

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019 WHO CELEBRATE THEIR  
GRADUATION ON MAY 25TH.  
WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!**



**ABERDEEN COMPOSITE SCHOOL**

**May 2019**

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**Important  
Dates  
to Remember**

**Magnificent May**

Our May weather has begun to heat up and so have the activities at Aberdeen School as we are busy planning for the many functions that come at the end of a school year.

Our Graduation plans are nearing completion. We would like to thank our staff committee comprised of Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Wudrick, Mrs. Rapley, Mr. Maier and Mr. Cumming for their dedicated work in planning what hopes to be another wonderful celebration. Graduation will take place on May 25th. Our Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for June 7th in the afternoon. We are certainly looking forward to meeting our students and parents that are new to Aberdeen School.

At this time of year, students and teachers are always very involved in extra-curricular activities. Track and Field practices have occupied many after-school hours. Next Wednesday we will send 21 students to Dalmeny High School for the Conference Meet. We are hopeful that many will advance to the District level on May 31st. The track meet was initially planned to take place at the new Gordie Howe Sports Centre in Saskatoon, however the venue is not ready. Our **Grade 7 to 12 Spring Awards Ceremony is scheduled for June 21st at 10:00 am.** Parents are welcome to join us as we recognize students involved in extra-curricular activities.

Our Grade 3 to 8 students have been participating in **MaraFun**. They have been running after school and are training to participate in the Saskatchewan Marathon on May 26th. Thanks go out to our organizer Mrs. White and many other teachers and parents who have been involved in this activity. Parents are certainly welcome to come and cheer on our participants.

The school year may be winding down, but we have many big activities still to come. We would like to thank our staff who do an amazing job of planning and creating incredible opportunities for our students. We would also like to thank parents who continually support our school. Students, staff and parents make Aberdeen School a marvellous place to learn!

*Donna Duriez  
Deane Martin Gray*

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW  
PRINCIPAL**

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Amy Orth will be the principal of Aberdeen School commencing with the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Orth is presently the Vice-Principal at Lake Vista Elementary School in Martensville. Mrs. Duriez will be retiring and Mrs. Martin will continue in her role as the Vice-principal. We are still working on completing our staffing process. Final details will be provided in the June newsletter. Congratulations to Mrs. Orth. We know that you will love Aberdeen School!

**MY PRAIRIE SPIRIT  
CLASSROOM**

**and LEARNING FOR LIFE**

Every year Prairie Spirit School Division Senior Administration invite school teams to present a synopsis of their school's learning story. Last Friday, a group of teachers travelled to Warman to present on our school goals. We told the story of our focus on side-by-side learning and our staff's endeavors to make personal connections with our students where we use descriptive next steps feedback and reflective conversations. Our presentation was very well received and we were extremely proud to tell about our learning journey which has been amazing!



May 17th & May 20th  
No School

May 22nd  
Conference Track & Field  
At Dalmeny High School

May 24th  
Water Walk

May 25th  
Grade 12 Graduation

May 26th  
Marafun Runners  
participate in  
Sask Marathon

May 31st  
District Track & Field

June 5th  
Gr. 3-6 Track Day

June 7th  
Kindergarten Orientation  
1:30 pm

June 7th  
Canoe Trip

June 11th  
K-2 Play Day

June 14th  
Farewell Assembly  
1:00

June 20th to 26th  
Gr. 10 to 12 Exams

June 21st  
Gr. 7 to 12  
Extra Curricular Awards  
Ceremony 10:00 am

June 21st  
Gr. 3 to 6  
Pike Lake Field Trip

June 26th  
K to 9 Report Card  
Distribution

June 26th  
Last day of classes for  
K to 12

June 28th  
Gr. 10 to 12 Report Card  
Pick-up

June 28th  
School Closes for  
the summer

**SCC ANNUAL MEETING HUGE SUCCESS**

Our School Community Council held their annual meeting on May 7th. No election was needed, however we were extremely pleased to see more volunteers than ever offering to be a part of this great organization. We want to thank outgoing member Krista Doering who has completed a two year term. We also want to recognize our past chairperson, Bonnie Doige and thank her for her commitment to the SCC. Bonnie will continue as a member. Jodi Levy was nominated as the new chairperson and Laura Laskowski will continue on as secretary.

