

LINKS

A Newsletter for Families and Friends

Aspen Heights Elementary School

January 9, 2017

January 9 Resume Classes
Kindergarten Registration
January 16 School Council 3:30 PM
January 20 Staff Learning Day
January 27 Assembly AM



February 13 School Council 3:30PM
February 14 Ski Loppet
February 17 Staff Learning Day/
Staff Town Hall
February 20 Family Day
February 21-22 Winter Break (No School)
Feb 23-24 Teacher's Convention (No School)
February 28 District Ski Loppet (Alternate)

March 13 School Council 3:30 PM
March 17 Report Cards Sent Home
Assembly PM
March 21 Talent Show
March 23 Parent Teacher Conference
1:00-8:00 PM
March 24 District PD Day
March 27- 31 Spring Break



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome Back! Happy New Year!

Happy New Year and all the best in 2017!!

I hope everyone had a great winter break and your children are ready to be back at school.

January is a perfect opportunity for you and your child to set some goals for the remainder of the school year. It is important to remember that our children have the ability to learn anything and that real learning comes from challenges and hard work. When setting goals with your child, the goal should be specific and that your child is able to measure their goal. They should also write their goal down and post it in a place where they can see it everyday. It is also important to remember that it is okay to support your child when they are working towards achieving their goal. Remind your child that everyone makes mistakes while they are trying to achieve their goal and that they learn from their mistakes and to keep trying to succeed. As Thomas Edison said, "I haven't failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

I would like to welcome Mrs. Amanda Williams back to our school. Mrs. Williams taught in the grade 2/3 classroom last year. She will be teaching grade 2 in the mornings. Mrs. McDavid will be teaching mornings and afternoons in the grade 3 room. Mrs. Neilson will be the acting vice principal for the remainder of the school year. She will continue to serve as our literacy coach in the mornings.

Let's continue to work together to make 2017 a successful year.

PARENTS, HELP US PLEASE!

Whenever your child will be late, or will be absent from school, PLEASE, PLEASE leave a message on our Safe Arrival Line at **(403) 346-6543**. If we are not notified, our secretary must then phone the home of each student in order to confirm the absence, so that we can be rest assured your child is safe. This task can be very arduous whenever we experience days with a high volume of absences. This process is very time consuming for our Safe Arrival Line secretary, Mrs. Wagar. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Once again, the number for the Safe Arrival line is **(403) 346-6543**. Thanks!

Braden Kilpatrick



Safe Arrival Line

Please remember to call the attendance line at **346-6543** when your child will be late or absent. There is 24-hour voice mail.

Thank you.



Library News....

The Aspen Heights Book Fair was a great success! We sold **\$2,336.70** worth of books which gives us a total of **\$1,109.60** in free books for our school. Hats off to all the students, parents, grandparents and school staff that supported this wonderful fund raiser.

A very special thank you to Raelene Murray and her family for hard work throughout the book fair. What a great group of students, parents & staff we have here.

Accayla Wolfe was the lucky winner of \$25.00 worth of free books and her teacher Mr. Rand also received \$25.00 worth of free books for her classroom. Twenty children won posters.

Guess how many pages were in the jar was won by Alysha Smith in Grade 3.



Bake/Silent Auction Sale

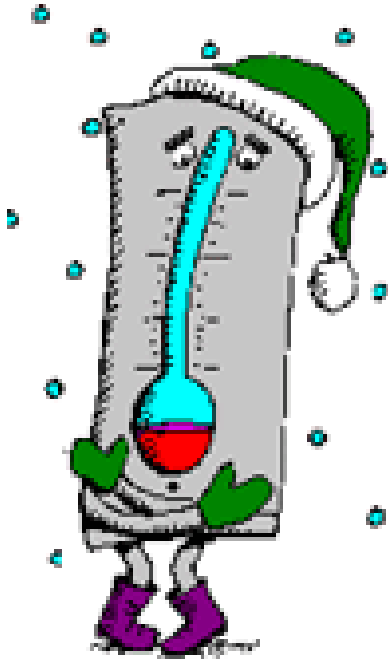
This year's bake and silent auction sale was once again a huge success, \$1,049.00 was raised. Thank you to everyone who brought in baking and everyone who bought or donated goods for the bake sale and silent auction. Thank you to Sara Lanaway, Jamie Seiyama and Amanda Amero for organizing this event.



Skating Season is upon us.....

Please note skating season is upon us and all classes will be skating for their P.E. classes (weather permitting). It is mandatory that all children have helmets on while skating. We have purchased additional helmets and there are a sufficient number for each Physical Education class. Any skating helmets brought from home must be CSA approved, and designed specifically for ice skating.





Students Must Dress Appropriately for the Weather

The colder temperatures are with us. Please ensure that your children dress properly for the outdoor recesses. Fresh air and outdoor activity are very important even during winter months. Our students will stay inside only if the temperature (with the wind chill), is -20 degrees Celsius or lower.

Thank you for your help.



Bylaw #3186/97 from the City of Red Deer - Alleys

- (1) No person shall park a vehicle in an alley, unless a sign permits parking, but alleys may be used for:
 - a) the loading or unloading of goods from a commercial vehicle for a period not exceeding 30 minutes; or
 - b) the loading or unloading of goods or passengers from vehicles other than a commercial vehicle for a period not exceeding 5 minutes, provided that the vehicle concerned in such loading or unloading of passengers or goods does not obstruct the alley as to prevent other vehicles or persons from passing along such lane.



THANK YOU!!!

A sincere thanks to **Aspen Heights MicroSociety** for their kind donation of a Christmas tree, stand and all the trimmings. For every food item brought in for the food bank or toy for the Christmas Bureau, a ticket was given to enter the draw of the Christmas tree and accessories.

Thank you to everyone who brought food and/or cash donations for the food bank.

Our lucky winner of the tree was **Emma Bain** from Mr. Bailes class.

The raffle for the VIP concert package raised \$113.00 for The Mustard Seed. Carla Hemmans was the lucky winner of the VIP package, which included priority parking and front row seating at the concert. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.