

Anne McClymont Elementary SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**OCTOBER
2017**



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IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 4 & 5Conferences & Book Fair
12:30 early dismissal
Oct. 6.....Implementation Day
Oct. 9.....Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 20.....Professional Development Day
Oct. 24.....Photo Retake Day
Nov. 3.....Non-Instructional Day



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Principal's Message...



It's been an extremely busy start to the year at AME! Both sites are up and running, and students are now settled into their classrooms and routines. Mrs. Virk and I are very impressed with the caliber of students and the commitment of staff and parents. Many thanks go to our P.A.C. for organizing the Meet and Greet for parents, and making them feel welcome on the first day of school. I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank the numerous parent volunteers who came out to support our Terry Fox Run. We couldn't have done it without you! Mrs. Jurome and her amazing helpers organized a terrific event that raised funds (\$1,890.00) and awareness with respect to the devastating effects of cancer. We look forward to seeing you at parent conferences, book fair, and other AME school events!

Sincerely,

Mr. Brady Ibbetson,
Principal

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Upcoming Early Dismissal Days

As planned, we will be having early dismissal days scheduled on October 4 and 5.

Students will be dismissed both days at 12:30 p.m. Those students who ride the bus will be picked up at that time.

These conference days and early dismissals provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to make contact, exchange information or address any questions parents may have about their child's progress in the classroom. These conferences also provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to review classroom routines, expectations and yearly overviews together.

The Book Fair Is Coming!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the AME Gym on **October 4 and 5, the same dates as the upcoming parent/teacher conferences.** What better way to promote reading to our kids than by supporting this important literacy event.



Your support of this event is key in helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms. Don't forget to mark the book fair dates on your calendar.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kara-Lee Krahn at kl_krahn@hotmail.com

We Parent Volunteers

Throughout the year we have many school and classroom activities that require the help of parents. We are so thankful for such a supportive parent community. If you are able to help out in your child's classroom or at a school event, **please ensure you have completed a Criminal Record Check form at the school office prior to volunteering.**

Here's the process...

Parent obtains Criminal Record Check forms from the school office.

Parent completes entire package:

- Volunteer Disclosure Statement
- Kelowna RCMP Police Information Check – 3 yellow pages
- Volunteer Code of Conduct

Parent provides 2 pieces of ID from the list on page 1 to be copied at the school office.

The school principal signs off and submits the Criminal Record Check to the RCMP via SD23.

The parent's name is added to the school's "pending approval" list of volunteers. Once the forms are processed (approximately 3 weeks), the approved Criminal Record Check forms are mailed directly to the parent.

The parent returns this approved paperwork to the school office.

The school office forwards these forms to the School Board Office.

The School Board Office enters the parent's name into the Volunteer Database.

The parent is approved to volunteer for three (3) years.

Note: There is no charge to the parent.

Parents should be completing the Criminal Record Check paperwork through the school office, not directly through the RCMP.

Absentee/ Late Call In Program

A reminder to phone the school at 250-870-5133 (press 1) to report an absent or late child. Please call prior to 8:45 a.m. **Note: All late students at the elementary site are required to check in at the office upon arrival.** We also ask elementary site students to SIGN OUT at the office if they leave while school is in session.



School Fees

Thank you to those of you who promptly paid your student (supply and cultural) fees on-line! School fees of \$40 per child were due September 29th. **Please go to <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com> (or visit the school website and select the link) to register and pay on-line.** Contact Mrs. Brander at 250-870-5133, ext. 4304 if you need to arrange a payment plan.

Please advise the office if you are purchasing school supplies on your own.

NOTE: the \$10 cultural fee must still be paid.

The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process

The School District Appeals Policy states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in School District No. 23 may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student".

For a complete description of the Appeals Policy along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District's homepage – www.sd23.bc.ca.

The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause

Within School District Policy 425 – Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". This clause in the policy provides for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families, while preserving the dignity of families who may be unable to pay.

