



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT AME?



## Important School Dates

### Monday, December 8

- AMP Drama Program Young Actors all week
- Geering Up Science Presentation: Strukoff & Chow

### Tuesday, December 9

- Hot Lunch: Freshbox Sushi
- Geering Up Science Presentation: Greenberg & Szewczyk

### Wednesday, December 10

- **GR. 5 ENTREPRENEUR FAIR @ 12:30 - 1:25**
- Santa bus

### Thursday, December 11

- Learning Summaries Sent Home
- Hot Lunch: Mary Brown's Chicken

### Friday, December 12

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## Upcoming:

Dec. 15 - 19 - Spirit Week! See next page for dates & themes

Dec. 22 - Winter Break Begins

Jan. 5 - First Day Back after Winter Break

Jan. 5 - 9 - AMP Gymnastics

## Grade 5 Entrepreneur Fair

The Grade 5 Entrepreneur Fair is just around the corner on December 10th from 12:30 - 1:25. Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles are all invited!

Your children may want to bring spending money to school that day to support the Grade 5s, however please know that your child's participation is optional. We strongly suggest a spending limit of \$10. Please send this money with your child in a sandwich bag or other sealable container, with their name clearly labeled on the outside.

## Learning Updates

On December 11, students will be coming home with their term 1 Learning Update (report cards). Please sign and return the envelope as soon as possible as these are reused for terms 2 and 3.

# SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Spirit Week at AME! Dec.

15-19

Let's sprinkle a little extra holly-jolly fun around the school during our last week Timberwolves!

### Merry Monday (15th)

Kick off the week in your most festive Christmas gear! Santa hats, reindeer antlers, red, green, white! Anything that brings the merry!

### Ugly Sweater Tuesday (16th)

The tackier, the better! Pull out your brightest, boldest, most wonderfully wacky holiday sweaters.

### Whoville Wednesday (17th)

Bring the whimsy! Think bright colours, wild hair styles, and silly Seuss-inspired fun! Or, keep it simple with something Grinchy-green.

### Baby It's Cold Outside Thursday (18th)

Bundle up in your coziest winter gear! Think toques, scarves, mittens, earmuffs and all things snuggly.

### Festive Friday: Pancakes + PJs! (19th)

On our final day before winter break, come comfy and cozy in your favourite pajamas. We'll be celebrating the last morning together with warm pancakes, holiday tunes and plenty of smiles!

## Salvation Army Hamper Drive

Friendly reminder that we are still accepting hamper donations until the morning of December 10! Thank you for your kindness and support!

## Winter Weather Clothing

Please make sure your child comes to school dressed for the cooler weather –warm coats, hats, mittens, boots, and anything else that helps them stay cozy during outdoor play.

We also recommend sending a **spare change of pants and socks** in your child's backpack, just in case they get wet from puddles or snow.

Thank you for helping keep our students warm, dry, and ready for fun outside!

Mrs. Santucci's grade 4s have been learning how to tell time on an analog clock and her clock necklace has become part of the routine. Today, Elliott showed up with his own matching one!



# SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Concert

Success!

Thank you families for coming to our Winter Concert performances this week! Our students sang, read, and danced their hearts out! We are so proud of our Timberwolves and all the magic they brought to the stage. We hope the performance filled you with holiday cheer and a merry Christmas spirit that lasts all season long.