The SCC is a dynamic and active group who are focused on increasing parent engagement in our school. They have recently undertaken the group task of reading the book "Kids These Days" by Jody Carrington. They hope to use some of the information to further their goal of providing opportunities for parents to learn about healthy parenting and ways to support learning.

**The next SCC meeting is scheduled  
for September 9th at 5:30 pm.**

**KINDERGARTEN  
ORIENTATION  
JUNE 7th 1:30pm**



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE  
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019**

**Amethyst Ballantyne**

**Carter Brown**

**Von Joshua Caindoy**

**Joshua Collison**

**Kaden Danchuk**

**Logan Fleury**

**Liam Forsyth**

**Jacob Giesbrecht**

**Brett Holmes**

**Macaria Kamphorst**

**Nicolas Korpan**

**Raphael Martinez**

**Max McDonald**

**Junia Neufeld**

**Tia Primeau-Dombowsky**

**Nicholas Rance**

**Riley Rawn**

**Jaiden Schaffel**

**Levi Schimann**

**Justice Seeley**

**Kyrell Sopotyk**

**Jazlyn Thomas**

**Steven Trischuk**

**Tycen White**

**Tyson Wudrich**

**The Graduation Ceremonies will take place on  
Saturday, May 25th, 2019  
Exercises are at 7:30 pm in the Main Gym**



## LOST & FOUND

As the school year comes to an end please consider dropping by the school to check out the many items in our lost and found box. Also, encourage your children to check the lost & found regularly.



## Milk Sales Discontinued

Due to a decline in milk sales, we have decided to discontinue selling both chocolate and white milk. Thank you to those families who supported us over the past years. We are refunding any unused milk cards. Thank you.



Reading fun for kids,  
from Canada's  
public libraries

## Start building your Resume! The Aberdeen Library is now hiring 'Student Summer Reading Program Leaders'.

The Summer Student will be responsible for planning, leading, and implementing activities and experiences for children in a small group setting. They will also be responsible for the general safety of the participants in his/her group. This will be under the direction of the Librarian.

**Please bring your resume into the library.**

The Aberdeen Library supports the children in our community by offering a 3 day a week Summer Camp program throughout the full Summer holidays - Do you want to sponsor our community Summer Camp?



### Summer Employment Days and times:

Tuesday 9am – 1pm  
Wednesday 9am – 1pm  
Thursday 9am – 1pm



### Bottle Drive

On Thursday, May 16th, the Environmental Science class will be having a bottle drive. They will be going around Aberdeen and Vonda to collect bottles from the communities. This is to help fund their Environmental Science trip to Cypress Hills. Please gather up any bottles or cans around your house and them ready for Thursday between 3:00 and 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of this trip is to expand the minds of the youth by looking at real life examples of soil sampling, erosions and levels, as well as exploring wildlife and vegetation in the region and the overall different biome. We thank you for your time and cooperation!



Environmental Science 20 Class



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## Prairie Spirit School Division-Bus Garage News

The Prairie Spirit School Division-bus garage is moving to an automation process for informing families of school bus information for next year.

MyStop is a multipurpose application (phone app) that will not only allow you to view your child's school bus on route, it also allows notifications either automatically (your bus is running on time) or notices can be pushed (your route is cancelled today) to individual routes or division wide within seconds.

Next year the Bus Garage will no longer make phone calls to parents/families to advise of bus issues but instead, be using the MyStop phone app for notifying families of bus route conditions.

MyStop is free to use for all smart phones & android phones. Simply go to the App Store, search for "mystop" and download the app. It is available to download now. Once completed, you will need to contact your school for your log-in and password credentials. Once you have entered these, you are logged in permanently. Whenever you click on the MyStop icon on your phone, you will be logged in and able to view your bus location.

Remember to "allow push notification" when asked, when downloading the app. This will allow the push notification communication to pop up on your phone when the bus garage sends information.

Our bus information web page ([www.spiritsd.ca](http://www.spiritsd.ca)) and information hot line (306-683-2805) will continue to be operational.



