

MID-POINT REVIEW

How much have we grown this year?
Take a peek at our successes and accomplishments so far!
Great Happens Here!



- **New traffic patterns** - students are no longer dropped off on the highway!
- **Bus drop off** and parent drop off are now in different locations!
- **Hour Zero Emergency Response** - fire safety, severe weather and other drills
- **Bus Safety Week** - evacuation drills in October
- **Fire Safety & farm safety** presentations to all students



STAND UP to bullying

- Presentations to Gr. 4-6 on **online safety**
- Parent presentation on **online safety** in January
- Presentations to classes on **bullying prevention**
- Presentations about residential schools and acknowledgement of Orange Shirt Day to **build empathy** with students from K-6



AEL students treat each other well at school because we are leaders!

Leader in Me[®] Citizenship Program

- We all follow the **7 Habits** of Happy Kids & celebrate the 7 Habits in **monthly assemblies**
- **We help others** - buddy classes, reading mentors, playground pals, bus buddies, older student AJS buddies
- We **choose** to act in ways that make our school better
- We use progressive discipline - our goal is to teach children how to make better choices.
- **We have very few student discipline problems!**

Student Health & Wellness

- Access to delicious **hot lunches**
- School **sports tournaments** in handball, volleyball, and basketball
- Support for **mental health, social skills, and self-regulation** through counselling groups
- Partnerships with **community agencies**: RCMP, Family & Community Services

AEL Quality of Education



QUICK FACTS ON Provincial Achievement Tests

100% of last year's Gr. 6 students wrote all of the PATs!

- Acceptable results increased by **0.9%** (93.3 to **94.2**)
- Excellence results **increased** by **7.2%** (36.0 to **43.2**)
- **100%** of students met the acceptable standard in English Language Arts
- AEL students scored around **20%** higher than the Provincial average in most subjects.

LITERACY & NUMERACY INITIATIVES

- **Leveled Literacy Intervention** - small group instruction for students who need a boost to get to grade level in reading
- **Focused & targeted** reading instruction for at risk readers in every classroom
- **Precision reading** programs and **Wee Read** programs supporting emergent readers
- **Math benchmarking assessments** - identifying areas for growth for students at risk in math
- Hosted our 3rd annual **Math Family Fun Night** in October

Leadership Opportunities

Sowing the seeds of global citizenship

Parents involved in:

- Hot Lunch
- School Council
- Ardrossan Elementary Parent Association (AEPsA)
- Canadian Parents for French (CPF)
- Family Math Night
- Family Read In during Read In Week
- Halloween Parade
- Classroom volunteers
- Leading Clubs or presenting in classes
- Assemblies, special events & concerts
- Coaching sports tournaments
- Meet the Staff and Parent/Student/Teacher interviews

Students involved in:

- **Art Club** - painting, drawing, designing art
- **Apple Leaders Club** - teaching kids about nutrition and healthy living
- **Card & Games Clubs** - playing games & taking turns
- **Cute Things Club** - making cute things!
- **Drama Club** - putting on a musical for Christmas
- **Intramurals & Running Club** - lunch sports activities and competing in running events
- **LEGO & Library Clubs** - build with LEGO, help in the Learning Commons
- **Movers & Shakers** - setting up for assemblies
- **News Crew & Tech Crew** - making a weekly student news program & preparing tech for assemblies
- **Sign Club** - learning sign language

Giving Back to our Community:

- **Terry Fox Run** - Cancer research
- **I Love First Peoples Shoeboxes** - supplies donated to Maskwacis community
- **Strathcona County Shoe Drive** - used shoes collected were repaired and repurposed for families in need
- **Healing Connections** at the Misericordia Hospital - money raised in honour of Mrs. Whetstone donated to a foundation that supports breast cancer survivors
- **Value Village** - Lost & Found items donated
- **Strathcona Christmas Bureau** - Giving Tree donations

Learning About First Nations, Métis & Inuit Peoples

- Partnership with **Elder Wilson Bearhead** - regular visits to share knowledge, stories, and wisdom
- **Staff Leaders** sharing knowledge, lessons, special events with our students and community
- **Little Bisons** student group - to begin in January
- **Smudging** ceremonies offered to staff
- **Education for Reconciliation** through Orange Shirt Day, reading of picture books and Division 2 novel studies, and watching *Elder in the Making*
- Purchasing of books that include First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives, culture and stories for classrooms and the Learning Commons

NEW K-4 CURRICULUM PROJECTS:

Did you know?

Some of our classes are collaborating with EIPS learning consultants to plan **new K-4 curriculum** units from the New Learn Alberta site. Some projects include baking, growing food, and investigating how we use space.