

# Anne McClymont Elementary SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**NOVEMBER  
2017**



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## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 3..... Non-instructional Day  
(no school for students)

Nov. 10.....Remembrance Day  
Assembly

Nov. 13.....School is not in session  
In honor of Remembrance Day

Mark your calendars!

Dec. 14 .....Kgn. — Gr. 1  
Christmas Concert

Dec. 12 .....Gr. 2-3 &  
Gr. 3/4 class  
Christmas Concert



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## A.M.E. Remembers

An assembly of Remembrance will be held in the elementary gym beginning at 10:00 a.m. on **Friday, Nov. 10th**. Seating will be limited, but parents are welcome to attend. Students enrolled in Scouting, Cadets, Guiding, Peacekeepers, or other youth service associations are encouraged to wear their uniforms for the assembly. Each student will be given a poppy to wear. Coin donations to the Poppy Fund support community programs for veterans, seniors and youth. These donations should be brought to school on Nov. 10th.

### Schools will be closed on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

in honor of Remembrance Day.

Sincerely,

Mr. B. Ibbetson,

Principal



## MONTH OF GRATITUDE...

Our Gratitude Assembly and activity held on October 25th was a great success. AME donated 2,300 pounds of food to the Kelowna Food Bank.

Students were divided into their multi age family groupings taking part in a gratitude lesson and decorating leaves to show what they are thankful for, especially mentioning the many fire fighters that helped fight fires in BC this past summer. I encourage you to ask your son/grandson or daughter/granddaughter about the activity and ask them what they are thankful for.

Our Glee Club, led by **Ms. Tisher**, sang along with and signed the song "Grateful" by **Hezekiah Walker**. Check out the video posted on our school website.



### Generous Support from our PAC



A GIGANTIC thank you goes to our Parent Advisory Council, who work very hard to ensure that our students have many opportunities and resources throughout the school year. We are so grateful for this additional level of support for our varied programs. Some of the activities/items PAC has funded include field trips, the new playground, and Drama and Gymnastics workshops, just to name a few. To all of our parents – you are the BEST!

### SPORTS REPORTS

**AME Half Marathon Club** - A list of the students and sponsors who met the goal of 21 km will appear in the next newsletter. Certificates will be presented later.

**Gr. 6 Volleyball** - Students have been keeping active during the volleyball season, playing after school games against local teams.



### Christmas is Coming!



Ho! Ho! Ho! Mark your calendars for the AME Christmas Concerts being held in the gym at 12:30 on the afternoons of Dec. 14 (K & Gr. 1) and Dec. 12 (Gr. 2, 3 and Gr. 3/4 class).

Stay tuned for further details coming soon regarding our concerts and our annual Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Drive!!

### SUPERVISION

A reminder that supervision begins daily at both school sites at 8:10 am.

For safety reasons, **please do not drop your children off before 8:10 am.**

Supervision after school runs until 2:45 pm. Again, for safety reasons, **please ensure your children are picked up by 2:45 p.m.**



### Code of Conduct

Every community needs rules. Ours are outlined in our Code of Conduct. These rules have been designed by teachers, parents and students to help create a climate of cooperation, academic excellence, respect and safety. This environment allows the maximum opportunity to learn and to succeed. These expectations apply to behaviour at school, to and from school, during school-organized or sponsored activities, and behaviour beyond these times (including on-line behaviour) that negatively impacts the safe, caring or orderly environment of the school and/or student learning. These expectations are also in accordance with the BC Human Rights Code respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law – prohibiting discrimination based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation – in respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service and facility in the school environment.

For more information on our school's Code of Conduct, please refer to our website at <http://www.ame.sd23.bc.ca/codeofconduct>.

If a student fails to follow the School Code of Conduct, he/she will follow a restorative discipline process with an emphasis on consistent and fair problem solving strategies and open communication with the parents.

As part of the corrective discipline process, a student may be suspended when student behaviour is judged to be in serious conflict with a safe and positive learning environment, or when the school's progressive interventions have failed to correct inappropriate behaviour, or when all other procedures have failed.

