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January 2024 Newsletter

Message from Ms. Farquhar:

As we welcome a new calendar year at Arthur Stevenson, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for all your support throughout 2023. We are fortunate to have families who work with the school as a team. The most recent evidence of that teamwork was the shared enjoyment and participation by our school community with our Winter concert series this year. Thank you to all who supported our PAC Raffle Baskets. The funds they raised provide a lot of "extras" for our students. The staff and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with all your loved ones and that your time with them was filled with love, laughter, and joy.

We enjoyed welcoming your children back today after a refreshing break! The new year will bring more field trips such as skating for students to enjoy. The basketball season is set to begin with many practices starting right away. January is also an important time for teachers and their collection of assessments of student learning. As a school we will continue to focus on what it means for students to feel connected to school. This month, we will begin to survey grades 4-7 about their sense of belonging at school. This information will help staff learn ways in which we can enhance this aspect of well-being with our students. More details to come!

With gratitude,

Your Proud Principal,
Kirsten Farquhar (she/her)



Arthur Stevenson Elementary School – You Belong Here!



Winter Weather:

Winter is officially here, please send your students with adequate outerwear. Students are encouraged to be outside for recess and lunch. We will keep an eye on the temperature and adjust our outside time (come in early or have an inside day) if it gets too cold. -15 is our approx. threshold for adjusting outside times.

Parking update:

The staff and students thank all parents who park in the designated parent parking areas along Soldier Road and the side of Bank Road that is opposite to the school. I should also let parents know that some staff have shifts that start and end closer to the bells and are often unable to access our staff parking lot in the morning or cannot leave at the end of their shifts due to cars blocking the entrance of our staff parking lot during pick up and drop off times. Some staff have other commitments after school, such as other jobs in the case of CEAs and TTOCs. We ask that you use the parent parking areas as noted above.

We also want to share that a few of our neighbours on Settlement Rd have noted cars making U-turns near Gilbert while students are walking too and from school.

Food Drive Competition!

This year's Food Drive was a huge success with well over 1000 items donated to the Salvation Army. Ms. Zelisko's students were especially generous, and they won the class pizza party! Well done ASES!

School Fees:

This is a reminder to parents that school fees are now past due! Please contact the office or your classroom teacher if you require assistance with fees.

Lost & Found:

This is a reminder to label your child's personal belongings so we can get them back to their rightful owners. The lost and found is still overflowing, please stop by and take a look!

Items not picked up by January 11th will be donated to local charities.

Basketball:

It's almost time for the best season of the year - basketball season! This year we will have Mr. Bregoliss coaching the Tier 1 boys competitive team and Ms. Hawkings coaching the Tier 1 girls competitive team. League games will start the week of January 22nd. Boys will play games on Tuesdays and girls will play on Thursdays. The practice schedule for both teams will be posted outside the gym doors in the New Year.

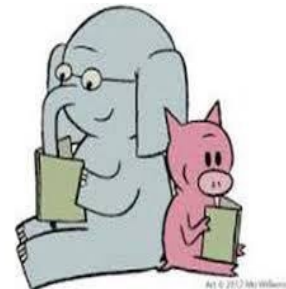
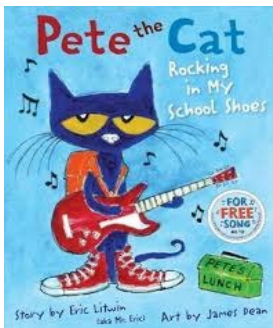
P.A.C. – Parent Advisory Council:

The next P.A.C. meeting will be held on Monday meeting is on Monday January 8, 2024 at 6:30 in the Library. in the library. All parents are encouraged and welcome to come!

Hot Lunch Orders:

If your student is away and you would like to pick-up their hot lunch, please email the PAC at arthurstevenson.pac@gmail.com or you can call the school.

ASES Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week Activities January 22nd - January 26th, 2024



Literacy Week:

We are excited for the January 22nd to 26th Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week! Classes will be doing a variety of activities to engage in and celebrate literacy learning. Completed Unplug and Play forms are due back by Jan. 29th and will be entered into a draw for prizes.

Monday, January 22: Bookmarks!

Make a bookmark and keep it, exchange it, or leave it in the library!

Tuesday, January 23: Read my Shirt/Wear a Word

Wear a shirt that has words appropriate for school. If you don't have a shirt with words, you can write your own words on a piece of paper and tape it to your shirt.

Wednesday, January 24: Hats off to Reading

Students are invited to wear a hat.

Thursday, January 25: Reading Rocks! Wear Some Fun and Funky Socks!

Students wear funky socks to school in celebration of Literacy Week reading.

Friday, January 26: Dance on the Spot!

When the music plays throughout the day, everyone gets up and dances!

Other Upcoming Events / Dates :

Fri, Feb 2 – Pro-D Day – School Closed

Mon, Feb 19– Family Day – School Closed

