together.” Then, help him look up the topic in a library book or online. When you discover the answer, encourage him to share it with friends or relatives so they can learn more, too.♥

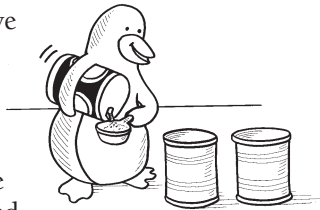


ACTIVITY CORNER

Frosty science

With this experiment, your child can see frost and learn why people sprinkle salt on icy sidewalks and roads.

How? Have your youngster rinse out two empty soup cans, remove the labels, and fill each halfway with ice. She should stir $\frac{1}{4}$ cup salt into just one can and set both cans aside.



What happens? After 10 minutes, she'll notice frost on the “salty can” and water on the other one.

Why? Salt lowers the melting point of the ice, so the can with salt got colder than the other can. When water in the air condensed onto the cans, it froze into frost on the one with salt. That's why salt is useful in winter—it melts snow and ice, making it safer to walk or drive.♥

Q & A

Grit: A family challenge

Q: My son wanted to learn to ice skate, but he changed his mind after he fell one time. How can I teach him not to give up when something is tough?

A: Children (and adults) may believe they should be able to easily do whatever they try right away. Understanding that setbacks are normal will help your son develop *grit*, or perseverance toward long-term goals.

Talk about times when you were successful even though you struggled at first. Maybe you were afraid to put your face in the water but you learned to swim by taking lessons and working hard to overcome your fear.

Then, consider having a “family grit challenge.” Each person can choose one thing to tackle that is hard for him and requires persistence, such as following a fitness routine or cutting back on screen time. Compare notes after a month, and then set your next goals!♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Making a difference

I wanted my daughter, Charlotte, to learn about the importance of helping our community.

While grocery shopping one day, we saw a sign announcing that each customer could pick a favorite charity for the store to support. I let Charlotte choose, and she decided on a non-profit that benefits kids with cancer. Now every time we buy groceries, she reminds me that we're helping sick children.

That led us to think of other ways kids can make a difference. Recently, we decided to bake brownies and take them to the fire station. I explained that this would show appreciation for the hard work that firefighters do.



Charlotte felt proud when the firefighters thanked her. I realized that the more ways we can find to serve our community, the more likely it will become a habit as she gets older.♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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