## LIBRARY NEWS



Battle of the Books Club for grades 3-6 has started, and students are busy reading their books! In January we will meet regularly at lunch once a week to "battle." For more information on this great book club and other library programs and events, please visit our library website on our school website under "Programs and Services" and click on LIBRARY.

Or click on the link below:

<http://www.ame.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/Library/Pages/default.aspx>

## Cultural Program

Students can look forward to three more cultural performances taking place during this school year.

These presentations are provided through the student cultural fee paid at the beginning of the year.

Students were recently entertained by Storyteller **Jeff Leard**. Still to come are: **Zach Gauthier** (drumming) November 22nd, **Monster Theatre** (Shakespeare's Dream) February 28th, and **Mark Kroos** (guitar) May 18th.

## Lost and Found

We attempt to display our Lost and Found at the beginning of each month. Please encourage your children to look inside the Lost and Found benches on a regular basis. Families can prevent losses by **labeling** each item in the gym strip bag plus sweaters, hoodies, runners, caps and jackets. All unclaimed items are packed up after being displayed, and are given away to charity.

## Hot Lunch Program

Our hot lunch program is up and running!!! Again this year—hot lunch is being offered on Tuesday as well as Thursday! It's your choice to have hot lunch once or twice a week.

Please be sure to register on the PAC website ([theschoolconciierge.com](http://theschoolconciierge.com)) so that you are able to order hot lunch and pay on-line. We appreciate the time donated to receiving and reviewing orders, and organizing and delivering the lunch items to our children. Thank you to the Hot Lunch Coordinator, **Bobby Jo Brown**, and to all those parents who have volunteered to help out with this popular program!

**NOTE:** It's not just for hot lunch! Parents are reminded that by registering on this site, you are also able to purchase Fun Fair tickets, etc. (*this site is not to be confused with the school's "cashonline" site, where you must register to pay for school fees, field trips, yearbook, etc.*)

## D.E.A.R. Day

On Monday, October 23rd we had D.E.A.R. Day (**Drop Everything And Read**). From 12:10 to 12:35, everyone in the school dropped what they were doing to indulge in a good book! Keep reading AME!



*AME students enjoy reading a good book during D.E.A.R. Day.*



## Scholastic Book Fair Update

Thank you to all of the parents who stepped up to volunteer for the Scholastic Book Fair held during conferences in October. We could not have run the Fair without you! Your participation was necessary and greatly appreciated. A special thank you to **Kara-Lee Krahn and Lindsey Montague**, who organized and oversaw the whole event. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported AME by purchasing something from the Book Fair.

Once again, the Scholastic Book Fair was a very successful event, raising a total of **\$8543**. The school library will receive **\$2780**, that will be used for new books and library initiatives such as guest speakers.

## Health and Safety

### Safety Patrol

Our school safety patrol consists of many eager Gr. 5 students who were trained in proper procedures for crosswalk safety at the beginning of the school year. Watch for the daily teams with their safety vests and signs from 8:15-8:30a.m. and from 2:30-2:45 p.m. daily. The patrol team is sponsored by the **Gr. 5 teachers**. We look forward to 10 months of conscientious service by the safety patrollers.

We are also so very appreciative of the leadership of *last* year's grade 5 patrol team, who offered their support in the early stages of our patrol. These students provided the experience and the wisdom for our team for the first few weeks of school.



## Proof of BC Residency for NEW AME Parents

New AME parents, if you have not already done so, please provide the school office with a copy of your BC Care Card. *The BC Care Card application form you initially provided is a temporary measure, and the actual BC Care Card (of one parent) is required.*

Also, if you did not have your **child's** BC care card at the time of registration, please ensure that you provide the office with a copy of the care card when you receive it. The student's care card number needs to be on file for field trips, and in case of emergency. Thank you.

**Driving and Parking Around AME and AMP** We know the traffic is very congested before and after school, but we would like to remind you to please refrain from making u-turns on Eldorado Road, either in front of the school or down the road in front of houses. It is unsafe and neighbours have expressed their concern. Also, to those parents who park at the cul de sac at the end of the pathway leading to AMP, please be respectful of the houses and yards on that street. Slow down, watch for pedestrians, and do not park on any lawns. Please obey the signage posted in this area.