Aberdeen Composite School  
June 2019 Exam Schedule

	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<u><b>Monday</b></u> <u><b>June 24th</b></u>			
<u><b>AM</b></u> <u><b>9:00 – 12:15</b></u>	<b>ELA B 10</b> Room 115	<b>All 20 Level Math</b> Room 111	<b>Physics 30</b> Room 111
<u><b>Tuesday</b></u> <u><b>June 25th</b></u>			
<u><b>AM</b></u> <u><b>9:00 – 12:15</b></u>	<b>Math 10</b> Room 111	<b>History 20</b> Room 117	<b>ELA B 30</b> Room 115
<u><b>Wednesday</b></u> <u><b>June 26th</b></u>			
<u><b>AM</b></u> <u><b>9:00 – 12:15</b></u>		<b>Computer Science 20</b> Lab A Room 112	<b>Biology 30</b> Room 120

Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day of classes for Grade 10, 11 & 12.

**\*\* Students are to bring texts to the exam to return to the subject teacher.**

**\*\* Students need to clean out their lockers and return all library books before their last exam.**

**\*\* Assigned study hall for Grades 10 to 12 is the Commons Area. Please use this area or leave the school (Gr. 10 -12 only) as regular classes continue for all other students at ACS.**

**\*\* Report card pick-up for Grade 10 to 12 is June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30 am.**

**Please be good citizens and respect other students by being quiet in hallways!**

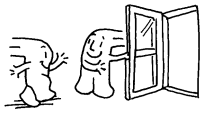
# Home & School

## Working Together for School Success

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#### SHORT NOTES

##### Being neighborly

Show your child how neighbors can depend on each other. If a package is delivered on a rainy day and the family isn't home, she could write a note saying she's holding it for them. Or if someone leaves headlights on, knock on their door together to let the person know.

##### Everyday research

Sharpen your youngster's research skills by challenging him to use them for practical purposes. Say he wants a pet or wonders why he needs to go to bed on time. Ask him to look into what being a pet owner would require or how sleep affects kids.

##### Growing up

As your child approaches puberty, she might compare herself to others. Explain that everyone develops at their own pace. The tallest person in her class right now may not be tallest in a few months. Good hygiene can boost confidence, so discuss routines like showering and using deodorant.

##### Worth quoting

"It's not what you look at that matters. It's what you see." *Henry David Thoreau*

#### JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** Why do bees hum?

**A:** Because they forget the words!



## Summer learning traditions

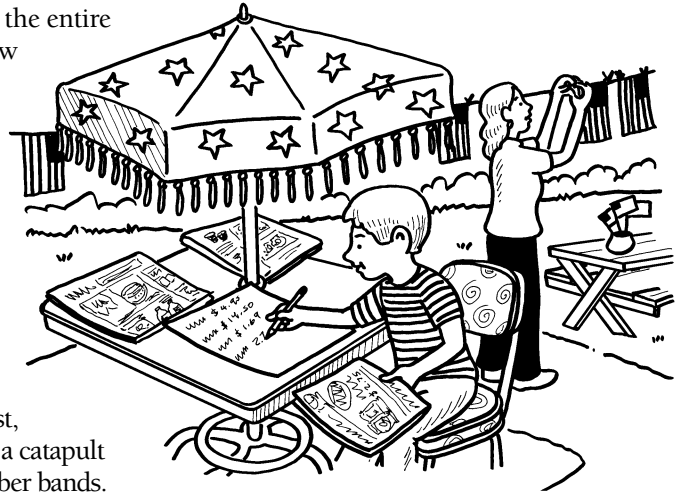
Your child has spent the entire school year learning new things. Help him hang onto that knowledge, and learn even more, by starting summer traditions like these.

##### STEM Olympics

Boost your youngster's STEM skills with a series of household engineering competitions. For the first contest, each person could build a catapult with craft sticks and rubber bands. See whose catapult can launch a ball the farthest. Next, maybe family members will compete to engineer a boat that carries the most pennies without sinking.

##### Family celebrations

Have your child use math to plan special events, such as an Independence Day cookout. Give him a budget, and let him look through grocery and dollar store flyers for the best prices on ingredients and supplies. He should list items and prices, and add up the total. Next, perhaps he'll host a National Ice Cream Day party



on July 21 or a back-to-school celebration the last weekend of summer break.

