



ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

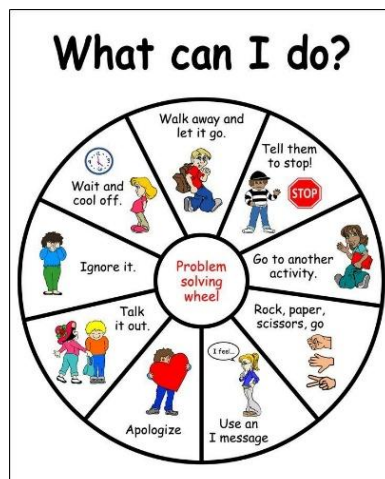
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Respect Self, Others, Property and Learning

November 25, 2025

Principal's Message

December is around the corner and this is certainly a very busy time of year at AES. Students and staff having been working hard to build and contribute to our learning community. We have had the opportunity to host Laureen Felix from Splatsin to teach classes the Secwepemc Welcome Song. We are working hard school-wide on developing student belonging (self-regulation for social awareness and responsibility) and student wellness (self-regulation for personal awareness and responsibility). We are focusing on appropriate play at school; play that promotes respect, responsibility and safety in order to build a safe, caring and orderly environment that prioritizes learning. Everyone has the responsibility to contribute positively to a learning environment that is welcoming and builds a sense of belonging for all students. Keeping hands and feet to self, our bodies in our own space, especially when frustrated, is an expectation for all students. The Problem Solving Wheel that shows some of the strategies used to support students to solve conflict with peers:



In celebration of the learning we do, at the end of most months (for November, our assembly will be held December 5th), we watch a slide show of pictures from different events and learning opportunities of the past month. It is definitely an opportunity to consider how lucky we are to have such a wide range of activities in our school, and such rich learning for our students. We are very focused on providing all our students the chance to shine and to learn in many different ways.

Please keep checking our aes.sd83.bc.ca website for ongoing information.

Sincerely,

Megan Weir

Principal: AES

Our school goals:

Writing: As previously mentioned, student writing can be supported by helping students to build their oral language skills. If there's an opportunity to look at photos during the holiday season, invite your child to tell you all about the photo: who is in the photo, what do you see, what facts do you know from observing the photo, and what kinds of inferences can we make

from the photo (ex: Grandma looks happy in the photo and I think it’s because she’s in the garden and she likes to spend time there). Invite your child to consider questions about the photo (ex: I wonder what she’s going to do with all those zucchini she’s picked?).

We are excited to continue with the tradition of a Family Letter Writing afternoon, this year being held on November 28 (1-2pm). Students will be invited to write a letter to Santa or to other family members and friends. For students who aren’t able to have an adult join them, teachers, CEAs and other parents can support alongside students, helping them write as well.

Numeracy: Winter holidays are great times to play games with your families. For our youngest learners, board games that require players to roll dice and count ahead squares are great learning opportunities. For older students, games that involve practicing facts are very beneficial. “Yahtzee” is a great game to practice math skills. All that is required to play Yahtzee are 5 regular dice and a game board such as the one shown below:

Yahtzee

NAME

UPPER SECTION	HOW TO SCORE	GAME #1	GAME #2	GAME #3	GAME #4	GAME #5	GAME #6
ACES  =1	COUNT AND ADD ONLY ACES						
TWOS  =2	COUNT AND ADD ONLY TWOS						
THREES  =3	COUNT AND ADD ONLY THREES						
FOURS  =4	COUNT AND ADD ONLY FOURS						
FIVES  =5	COUNT AND ADD ONLY FIVES						
SIXES  =6	COUNT AND ADD ONLY SIXES						
TOTAL SCORE	→						
BONUS IF TOTAL SCORE IS 63 OR OVER	SCORE 35						
TOTAL OF UPPER SECTION	→						
LOWER SECTION							
3 OF A KIND	ADD TOTAL OF ALL DICE						
4 OF A KIND	ADD TOTAL OF ALL DICE						
FULL HOUSE	SCORE 25						
SM. STRAIGHT SEQUENCE OF FOUR	SCORE 30						
LG. STRAIGHT SEQUENCE OF FIVE	SCORE 40						
YAHTZEE 5 OF A KIND	SCORE 50						
CHANCE	SCORE TOTAL OF ALL 5 DICE						
YAHTZEE BONUS	✓ FOR EACH BONUS SCORE 10 PER ✓						
TOTAL OF LOWER SECTION	→						
TOTAL OF UPPER SECTION	→						
GRAND TOTAL	→						

Skating

Our skating sessions are a real hit with staff and students alike. Skating is one of those skills that can provide life-long enjoyment and we are really fortunate to have a partnership with the City of Armstrong that allows us to use the arena so often. One reminder for those heading skating... Students must wear a helmet 😊 and we strongly recommend adult helpers to also wear one when on the ice. It’s important to look after our health and safety and we sure appreciate the modeling from adults that being safe is important for everyone!