### Medication Requests

Parents are reminded that staff members are unable to administer medication to students without a medical form/written request from the parents or guardians that also includes ***up-to-date dosage information signed by the prescribing physician (or a copy of the prescription label)***. Medication must be received in its original packaging. These forms and emergency care plans for students with potentially life-threatening medical conditions are available from the school office.

*Note: It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that new medication is provided upon the expiry date of the medication you provide to the school. Expired medication cannot be administered.*

### Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, we depend on the sign-in log to identify the number of volunteers situated in our school so please **remember to sign in and out**. Should an evacuation or lockdown be necessary during volunteer times, volunteers are required to comply with emergency directions posted in every classroom.

Also, please be sure to return your volunteer badge when you sign out! Check your house, car and handbags, and hand in those badges that you accidentally forgot to return.



## Code of Ethics for Volunteers

All volunteers are required to respect the District Code of Ethics for volunteers.

They are reprinted here as a reminder to all volunteers. Volunteers are required to:

1. Use professionalism and good judgement while working with students, staff members and other volunteers;
2. Respect the need for confidentiality and not discuss students, staff or other volunteers outside the school;
3. Behave towards students, staff and other volunteers in accordance with the school's Code of Conduct and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
4. Contribute to a safe and caring environment for our students.

## Caring for Our School

Our campaign to keep our school grounds litter-free continues. We appreciate parents sending low waste or waste free snacks with students, as lunch and snack packaging makes up a great portion of the litter on our grounds. Classes take turns bringing garden gloves and grocery bags to collect litter. Here is the schedule for the next 5 weeks:

### Week of    Litter Team Classes

October 30	Hemingway/Jurome&McCrary/Petersen&Kroschinsky
November 6	Penner/Cooper/Greenberg
November 13	Pells/Wellman/Strukoff/Cairns
November 20	Chow/Peters/Phillips/Domeij
November 27	Gerszke/Bishop/Bothe/Sawatzky



## BIG WHITE AFTER SCHOOL SKI/SNOWBOARD PROGRAM

This popular program is being offered again this year by Big White.

*(Other than relaying the information to parents, the school is not involved, as this is an "after school" program.)*

You can register online at [www.bigwhite.com/afterschool](http://www.bigwhite.com/afterschool)

2017/18 Schedule for AME students:

Wednesdays, January 10, 17 and 24  
and/or

Wednesdays, February 28, March 7 and 14



# November 2017 at AME



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Refer to AME website calendar for volleyball dates & times.						
 <h2>LEST WE FORGET</h2>				2 Gr. 2 in-house presentation <i>Gr. 6 Shots (am)</i> Intermediate Drama Workshops <i>Lunch option: Boston Pizza</i>	3 Non-instructional Day (no school for students)	4
5	6 Intermediate Drama workshops	7 Lunch option: Subway & Tru Yogurt	8 Glee Club at lunch	9 Lunch option: Chicken fingers & sushi	10 Remembrance Day Assembly 10-11 am	11 Remembrance Day
						
12	13 Stat Holiday (in honor of Remembrance Day)	14 Kgn. Vision Screening (am) <i>In-house presentations: Cairns (am) &amp; Peters (pm)</i> Lunch option: Burger & yogurt	15 Kgn. Vision Screening (am) <i>In-house presentations: Peters (am) &amp; Strukoff (pm)</i> Glee Club at lunch	16 Lunch option: Jugo Juice	17 In-house presentations: Strukoff/Peters/Wellman	18
19	20 In-house presentations: Cairns (am) & Wellman (pm)  General PAC meeting 6:00 pm	21 Lunch option: Boston Pizza	22 PM Cultural Performance: Zach Gauthier (Drumming)  Glee Club at lunch	23 Lunch option: Wok Box & Tru Yogurt	24 Strukoff/Peters/Cairns Drama Workshops	25
						
26	27 Wellman/Cairns/Strukoff Drama Workshops	28 Lunch Option: Subway	29 Glee Club at lunch	30 Lunch Option: Dominos Pizza & Tru Yogurt	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>AME Absentee/Late</b>  <b>Call In:</b>  <b>250-870-5133</b>  <b>Press '1'</b></p> <p>Please call prior to 8:45 a.m.</p> </div>	