Please contact the school principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

Student Medication At School

If you have a child with an allergy or health condition that requires medication at school, contact the office to complete the required medical forms.

Parents who have completed these forms in the past are asked to ensure this paperwork is kept up-to-date.

IMPORTANT NOTE!

Parents, please ensure EPIPENS and all other meds have not expired! The school is unable to administer expired Epipens and expired medications.



Thanksgiving

Schools will be closed on Mon. Oct. 9th for Thanksgiving Day. The staff at Anne McClymont would like to thank our students for arriving on time, doing their best everyday at school, and showing empathy toward others. We'd like to thank our students' parents for the support provided at home. Last, but not least, we thank our volunteers for their generous gift of time to our school and students.

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**



Health and Safety

Traffic Watch

Please remember, for safety reasons:

- No U-turns
- No parking in bus zones
- No "jay-walking"



Also, a reminder that the parking lots at both the primary and main sites are for school and district staff only.

At the elementary site, we are encouraging students and parents to quickly drop off and/or pick up. Parents, please help teach your child(ren) to get out of the vehicle themselves, so you can quickly vacate the area for other parents to pull in.

Pick-up times can range from 2:30 pm - 2:45 pm, with less congestion at later pick-up times. Note that the paved circle at the front of the school is for buses and service vehicles only between 7:45 and 2:45 p.m.

We Care – We're Allergy Aware!



In keeping with our school focus on finding practical ways for students to show empathy for others, we are working together to be an "allergy-aware school". This means **we do not bring to school: nuts, peanuts, or foods made with nut oils or products. This includes peanut butter sandwiches, brownies with walnuts, salads with almonds, cookies with pecans, granola bars with nuts, etc.** Eating or touching peanuts, nuts, and nut products can create a life-threatening situation for approximately 1 in 50 of our students. We can show we are a caring community by helping to keep our school safe for children with this anaphylactic allergy. The Allergy Aware environment includes common areas in the school, and includes the playground area.



Please note: AME is also a "SCENT-FREE" building.

Head Lice

Head lice are easily spread, especially during hat and scarf season. Parents are reminded that they should check their children's scalp and hair on a regular basis for head lice. To help you, photos of headlice are available online at www.hsph.harvard.edu/headlice.html



If you find nits or lice on your child's head, you must notify the school immediately so steps can be taken to contain and eliminate the spread of the lice. Children may return to school after they have been treated at home, and all lice and nits have been removed. Additional information about head lice is available from the school office and from the PAC parent resource library.

Supervision

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



For safety reasons, please do not drop your children off before 8:10 am. Supervision after school runs until 2:45 pm.

Stay Safe

Following the tradition of past years, a "Fire Chief for the Day" has been selected from our primary classes to represent our school at the Kelowna Fire Hall at the annual celebration. Congratulations to _____!

We hold six fire drills per year: three each, in the fall and spring. We also hold an earthquake drill and a lockdown drill in the fall.

The earthquake drill provides students with a procedure to follow should they experience an earthquake anywhere anytime. The purpose of the lockdown drill is to practice a safety procedure to be used in the event that students and staff are required to remain in a safe location until an all-clear signal is given. **Parents and visitors at the school during drills will be included in the practice.**

Sorry, No Dogs Allowed

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on school property. Please obey the signage posted at both school sites, and DO NOT bring dogs onto the school grounds or into the schools. Besides student allergies and the unpredictability of animal behaviour, the mess some dogs leave behind is very unpleasant for children playing on our fields.



NO SCHOOL

October 6 – Implementation Day & October 20 & November 3 – Pro D Days

Students **do not attend** school on Fri. Oct. 6, Fri., Oct. 20 or Fri., Nov. 3. Like other teachers across the province, the AME teaching staff will be participating in professional development, workshops and conferences as part of their commitment to life-long learning and ongoing improvement as educators.

HALLOWEEN

Some of our classes will have special activities on Tues., Oct. 31. Watch for more information in class newsletters or student planners. If costumes are involved, please make sure they are not too scary for our younger students to see and not too cumbersome to wear at a desk during the day. No toy weapons (guns, swords, etc) please. If make-up is worn as part of a costume, it is important that it will not come off on the student's hands or books or cause irritation.



