
AEMYS NEWSLETTER



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



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IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY

February is "I Love to Read Month"

Feb. 2- Groundhog Day

Feb. 8 – PAC Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Feb. 9 – Deadline for entries to Evergreen Festival of the Arts.

Feb. 10 – 7/8 Basketball Tournament in Eriksdale.

Feb. 11- Grade 5-8 going to MTS Centre to Watch Hockey game.

Feb. 12- Early Years Valentine Parties and Middle Years Dance in the P.M.

Feb. 12 – Report Cards sent home.

Feb. 14- Valentine's Day.

Feb. 15- Louis Riel Day – No classes.

Feb. 16 – Grade 5-6 going to Festival du Voyageur

Feb. 18 – Olympic Day.

Feb. 19 – P.D. Day – No classes.

Feb. 22- Early Dismissal @ 2:00 P..M.

Feb. 26 – Hot Dog Day.

Principal's Message

We have been experiencing colder weather the last couple of weeks and it is important that students are dressed warmly for the weather. Students go outside until the temperature reaches -27°C and it can be very uncomfortable outside for students that are not dressed properly.

Our year is now almost half finished and report cards will be sent home on February 12th. If you have any questions please contact your son/daughter's teacher. Now is the time to talk with teachers and work together to address any educational concerns.

February is "I Love to Read" month and we have a range of activities planned for students to participate in. Reading is the most important skill required to be successful today and we all become better readers through practice. AEMYS focuses on reading throughout the entire year, but this month allows us to celebrate our reading endeavors.

We are already beginning planning for the 2010/2011 school year and the School Board is busy setting the school division budget. Currently we have only 16 students registered for Kindergarten. If you know anyone who has a child born in 2005, please ask him or her to visit the school and register their child. Having early registration for Kindergarten allows us to have staff and materials in place for them in September.

Have a great February, and remember...

We love to read at AEMYS!!!!

NEWS FROM THE GYM

On February 18th, we are having an Olympic Day at school. The day will be a little different than what we are used to, just to fit in all of the activities. We will have a 15 minute recess in the morning at 10:30 a.m. At 11:15, we will begin the opening ceremonies in the gym. Each class has been designated a country, and has been asked to march in with country colours. Each class will also have a flag bearer, or two who will be carrying in their nation's flag. The classroom countries are as follows:

K – Canada – Red / White

½ - Martiennson – United States – Red/White/Blue

½ - Chwaliboga – Japan – Red and White

½ - Stoyanowski – Norway – Red/White/Blue

¾ - Stallard – Great Britain – Blue/White

¾ - Ellsworth – Italy – Red/White/Green

5/6 - Harding – Denmark – Red/White

5/6 – Skoropet – Germany – Black/Red/Yellow

5/6 – Bates – France – Red/ White/ Blue

7/8 – Truscott – China - Yellow/ Red

7/8 – Sparkes – Russia – Blue/Red/White

7/8 – Kicenko – Switzerland – Red/ White



We will also be having Torch Bearers, as Kaitlyn Spulnick will be bringing her torch to use for the ceremony. Torch bearers were chosen by random – one for each grade. The names are: 1 – Natasha English, 2 – Meagan Klym, 3 – Gwyneth Gegenfurtner, 4 – Bret Gregorash, 5 – Jill Sigurdson, 6 – Carter Jacobson, 7 – Byron Gard-Fuz, 8 – Tayler Rechik.

Lunch will be at 12:00 noon that day, and will run until 12:45. At 1:00, depending on the weather, we will be going out for activities all afternoon. Please be sure that your child dresses appropriately for the weather.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the school.

Also, the following is happening

Basketball tournament for all gr. 7 & 8 boys and girls basketball teams in Eriksdale on Wed., Feb. 10th.

Students from grades 5 - 8 who purchased hockey tickets to watch Team Belarus play Team Switzerland, will be going to the MTS Centre on Thurs. Feb. 11th. We are asking students to cheer for Team Switzerland and wear Red and White!

