

# Anne McClymont Elementary SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



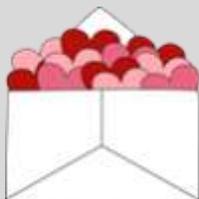
## FEBRUARY 2018



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### IMPORTANT DATES

P/T Conferences &  
12:30 early dismissal..... Feb. 8 & 9  
Family Day.....Feb. 12  
Harmony Day.....Feb. 21  
ELFF Night.....Feb. 21  
Professional Dev Day.....Feb. 23  
Spring Break.....March 17-April 2  
Good Friday.....March 30  
Easter Monday.....April 2



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### Principal's Message...

January was a fun filled month with many activities. Our Gr. 4/5 tennis team, under the guidance of **Mrs. Jurome** and **Mrs. Sawatzky** has been practicing and playing against other schools twice a week. They will be having their celebration tournament jamboree on February 6th. Our Gr. 6 basketball teams are underway with **Mrs. Kroschinsky** coaching the boys (practicing Mondays), and **Mrs. Petersen** and **Mrs. Chow** coaching the girls (practicing Wednesdays). They begin games this week and will continue until the first week of March. Check the AME website calendar for all of the game dates and times. **Mrs. Umeris** has been leading the Gr. 3-6 Battle of the Books groups in the library during lunch hours. They will be competing to represent our school at the District Battle of the Books competition later in the year.

It looks like February will be another busy month at AME. New student/ Kindergarten registration kicks off on February 5th (details on page 2). Our Early Learning For Families Night (ELFF) takes place on February 21st (see page 7 for more details).

Also coming in February (February 13, 14, 15, 16 & 20), is our Artist in Residence, **Bobby Bovenzi**, who will be conducting Drumming Workshops with each class, culminating with a Chinese New Year Drumming Celebration!

Sincerely,  
Mr. B. Ibbetson,  
Principal

### **NEED TO PAY FOR A FIELD TRIP? IT'S SAFE, SECURE AND SO EASY!**

Teachers no longer collect cash and/or cheque payment for field trips.  
**Please register and pay for your field trips on the School District's SECURE site: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com>**  
For convenience, there is also a link on our school website.  
For those who do not have computer access, come to the office to make arrangements for payment. Thank you.

## 2018-2019 Registration

On-line registration for all **NEW** grade 1 – 6 students, and new kindergarten students begins at **7:00 a.m. on Monday, February 5, 2018** and runs through to Friday, March 16, 2018. Registration will take place “on-line”, so there is no need for families to line up in the wee hours of the morning! The on-line registration link can be found on the School District 23 website: [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca) (as of 7:00 a.m. on February 6th). If you do not have internet access you can come to the school (during regular office hours), to complete your on-line application with assistance.

Note: **There will be no paper registrations**. You are required to have a valid email account.

Applications are received on a 1st come, 1st served basis. To maintain your priority order, complete the on-line application as early as possible, and provide the required documents below **directly to the school office** either in person or by email. (***We strongly encourage parents to deal with providing the back up documentation as soon as possible, however you have until 3:00 p.m. March 16, 2018.***)

Required documentation:

1. Child's **birth certificate** (or other government issued proof of age and citizenship, i.e. passport, citizenship card).
2. **Proof of parental B.C. residency** (copy of one parent/guardian **B.C. driver's license** and their **B.C. care card**). Consult with school for alternative acceptable documentation.
3. **Proof of address** (utility bill, property tax notice, resident ownership or lease/rental agreement)

Note: Students going into Gr. 7 at OKM from our Gr. 6 program do not need to apply at OKM. Students already attending AME do not need to re-apply to attend AME next year.

Further details can be found on the school website: [www.ame.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.ame.sd23.bc.ca) under **Publications**, “2018-2019 Registration”.



## Harmony Day

February is a month dedicated to togetherness! February 21st has been officially declared as Harmony Day in Kelowna, an initiative from SD23! This recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world and this special day provides an annual opportunity for our SD23 community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect. It is an opportunity to commit to our District values of respect, responsibility, honesty, empathy, and fairness.



The goal of Harmony Day is to promote a racism-free working, learning, and living environment that supports human rights. Students are encouraged to wear their Harmony Day t-shirt or their colored AME t-shirt.