HALLOWEEN TIPS

1. Use make-up instead of masks for good vision.
2. Don't share wigs or hats with others.
3. Avoid costumes with pieces that could cause tripping or entrapment.
4. Carry a flashlight after dark and walk with a grown-up.
5. Say thank you for treats.
6. Have a grown-up check your treats.
7. Don't bring treats with nuts to school.

PHOTO RETAKES

Retakes will be taken on Tues., October 24, 2017

If your child was absent on September 26th, our original photo day, or if they blinked for the camera, this is their opportunity for a retake.

On Retake Day, student monitors will use attendance records to call for all students who were absent on Photo Day and any students who have arrived since Photo Day.

Students who were here for their photos will only be photographed again with written request of their parents. If you were not happy with your child's photos, just send along a note on Retake Day to have the photos redone.



Month of Gratitude

The AME Student Lighthouse Team is initiating a drive for the Food Bank during the month of October.

Students are encouraged to get involved in their Classroom Challenge and bring in non-perishable food items.

Collection boxes will be placed in each classroom.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!

QSP Magazine Fundraiser

Our "on-line only" magazine campaign this year will run from October 27th to November 14th.

Go to <http://www.qsp.ca/> and use our school code: **3699667** to renew (or purchase) at any time.





The Sports Report

Fall Half Marathon Running Club

The Fall Half Marathon Running Club is underway! This year, students in Gr. 3 to Gr. 6 will run during their DPA (Daily Physical Activity) time in class (not at lunchtime). We want to promote healthy physical activity for everyone! Students can either walk/run for fun, or set the goal of a half marathon or even a full marathon during the six week period, ending October 31st.

Mr. Casorso is also leading a noon hour Cross Country team for interested students in Gr. 5 & 6. You'll see them running at lunch every Monday and Thursday preparing for our Spring Cross Country races.

Daily Physical Activity

Our school has wholeheartedly embraced the ministry expectation to include 30 minutes of daily physical activity (DPA) into our programs at both the primary and intermediate level. Sessions are generally ten minutes, three times a day. They include activities for strength, endurance and flexibility.

Volunteer Opportunities

Calling All Coaches

Any parents interested in supporting our extra-curricular programs as coaches are invited to contact our athletics sponsor, **Mrs. Jurome** by phone or by e-mail at glennys.jurome@sd23.bc.ca Our extra-curricular programs include volleyball, basketball, track and field, rugby, and Intramurals (floor hockey, dodgeball, etc.).

NOTE: Gr. 6 Boys & Girls Volleyball has started! Refer to the AME website calendar for game dates and times. Typically the boys play on Tuesdays and the girls play on Wednesdays.

Terry Fox Run

AME students enthusiastically participated in the Terry Fox Run held on Friday, September 22nd. This year we were able to raise an amazing \$1,890.00 in donations—Way to go AME!!!

Thank you to our amazing students, staff and parent volunteers for supporting this worthwhile event!



AUTHOR VISIT

We were so lucky to have BC author **Margriet Ruurs** visit our grade 5 and 6 students in the library on September 25th, 2017. She is the author of 26 amazing books for children. She writes both fiction and nonfiction. Her most recent book, *Stepping Stones-A Refugee's family Journey* is a timely, beautiful book that inspires us all to embrace our diversity and have empathy for others. This book as well as "My School in the Rainforest, and "My Librarian is a Camel" also fit perfectly with our redesigned curriculum and all foster global awareness. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to our PAC for continuing to fund opportunities such as this author visit. Our students are inspired to read, write and most importantly, to care about what is happening in our world today. We have all of her books in the library so come and check them out! Here is her website for more information:

<http://www.margietruurs.com>



Summer Reading Program—Go for the Gold

Congratulations to all the AME students who participated in the summer reading program, Go for the Gold. We had 239 students participate with 116 **gold medals**, 44 **silver medals**, and 79 **bronze medals** handed out. Way to go AME readers!!!! Thanks to **Mrs. Umeris** for organizing this wonderful program during the summer.