Thank-you,

Rachelle Burak

A pink rectangular graphic with a subtle grid pattern. In the center, the text "I Love to Read Month" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The text is centered both horizontally and vertically. There are faint, glowing heart shapes in the background, one above and one below the text, connected by thin vertical lines.

I Love to Read Month

February is I Love to Read Month. Some of the activities taking place at school will be:

- 1) Reading Olympics:
Early Years students will get a reading log to be kept at home for the month of February. Parents are asked to record the number of books read or time spent reading (can include home reading books from school). Reading can be done by the child or parent. At the end of the month students will be awarded gold, silver or bronze tickets based on the number of books read. These tickets will then be entered into a draw.

Middle Years will be asked to bring in Newspaper articles about the Olympics and share the articles with their classmates.
- 2) Buddy reading will take place between Early and Middle Years students throughout the month.
Middle Years students will be making coupons that will enable their Early Years partner to receive a story of their choice to be read by Middle Years students.
- 3) We will be having a BOOK SWAP BOX in the library where students can bring in a book they are finished with and exchange it for a book someone else has brought in. Bring a book to get a book!!
- 4) Feb. 16 will be Wear a Hat with Words day
- 5) Feb. 17 will be Wear a Shirt with Words day
- 6) Feb. 26 will be Pajama day for Early Years. Students can come to school in their pajamas, bring a favorite story book to share with the class and enjoy milk and cookies!

February 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Book Swap Week	9 Bring a Book	10 Get a Book	11 All Week is	12 Book Swap Week	13
14	15 Louis Riel Day	16 Wear a Hat with Words	17 Wear a T-shirt with Words	18 Olympic Day	19 PD Day	20
21	22	23	24 Return Reading log to school	25	26 Pajama Day	27
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28 Ways to Develop Literacy and a Love of Reading

1. Keep a wide variety of reading material on hand, including different types of books--"easy" books, picture books, reference books, comic books--catalogues and magazines.
2. Read to your child (even if she's old enough to read to herself). Snuggle up and make books feel good.
3. When you read to your child, read for periods of time that are comfortable for both of you. Build "listening stamina" if necessary.
4. Be enthusiastic and lively when you read to your child, even if you're reading the same book for the hundredth time !
5. Read, read, read ! Model a love of reading.
6. Make time to *read-just* for reading! Help your child do the same.
7. Let your child read to you or to other children. Make chore charts with pictures or words. Have a party and invite children to come as their favourite storybook characters.
8. Get your child a library card. Respect personal preferences. Allow your child to make choices about the books she wants to read (or have you read to her) .Resist making judgments about her selections because her interests are different from yours, or when she chooses a book you think is too "young" for her.
9. Take your child to readings or storytelling sessions at your library, place of worship, bookstores, or community centre. Go to book signings to meet favourite authors.
10. Encourage your child to participate in read-a-thons. Help with school book fairs.
11. Encourage your child to keep a private journal or diary (which no one else can read unless invited).
12. Encourage your child to write her own books or stories. Bind her stories and illustrations, or keep them in a notebook. (Many print or copy shops can laminate covers and provide different types of bindings.)
13. Point out letters and words on signs, buildings or packages. Ask your child to look for certain letters, words, shapes or colours when you're in the car together or in the supermarket.
14. Explain vocabulary as you read, rather than asking your child to look it up.
15. Read a book together and then watch it on video or go to a children's theatre production. (Or read the book after you see the play or video.)
16. Get books on tape for your child to listen to. Story tapes can entertain some children for fairly long stretches of time and can be particularly useful on long drives or in the supermarket, for example.
17. Be willing to abandon a book in the middle if your child doesn't like it.
18. Have each person in your family read the same book and then talk about it.
19. Have your child write letters to her favourite authors.
20. Encourage your child to tell stories to go with pictures or music, to make up a song to go with a certain story, to illustrate a story you read to her (or one she listens to on tape), or to act out a story after you've read it together.
21. Label things in the house, especially in her room.
22. Give books as gifts. Ask for books as gifts for yourself.
23. Let the books you read inspire fun follow-up activities. Look for more information about a particular place, event, topic, holiday or animal, for example, that you read about.
24. Build, cook or make something that was mentioned or described in the book.
25. Talk about the characters in your child's favourite books as if they were a part of your life (for example, as if they were in the car with you, going to school with your child or having dinner with your family).
26. Ask your child to imagine herself in situations she reads about, to describe how she would dress, feel or react in those situations.
27. Let your child respond emotionally to stories she's read.
28. Turn off the television from time to time. Restrict the number of hours your family watches TV.