## Schedule Changes

A reminder that **students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. on February 8 & 9** for Term Two Parent-Teacher Conferences. It is recommended that students bring a substantial snack for their nutrition break on these days. There will be no lunch break.

Also, **Monday, February 12, 2018** is Family Day in B.C. and **Friday, February 23** is a Teacher Professional Development Day. School is not in session on either of these days for students.

## Health and Safety

### Warm and Dry

Students spend over an hour outside each day before and after class, at lunch time and during Daily Physical Activity breaks. It is very important that they are dressed to stay warm and dry in rain or snow. Parents are asked to ensure that their children leave home appropriately dressed for Canadian winter weather.

**It is also a good idea for each student to keep a change of clothes at school.** Parents can be saved an unnecessary call from the school in winter weather in the event that their children get wet. Socks, a shirt and a pair of pants take up little space in a locker, but can make a difference on a wet day.



### Traffic & Parking

We absolutely appreciate our parent volunteers, however, due to lack of parking space at our elementary site, we ask volunteers to utilize street parking along Eldorado, Knowles or Sherwood Road when volunteering at the school. With student teachers, noon-hour supervisors and custodians, there have been times when there hasn't been enough parking space for our staff. Also, only those vehicles with Handicapped designation should be parking in the Handicapped parking stalls. Thank you for your cooperation.

Drivers, please obey the signage in the emergency lane, running parallel to Lakeshore Road. Please keep the traffic flowing in this lane during drop off/pick up times. **Private vehicles are not permitted in the front bus loop at any time.** This area is restricted for buses and delivery vehicles only.

### After-School Arrangements

Please ensure that your child's **after-school arrangements and play-date plans are made at home, before your children come to school.**

Valuable instruction time is lost with students needing to use the telephone to get clarification about after-school plans. It is a good idea to get in the habit of noting after school plans in your child's agenda, if they don't follow the same daily routine throughout the week.

**Note: *Bus students are not allowed to take non-registered riders home on the bus. These seats are reserved for eligible riders only, and each bus has an individual rider manifest.***



### Caring for Our School

Our campaign to keep our school grounds litter-free continues through the winter. We appreciate students' efforts to put litter and recycling in the bins provided. Each week, two classes take a turn collecting litter. Here is the **Litter Team Class** schedule for the month ahead:

#### Week of:

Feb. 5

Feb. 12

Feb. 19

Feb. 26

#### Litter Team Classes

Gerszke/Casorso/Miller

Albrecht/Rutter/Bauer

Bury/Jurome/McCrary/Petersen/Kroschinsky

Lloyd/Cooper/Greenberg



## HEALTH & SAFETY



### **Heads Up! A Reminder: Regularly Check for Head Lice**

We ask parents to carefully check their child's hair and scalp on a routine basis for both lice and nits/eggs. While lice is not a serious health issue, management and eradication of lice can be a stressful and time intensive experience for children and families.

Routine head checks at home help to minimize the spread of head lice at school. During this school year we have had a few cases at both school sites, and although we are doing our part at school to clean, disinfect and launder, we are asking parents to do their part at home so we can stop the cycle.

**If you discover your child has head lice, please notify the school office with a courtesy call.**

Please follow the steps below to check for head lice:

Step 1: Find a comfortable well-lit spot.

Step 2: Check the hair from the scalp to the end of the hair strand. First, look at the hair at the back of the neck, behind the ears and above the forehead. Then check the rest of the head.

Step 3: You are looking for both live lice and/or eggs. Nits (eggs) are attached to hair close to the scalp. They appear white to light brown in color and may be confused with dandruff. Nits, however, are firmly attached to the hair and do not move unless you slide them down the hair strand.

Step 4: If you find a louse or nit, check ALL household members.

Step 5: If your child has head lice or nits please treat your child, and advise the school office immediately.

Start treatment only if lice or nits are present. Do not treat if they are not present, as treatment has no preventative effect.

Children with head lice should be kept at home while being treated. They should return to school once they have been treated, and the infestation has been completely removed, and no lice or nits (eggs) are present.