BOOK FAIR NEWS

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school, October 4th and 5th, the same date as the upcoming Parent/Teacher interviews. What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event. Your support of this vital literary event is key in helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classroom. Don't forget to mark the book fair dates on your calendar.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Kara-Lee Krahn (kl_krahn@hotmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you at the fair.

Samia Umeris
Teacher Librarian
Anne McClymont Elementary



PAC NEWS

AME PAC FAMILY (COSTUME) DANCE

Friday, October 27th, 2017

6:30—8:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars and plan to join in on the fun!
More details will follow...



We had a fantastic turnout for our first PAC meeting in September. It was great to see all the new and returning faces. We elected our new PAC executive and assigned a few Program coordinators/ volunteers.

President: **Saskia Metcalfe**

(Acting) Vice-President: **Leah Walton**

Secretary: **Corey Anderson**

Treasurer: **Kendall Shaw**

COPAC Rep: **Stacey Menzies**

Honorary Officer (Past Pres.): **Laura Hick**

Fruit & Veggie Coordinator: **Sally Brooker**

Hot Lunch Coordinator: **BobbyJo Brown**

Scholastics Book Sale Coordinator: **Kara-Lee Krahn & Lindsey Montague**

Family Dance Coordinator: **Renate Irvine**

Each classroom also needs a parent rep. If you are able to assist in this role, please contact your child's teacher and let them know.

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers that help make our school so great.

The
Leader in Me
great happens here

We had a great start to our year. We have a Family Grouping activity planned for students on October 25th, focusing on the 7 Habits. The staff will continue our 7 Habits training during our Implementation / Pro D day on October 6th.

Happy Fall!

OCTOBER 2017

At
**Anne McClymont
Elementary**

FOOD BANK DRIVE RUNS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. DONATE TO THE CLASSROOM COLLECTION BOXES.

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Refer to AME website calendar for Volleyball game dates/times.

1 ABSENTEE/ LATE CALL IN: 250-870-5133, Press '1'. Call prior to 8:45 am	2 Patroller Training (a.m.)	3 Hot lunch option: Dominos Pizza & Tru Yogurt	4 Parent/Teacher Conferences & 12:30 early dismissal. BOOK FAIR (gym) 8:00-3:30	5 No Hot Lunch	6 Implementation Day—School is not in session for students	7
8 HAPPY THANKS- GIVING 	9 Thanksgiving— School is not in session	10 Hot Lunch option: Subway & Tru Yogurt <i>Sexual Health Ed.</i> Gr. 4,5,6 Fire Safety House K-3 (pm)	11 Cultural Per- formance @10 am - Jeff Leard (Storyteller)	12 Intermediate Drama Work- shops (am) Hot lunch Option: Jugo Juice	13 In-House Kelowna Muse- um Presentation for Gr. 2s Intermediate Drama Wrkshps	14
16 Intermediate Drama Work- shops AME PAC Mtg 6:00 pm	17 Hot Lunch option: Boston Pizza <i>Sexual Health Ed.</i> Gr. 4,5,6	18	19 Intermediate Drama Work- shops Hot lunch op- tion: Wok Box & Tru Yogurt	20 Professional Day—School is not in session for students	21	
22	23 Intermediate Drama Work- shops	24 PHOTO RETAKES Hot lunch Option: Chicken Fingers & Sushi	25 Family Grouping Activity (pm) Wear your t-shirt!	26 Intermediate Drama Wrkshp Hot lunch option: Chicken fingers & Tortellini Peters/Wellman (am) field trip	27 Intermediate Drama Work- shops QSP Magazine fundraiser starts today (on-line only)	28
29	30 Intermediate Drama Work- shops Cairns/Strukoff (am) field trip	31 Hot Lunch option: Dominos Pizza & Tru Yogurt HAPPY HALLOWEEN!				