EVERGREEN FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Our next Evergreen Festival of the arts will soon be here. The year's festival will run from April 19 to May 10, 2010.

This year's festival classes are as follows:

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| ➤ Piano | at Arborg | April 19-21 |
| ➤ Instrumental | at Gimli | April 23 |
| ➤ Speech | at Wpg. Beach | April 26-28 |
| ➤ Orff | at Riverton | April 29 |
| ➤ Vocal/Choral | at Gimli | May 3-5 |
| ➤ Hi-Lites Concert | at Gimli | May 10 |



Entry deadline for the festival is February 9, 2010. If you require further information please call the school.

Arborg Early Middle Years School PAC Meeting January 11, 2010 7:00 p.m. at AEMYS

Present: Brad Harding, Karen Jenks, Judy Nichol, Ms. Green, Tanya Stogrin, Joe Stogrin, Art Kornelson

1. Karen called meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. Judy Nichol adopted the minutes.
3. Old Business
 - a. Presentation for Parents – Inwood School reminder Feb 16th – The invitation was in the January school newsletter to advise parents of the presentation.
 - b. Babysitting by Leadership – We will have babysitting in place for our February meeting as it was too short notice for the January meeting. A message will be put in the February newsletter to advise parents that babysitting will be available.
 - c. Forms for cementing the tetherballs in the playground – 4 yards of cement is needed per 12' form and the playground has 6 tetherballs. Judy Nichol has 12' and 16' forms that we can borrow to do the cement. When we cement the tetherballs we should look into putting some asphalt on the North side of the school where the kids follow a 10' to 15' trail out to the playground and then disperse from there.
4. New Business

There was no new business.
5. Principals Report

- a. 2010-2011 School Division Budget – Do not anticipate any big provincial increases. Assume the Board will try to maintain what is currently in place.
- b. Report Cards to go home on February 12th.
- c. We are anticipating a small Kindergarten class for the 10/11 school year. With 32 students moving to the High School and 30 students entering grade 1 we should be able to maintain our grade 1-8 programming.

Grade	Sept 10/11	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total K-8
Total Enrollment	16	30	26	40	38	33	32	30	35	32	296

- d. PAC Raffle Draw - \$1093.10 Account total \$3530.57.
- e. CUPE – received a \$50.00 donation from CUPE union to be used for fundraiser item. Have put it in our Christmas Raffle account to purchase item for next year’s basket sale.
- f. Balanced School Day – now in the process of surveying staff and students. Surveys will be home to parents in the next week or two. This information will be shared with the School Board and used to determine if we maintain this schedule for the 10/11 school year and beyond.
- g. Sustainability Symposium – The division Sustainability Committee is planning an event for students in grades 4, 6, 8. They are asking for each school to donate \$200.00 to help support the event. Would PAC be interested in donating the \$200.00?

The PAC agreed to donate the \$200.00 towards the Sustainability Symposium that will happen in the spring of 2010. The Sustainability Symposium will have the main theme of water. The intention is to give each child that participates in the symposium a water bottle to keep so that they learn about the impact we have on the environment.

Brad advised that the composting is going great. The school has purchased an additional compost. The long term plan is to get a greenhouse and use the compost in the flower gardens.

6. Correspondence

- a. News from the Board
- b. Call for Nominations for Humanitarian Awards from the Manitoba Teachers Society.

- 7. Next Meeting is at 7pm on Monday, February 8th in the staff room at AEMYS.
- 8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.