

# ABERDEEN COMPOSITE SCHOOL

*Monthly Newsletter*



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we head into the last few months of the school year, I can't help but be filled with optimism for what the future holds. This has been an unimaginably challenging year for students, staff and families alike. We are all missing the field trips, track meets and fun days that usually fill these last few months of the school year. That said, I think we can begin to see a light at the end of the tunnel and I feel optimism about a gradual return to "normal" next year.

Thank you for your continued efforts to support public health guidelines - together, we are getting through this.

Thank you for the feedback you recently provided regarding our family engagement work and overall communication. In response, we'll start sending a monthly newsletter again, but try to keep it concise.

We are hopeful that we can confirm our staffing in the next couple of weeks so that timetabling and course selection for high school students can begin.

My maternity leave will start on May 14th and Mrs. Martin/Mr. Cumming will take over as an admin team. Thanks to all of you who have sent along warm wishes, congratulations and especially to the kids who have offered baby names more appropriate than "Stapler"!

Mrs. Orth

## REUSABLE MASKS

Reusable masks, provided by the Province of Saskatchewan have been distributed to all students and staff.

## NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Please email [Aberdeen@spiritsd.ca](mailto:Aberdeen@spiritsd.ca) if you know of a Grade 7-12 ACS student who participates in meaningful activities outside of the school, which contribute to the improvement of Aberdeen and/or surrounding communities.



## STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM

We've been collaborating with our students and SCC to develop a renewed Awards Program. This year, we will be awarding 2 awards (one for Grade 7-9 and one for Grades 10-12) in each of the following areas:

- Leadership
- Grit (Perseverance and Improvement)
- Respect
- Collaboration
- Curiosity/Innovation
- Overall Crusader Award
- Athletic
- Arts
- Community Service

We appreciated generous donations of many individuals and local businesses, which are providing cash prizes for each of the awards above. In addition, we are grateful for the donations from the RM of Aberdeen and from Ryan Knutson at Custom Millwright Services for providing two additional Grade 12 Scholarships. Students can expect applications to be made available in the next couple of weeks.



### Covid Reflections

• The Aberdeen Regional Wheatland Library is presenting an essay/photo contest for all residents in and around Aberdeen.

Essay contest: entries need to be submitted by May 19.

Photo/artwork contest: entries need to be submitted by June 19. Prizes will be awarded to the top entry in each category.

Categories:  
2-5 years  
6-9 years  
10-13 years  
14-17 years  
18 and up

Write a story, poem, or article for the essay contest discussing the trials, supports, togetherness and experiences felt during the pandemic.

Use a photo/drawing or painting for the second contest.

All entries will be collected to create a book.



## ASSESSMENT UPDATE

We had a great turnout for our parent information night in late March. Many resources, including a copy of information shared, can be found on our assessment tab. Of note would be our school division's Administrative Policy related to Assessment (414). We continue to welcome your questions at any time.

### Outcomes Based Reporting

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a system that includes <i>outcomes</i> - specific things that students learn to know, understand or be able to do</li> <li>- a system where teachers are required to collect a variety of evidence that informs teachers' judgement about students' achievement towards those outcomes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a system with no grades</li> <li>- a system where there are no tests</li> <li>- a system where there is no responsibility for students</li> <li>- something SK schools can choose to do or not do</li> <li>- something recently implemented (curricula has been outcome based since 2010)</li> </ul>

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT ASSESSMENT?

CHECK OUT

[HTTPS://WWW.CONNECT2LEARNING.COM/PARENTCOURSE](https://www.connect2learning.com/parentcourse)

Funding is available through the school!