Town (Big) Tree Decorating

Times indicate when classes will be at the tree (don’t include walking time):

Thursday afternoon, November 27:	Friday morning, November 28:
12:15-12:35 – Div 12 & 7	8:30-8:50 – Div 3 & 4
12:35-12:55 – Div 8 & 11	9:10-9:30 – Div 1 & 6
12:55-1:15 – Div 2 & 9	
1:15-1:35 – Div 5 & 10	

Winter concert

Just a reminder of the concert schedule for our upcoming Winter Concerts. Gym doors will open at 12:00, with concerts starting shortly after 12:30. Each class will perform on one day only. We will be rehearsing in the morning and performing in the afternoon.

Tuesday Dec 2	Wed. Dec 3	Thursday Dec 4
Mrs. Ramsey (Red)	Mrs. Dorward/Crowie (Red)	Mrs. Rempel (Red)
Mrs. Monsigneur (Green)	Mrs. Quinton (Green)	Mrs. Novakowski & Mrs. Lane (Green)
Mrs. Jacques (Silver & Gold)	Ms. Foster (Silver & Gold)	Mr. Purdon (Silver & Gold)
Mr. Belec (White)	Mrs. Neufeld (White)	Mr. Weeks (White)

Written Learning Updates (aka Report cards)

Your child’s first formal learning update will be sent home on December 16. There will be specific comments in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Social-Emotional learning. These three areas are the primary focus for the first term of the year. All other curricular areas will receive a proficiency level indicator but are not required to have individual comments. Really, the focus of elementary is to develop the foundational skills of literacy and numeracy which is why you will hopefully notice such an emphasis on these areas in your child’s classroom work as well as being reflected on the learning update.

Holiday Hampers

Once again at this time of year, our school would like to put together 3-4 hampers for families in our community who could use a little extra support this holiday season. A separate informational notice describing the holiday hamper drive, with suggestions for each classroom’s giving, is coming home with your child. Please note that this is completely optional. Please participate to the extent that you can, and do not feel pressure to give. We realize that times are tough for many and we all need support in different ways at different times. We support each other however we are able.

What we learned on the last pro D day:

Teachers were hard at work at AES on the last Pro D day on November 10. We focused on student well-being with an emphasis on the Physical and Health Education curriculum. Facilitated by Amy Witt (Specialized Sexual Health Educator), we discussed resources to support learning around boundaries and consent. A few teachers focused on Numeracy, Reconciliation/ Indigenous education with afternoon sessions on Art, Coding.

Inside Restoration and Painting

Plans have been in the works for at least a few years now to restore and repaint the inside of AES. This is an enormous undertaking given the size and heritage of AES... and the long-awaited work is finally about to begin. Our school district crew is working with safety consultant Apex EHS Services to help ensure the project runs safely and smoothly. Painting will begin in Mr. Weeks’ classroom and we will have a better idea in the coming weeks how long it will take each classroom to be done. Getting ready for such a project is no small task, so we truly appreciate all the support staff and students are putting into this. While a classroom is being worked on, that class will be relocated to the music room. Mrs. Normandeau’s Monday, Thursday and Friday music classes will be held in the library. Ms. Julie’s Tuesday and Wednesday music classes may be held in the gym. We anticipate at this time that Mrs. Quinton’s and then Mr. Belec’s classrooms will be next on the list for restoration/painting.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

Our PAC has been hard at work supporting our school in so many different ways. Soup days, supporting funding for fieldtrips and classroom supplies and much more. This cannot happen without the dedication of parent volunteers, as well as fundraising efforts. A huge thank you to all who support these efforts.

It is that time again for our annual **Winter Concert bake sale**. We are looking for volunteers to donate baked goods for our fundraiser. Treats can be anything of your choosing from breads, cookies, pies etc. **Please contact Nanae Phung at 250-945-4058 to let her know which day you can drop off the products.** This helps give an idea of quantity and variety of items to sell. **Please remember we are a NUT FREE school so all items donated must be nut free.** On the days of the winter concert items will be for sale and payment is by cash only. Please have a look at the flyer below for all the details.