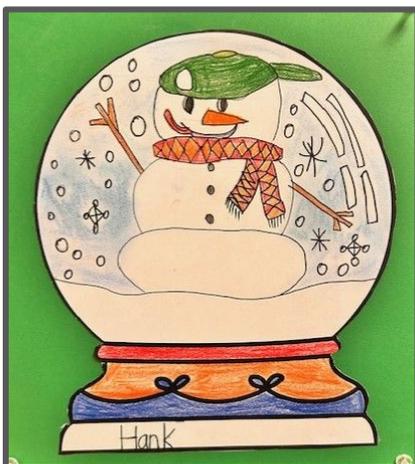
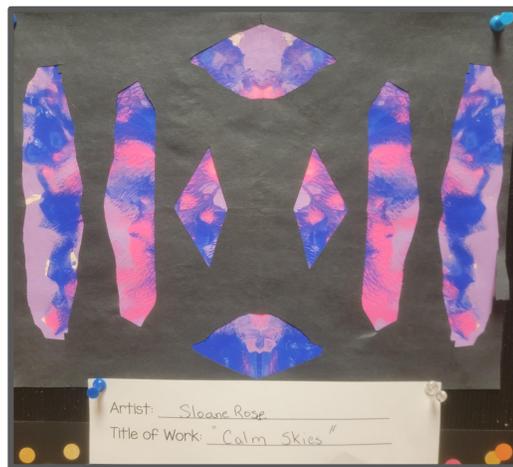
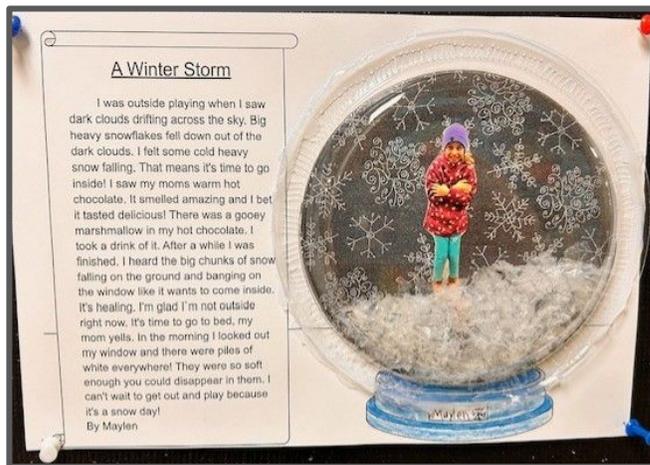
As we continue to host concerts and celebrations, we've realized that our sound system is ready for a much-needed upgrade. If you would like to support this enhancement by making a donation, you can do so through your school cash online account. For more information, please contact Mrs. Babcock or Mrs. Gerber.

Thank you again for being such an incredible part of our school community!



# SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take a look at what some of our amazing ABE artists have been up to!



# TEACHER FEATURE

## Team Mac Kindergarten/Grade 1



Over the past month, our class has been working hard on memorizing our song and dance for the winter concert. Our performance titled “Little Snowflake” was heartwarming to watch! Performing in front of an audience takes so much courage, and we are so proud of every one of our students for doing such an outstanding job. The children also shared how proud *they* felt about their performance. Some of our favourite reflections were:

*“It was fun!” “I saw my mom!” and “I had butterflies.”*

We talked together about how feeling a little nervous is actually a good thing because it means you care and want to do your best.



Speaking of snowflakes, to celebrate the season’s first snowfall, our class created beautiful watercolour art. The students even came up with and chose the title for their artwork themselves:

*“Winter’s First Snowfall.”*

Each piece is unique and beautiful.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## FEED YOUR NEED FOR SPEED



**Supportive coaching, friendly teammates, fun racing opportunities, team spirit, excitement and adrenaline!**

All ages and experience levels welcome!!

Check out our Facebook page or email [kelownaspeedskate@gmail.com](mailto:kelownaspeedskate@gmail.com) for registration info

\* FREE Try-It Session Dec. 15th @ MNP Place \*

## Family Holiday Skate



**Sunday, Dec. 14**  
**1 - 3 p.m. at Rutland Arena**

**Join in on some free family fun!**

Skating, treats, games, door prizes & more!

Admission is free, but donations to the food bank are greatly appreciated.

## NOURISH CONNECTION FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN 6-13 YEARS OLD

### THE PROGRAM

Join us for a free, community-based parenting program inspired by the work of Dr. Deborah MacNamara. Each week features a short video or podcast clip from Dr. MacNamara, followed by guided discussion and practical strategies to support connection, emotional development, and confidence in parenting.

This program is available for any Central Okanagan parents, with children between 6-13 years old. Weekly attendance is expected.

*Content is inspired by the publicly available work of Dr. Deborah MacNamara; she is not participating in or overseeing this group.*

### DATES AND INFO

Fridays from 12:30pm-2pm, beginning January 9th.

To register, please visit our website or scan the QR code.

### THE GOAL

To help parents strengthen connection, understand behaviour, and support their child's emotional development.

### THE TOPICS

- Understanding Attachment & Connection
- Guiding Big Emotions & Frustration
- The Power of Play in Development
- Separation, Anxiety & Emotional Safety
- Tears, Tantrums & Emotional Expression
- Boundaries, Leadership & Gentle Discipline
- Creating Restful, Calm Family Environments
- Resilience, Repair & Belonging



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