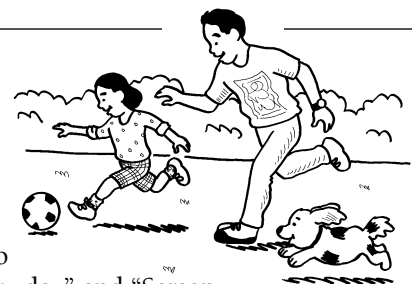
##### Reading pals

For a fun way to stay in touch—and practice reading—help your youngster find a relative to be his reading pal. Maybe he and his grandfather will take turns reading chapters of a novel via video chat. Or record a video of your youngster reading a book to send to a younger cousin. The little one can do the same to show her big cousin how she's learning to read.♥

#### Let's limit screen time

For a healthier body *and* mind, your youngster needs to fill her days with something other than screen time. Here's how to encourage physical activity and real-life interactions:

- Decide on a daily screen time limit that is right for your family. Then, create rules to enforce the limit, such as "Play outside every day" and "Screen time ends at least one hour before bedtime."
- Be a role model by putting away devices yourself. For example, avoid using your phone when you're talking to or playing with your youngster. Or turn off the TV, and announce that it's time for a walk together.♥



## Beyond please and thank you

Whether your child is at home, in public, or at someone else's house, using good manners shows respect for others. Consider these tips.

**Acknowledge visitors.** Explain how to welcome guests. If your youngster is playing a game and people visit, she should stop and chat.

### ACTIVITY CORNER

#### What's in the newspaper?

A newspaper brings plenty of learning opportunities to your youngster's doorstep. Take advantage of the paper with these activities.

#### Alphabet grab bag

Let your child cut out individual letters from headlines and use them to spell as many words as possible. He might also make sentences using uppercase and lowercase letters.

#### Comic relief

Your youngster can put events in a logical sequence with this idea. Cut out comic strip panels, mix them up, and ask him to arrange them in the right order. For a bigger challenge, mix up panels from several comic strips for him to sort and put in order.



#### Picture this

Have your child practice critical thinking. Cut out a newspaper photograph and show it to him without the caption or article. Can he figure out what the article is about? He could write a caption for the photo, then read the article to see if his caption makes sense. ♥

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

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Likewise, let her know to acknowledge when they leave by walking them to the door and saying goodbye.

#### Share public spaces.

When you use an escalator, you might say to your child, "We're standing on the right side. The left side is for walking." Or while waiting for the elevator, you could tell her, "Let's step back so people can get off before we get on."

#### Answer politely.

"Would you like pretzels or grapes?" When your child is offered options at someone else's home, she may think it's good manners to reply, "Either one." Point out that it's more helpful for the host if she says what she wants. ("I'd like grapes, thank you.") ♥

### Q & A

#### Musical experiences

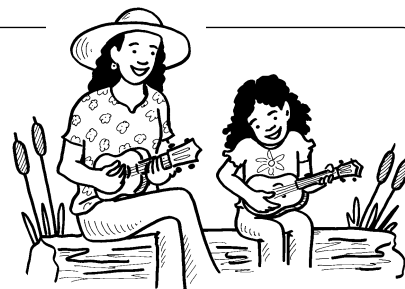
**Q:** My daughter loves music class in school. She said she'll miss it this summer. Any ideas for "music class" at home?

**A:** It's great that your child likes music. In addition to bringing lifelong enjoyment, music can improve math and language skills by helping her recognize patterns and build vocabulary.

Luckily, music is everywhere. Explore styles by listening to different radio stations in the car. Or let her ask your smart speaker to play everything from rock and jazz to classical and bluegrass. Encourage your daughter to discover favorite genres and songs and to sing and clap along.

If your community has a summer concert series, plan to attend a few shows together. She'll get to see and hear a variety of instruments—not only guitars and drums, but perhaps banjos, bagpipes, or accordions.

Also, check the parks and recreation department for low-cost music classes. Maybe she'll learn to read music, sing harmonies, or even play the ukulele. ♥



### PARENT TO PARENT

#### Appreciating teachers

During a recent PTA meeting, parents were brainstorming low-cost gift ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week May 6–10. I wanted my son Aiden to recognize what his teachers do for him, so I wrote down the suggestions for him to choose from.

My son decided to put candy, pencils, and sticky notes into a jar for his classroom teacher. On the pad's

top note, he wrote, "Thank you for teaching me to write!" Since his art teacher's favorite color is yellow, he's making her a yellow-themed goody bag with dollar store items—including highlighters with a note saying, "You shine bright!"

Aiden is enjoying putting together the gifts. He can't wait to hand them out and express his appreciation. ♥