Please also see below for further information regarding Dieleman’s Fundraising.

BAKING VOLUNTEERS

Items need to be dropped off to the breakfast room the morning of your chosen day.



DROP OFF TIME: 7:45AM – 9:00AM



Drop off days needed:
Tuesday, December 2
Wednesday, December 3
Thursday, December 4

***BAKERS PLEASE
REMEMBER WE
ARE A NO NUT
SCHOOL**

To sign up please contact:
Nanae Phung 250 - 945 - 4058



Important Dates:

Dec. 1	Soup day: Chicken noodle soup
Dec. 2	Munchalunch: Opa
Dec. 2-12	Winter Hamper Collection
Dec. 2	Winter Concert (Ramsey, Monsigneur, Jacques, Belec)
Dec. 3	Winter Concert (Dorward/Crowie, Quinton, Foster, Neufeld)
Dec. 4	Winter Concert (Rempel, Novakowski/Lane, Purdon, Weeks)
Dec. 5	Celebration of Learning Assembly @10am
Dec. 8	Soup day: Bacon Corn Chowder soup
Dec. 8	Div 2 & 3 Skating 8:30-9:45
Dec. 9	Munchalunch: Pizza
Dec. 9	Div 1 Skating 8:30-9:30
Dec. 10	Div 4 Skating 8:30-9:45
Dec. 10	PAC meeting 5:30pm
Dec. 11	Div 2 & 3 Skating 8:30-9:30
Dec. 12	Div 9 & 10 Skating 8:30-9:45
Dec. 12	Munchalunch: hotdogs
Dec. 15	Soup Day: Turkey soup
Dec. 16	Written learning update #1 sent home
Dec. 17	Div 5 Class play 5:30-6:30pm
Dec. 19	PJ Day & Last day for staff and students until 2026

May this upcoming holiday season be a time that brings peace and joy to you and your families.

AES: the School Where Everyone Belongs

Armstrong Elementary PAC



Heads up, our DFS fundraiser is officially on! It's all happening online, making order collection a breeze. Create or log into your shopping account and share your direct link with family and friends. It's a win-win, with all purchases benefiting you and your organization. Simply use the provided organization ID to join in. You must register before you or any supporters can start shopping!

[Register & Shop Now](#)

Our Details

OUR ORGANIZATION ID: 7057

LAST DATE TO SHOP ONLINE: 2025-12-11

Online payments are made through the DFS shopping site. DFS accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, VisaDebit & PayPal.

Shipping options include FREE shipping to Armstrong Elementary PAC or \$18.95 to a home address, any ship to home orders that retail \$150+ will ship to the address FREE!

Be sure to choose the correct shipping method as we cannot switch shipping method once an order is placed.



All things holiday & gifts!

INSTRUCTIONS

WWW.SHOPDFSCANADA.COM

Have an account? **SHOPPED WITH US BEFORE:**

1. Choose LOGIN button
2. Enter your email & password (click "lost password" if you forget)
3. In the dashboard menu click ORGANIZATION & TEAM/HOMEROOM
4. Update by entering the 4-digit organization and team (leave team blank if there are no dropdown options available)
5. Share your link using the Social Media Sharing or start shopping by clicking Shop Now



Participant Registration
Click here when you register for a new Participant Account

Participant Login
I am an existing Participant Account?

Shop Now
Participant ID



Organization & Homeroom
Organization ID *

Team / Homeroom

UPDATE

HELPFUL HINTS:

Only the seller/guardian needs to register. Simply send your link to family and friends to shop under your unique participant ID once registered.

INVALID CODE: double check that you aren't putting the organization ID in the participant ID spot.

New to our site? **NEVER SHOPPED WITH US BEFORE:**

1. Choose REGISTER NOW button
2. Enter the 4-digit organization ID on the back of this letter
3. Create your account by filling out your information
4. Share your link using the Social Media Sharing or start shopping by clicking Shop Now
5. Don't forget to sign up for the Super Sellers Rewards Program

DFS brings to you a wide array of over 400 products on their online platform. Shop to your heart's content from categories like Holiday, Wrapping Paper, Accessories, Home & Storage, Kitchen, Chocolates, Popcorn, Gourmet Dry Mixes and so much more! We assure something for everyone, catering to all tastes.

The more email invites you send, the more supporters we will get! So, break out your email contact list, share on social media, and help spread the word!

Thank you in advance for your support!

Need Help? Check out our Helpdesk for FAQ or open a ticket for a quick response!

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