### **Important e-Mail Outs!**

The website for PAC is [www.ame.hotlunches.net](http://www.ame.hotlunches.net) This website is the main PAC website and is used for all PAC initiatives and activities including the hot lunch program, PAC E-Memos, ticket sales, and notices. When you notice an email in your inbox from this website, please take the time to open and read it – it's not just for hot lunch anymore!

Even if you do not wish to have your child receive hot lunch, we encourage all families to register in order to receive PAC communications.

Please be aware that this site is run by AME PAC, not run by the school.

If you have any questions, issues with your account, or require assistance, please email:

**[amehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:amehotlunch@gmail.com) (hot lunch inquiries) OR [amepac2017@gmail.com](mailto:amepac2017@gmail.com) (general inquiries)**

***Note: This site is not to be confused with <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com>, the School's on-line payment site, where you need to register in order to pay for the school fees (at the start of the school year), field trips, etc.***

**READ 2018 PJ DAY!**

On January 9th we had **READ 2018/PJ Day!** Students came in their cozy PJs and even brought a stuffy to join them for the day. Students waited for the surprise announcement to drop everything and read. Everyone in the school read for 25 minutes! This is a great tradition at AME to ring in the new year together!



AME students enjoy reading!



Immersed in a good book!



Mrs. Chow and her Gr. 1 students share a book.



Library Assistant, Mrs. Howe (left) and Teacher/Librarian, Mrs. Umeris (right) share in DEAR Day.



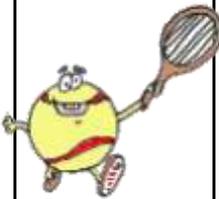
Students cozy up to their favorite story.





# February 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>ABSENTEE/LATE CALL IN:</b> <b>250-870-5133</b> <b>Press '1'</b> <b>Please call prior to 8:45 a.m.</b>			Check the AME website calendar for Basketball practice & game dates & times. 	1 Lunch Option: Dominos Pizza & Tru Yogurt	2	3 
4	5 	6 Lunch Option: Subway  Gr. 4/5 Tennis Jamboree @ Global (am)	7 Gr. 6 (New Gr. 7) Parent Evening at OKM (6 pm)	8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>P/T Conferences -              Early dismissal at 12:30</b> </div> Bring a BIG snack— No hot lunch option today	9	10 
11	12 BC Family Day (school is not in session) 	13 Lunch Option: Chicken Fingers and Tortellini	14 HAPPY VALENTINES DAY 	15 Lunch Option: Jugo Juice	16	17
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>Artist In Residence, Bobby Bovenzi—Drumming Gr. 2-6</b> </div>						
18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>Feb. 19 &amp; 20 (am)              Gr. 4-6              Inuit Games</b> </div> 	19 Gr. 3 and 3/4 classes a.m. field trip  PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.	20 Lunch Option: Chicken strips & Sushi  Bobby Bovenzi Drumming @ primary site	21 HARMONY DAY <i>AME Family Grouping Activity (pm) - Wear your shirt!</i>  ELFF Night	22 Lunch Option: Dominos Pizza & Tru Yogurt	23 PRO DAY (school is not in session) 	24
25 	26 	27 Lunch Option: Fat Burger & Tru Yogurt   Do Bugs Need Drugs (Penner)	28 Cultural Performance (pm): <b>Monster's Theatre "Shakespeare's Dream"</b>  Big White After School Program			

You and your family are invited  
**to join us for...**



ELFF

(Early Learning for Families)

at

Anne McClymont Elementary School

On Wednesday, February 21, 2018

*Dinner 5:00-5:30p.m. Session 5:30-6:30p.m.*

Brought to you by Central Okanagan School District  
and the Ministry of Education *Ready, Set, Learn* Program

**We will...**

- Eat supper together
- Learn together while the children are at play centers with teachers
- Play together with our children
- **Give you a "goodie bag" for home**

ELFF is a program for parents of 3 - 5 year old children (who are not already in Kindergarten), designed to build connections between home and school, to learn more about the importance of Social Emotional learning, and to ensure a safe and positive transition from home to **school. When parents are involved in their children's education, their children do better.**

ELFF is free of charge for your family. Pizza dinner will be provided.

To register, please call the school: 250-870-5133, ext. 3050  
(deadline is Monday, February 19th, 2018)

