

# AJ Family Newsletter

February – March 2023

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Things continue to go great at AJ and I am very pleased with how far we have come as a school community in such a short period of time. All the best to you for the next couple months and thanks for the continued support!

Mr. Smilanich

## SCHOOL EVENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### SchoolZone

- SchoolZone is how you can access important information including Progress Reports, Pre-enrolment, and our up-to-date calendar.
- Please contact the office if you need a password reminder or help accessing this site.

### 2023-2024 Pre-enrolment and Registration

- Pre-enrolment dates: March 6 to April 14.
- Be sure to log into SchoolZone to confirm your choice of school for next year.
- We are a Level 2 school meaning which means there are restrictions on who can attend:
  - Continuing students
  - Siblings of continuing students
  - Families who live in our attendance area

### Feeder School Visits

- In February, Grade 6 students from Belmead and LaPerle will be joining us for a tour and some fun activities (and to start to get to know some of their new classmates!).
- Some of the Grade 3 students from Aleda Patterson have already been by and we will be having them all back before the end of the year.

### Progress Reports

- The second trimester ends and progress reports will be released on March 24.

### Demonstration of Learning

- We will be hosting our 2nd annual Demonstration of Learning on Thursday, April 13 from 1 - 8 pm

### Professional Learning Days

- Our next Professional Learning will be on Tuesday, **February 21**. and teachers will be engaged in a variety of activities to improve their professional practice.

### 2023 Provincial Achievement Test Schedule

- Here are the dates for the Grade 6 and Grade 9 Provincial Achievement tests this May and June.
- Please keep these in mind as you are making summer plans as students **are not permitted** to write these exams early.

Monday, May 15	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A
Wednesday, May 17	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part A

Tuesday, June 20	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B
Thursday, June 22	Grade 6 Mathematics Part A Grade 9 Mathematics Part A
Friday, June 23	Grade 6 Mathematics Part B Grade 9 Mathematics Part B
Monday, June 26	Grade 6 Social Studies Grade 9 Social Studies
Tuesday, June 27	Grade 6 Science Grade 9 Science

### **PAT Tutorials**

- In advance of PATs, teachers will be running prep sessions during the school day to help students get ready. **These are not optional and all students are expected to participate.**

### **Grade 7 & 8 Final Exams**

- Grade 7 and 8 students will write final exams in all subjects between June 20 - June 27.
- An exam schedule will be shared in May.
- Students will be expected to attend exam prep sessions/tutorials during the school day during exams.

### **Miss Helen at Aleda**

- If you have children at Aleda Patterson School and you stop by on a Wednesday, your eyes are not playing tricks on you: our Administrative Assistant, Miss Helen, has started helping out there one day a week.
- She joins Miss Donna and Mrs. Sylvie Tissandier who also work at both schools. We really are becoming 'one school community under two roofs'.

## **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

### **Student Rights and Responsibilities Document 2022-23**

- Our *Student Rights and Responsibilities* document can be found [here](#).

### **School Assessment Plan Document 2022-23**

- Our *School Assessment Plan* document can be found [here](#).

### **Attendance**

- Please call the school office at 587-489-4745, or email to alexjanvier@epsb.ca , if your child is going to be away for any reason.
- If you need to pick up your child early please make sure your child is aware and let the school office know in advance by email.
- Consider scheduling appointments on Thursday afternoons and on school PD days to minimize any disruption to learning.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

### **The Lion, The Witch, The Wardrobe Student Performance**

- Alex Janvier Theatre Club presents a dramatization of C.S. Lewis' classic work *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* on March 21, and 22, 2023.

- Students and families are invited to watch during our afternoon and evening shows on both days. More details to come.

### **Fine Arts Gala**

- Last year, our Fine Arts team brought you the incredible *The History of Hip Hop*.
- This year's theme will explore the origins of jazz music.
- Mark your calendars for an afternoon and evening performance on Wednesday, June 7.

### **Library Update**

- Romance is clearly in the air with more and more of our girls enjoying stories of friendship and love. The best part is their sharing thoughts and feelings about these books with their peers and myself. These books are often 'checked in' and 'checked out' in minutes!!

### **Leadership Update**

- Leadership students wrote Random Acts of Kindness messages to all Div 2 students this week and will offer an opportunity for all students to do the same next week.
- Pink Shirt Day is coming on Feb 22. Be sure to wear a pink shirt or grab a pink button from the office! Everyone will wear pink on the 22nd!

### **Principal's Council**

- An initiative of one of our Grade 5 students is our first ever Division 2 Principal's Council! We will be meeting later this month to talk about a variety of topics and issues.

### **Other Current Extra-curricular Opportunities**

- We have lots going on for students to do at AJ.

#### **Division 2 (Grades 4, 5, 6)**

	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Grades</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Diversity Club	Lunch	Ms. Donna's Office	Gr 4-6
	Smudging	Lunch	Art Room	Gr 4-9
<b>Tuesday</b>	STEM Club (by HACK)	Afterschool	Room 144	Gr 5-6 (currently full)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lego Club	Lunch	Room 143	Gr 4-5
	Choir	Lunch	Music Room	Gr 5-8
	Indigenous Lunch Art Club	Lunch	Art Room	Gr 6-9
	Smudging	Lunch	Art Room	Gr 4-9
	Homework Club	Afterschool	Room 185	Gr 4-9
<b>Friday</b>	Coyote Pride (by Bent Arrow)	Lunch	Art Room	Gr 4-6 (currently full)
	Photography Club	Lunch	Makerspace Room	Gr 6-9

#### **Division 3 (Grades 7, 8, 9)**

	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Grades</b>
	GSA	Lunch	Room 204	Gr 7-9

<b>Monday</b>	Debate Club	Lunch	Room 224	Gr 7-9
	Smudging	Lunch	Art Room	Gr 4-9
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chess Club	Afterschool	Room 174	Gr 7-9
	Gardening Club	Lunch	Room 183	Gr 7-9
<b>Wednesday</b>	Indigenous Lunch Art Club	Lunch	Art Room	Gr 6-9
	Choir	Lunch	Music Room	Gr 5-8
	Smudging	Lunch	Art Room	Gr 4-9
	Homework Club	Afterschool	Room 185	Gr 4-9
<b>Friday</b>	Handwriting Club	Lunch	Room 203	Gr 7-9
	Photography Club	Lunch	Makerspace	Gr 6-9

### Open Gym

- The open gym schedule is changing week to week right now because of handball intramurals. We are posting the weekly schedule for students outside the gym doors and they quickly see and understand it!
- We have approximately 50 Grade 8 and 9 students who have signed up for intramurals. In a few weeks, we start the Grade 6 and 7 intramurals cycle!

### All-Stars Athletic Teams

- Congratulations to our boys and girls Basketball Teams who have been working hard this season.
- Good luck to our Division II and III Running Teams who will compete in early March.
- Handball intramurals for Grade 8/9 are underway, with Grade 6/7 intramurals starting mid-February.
- Stay up to date with the action on our Athletics Instagram page.

### Upcoming AJ Cultural Days

- Our cultural days are led by students and are in line with the Division's priority of advancing action towards anti-racism.
- AJ will be celebrating Caribbean Cultural Day on February 17, in honour of Black History month.
- This cultural day will include decorations, dance performances, food, face painting, and maybe a surprise.
- We have two cultural celebrations coming: Novruz in March and Eid in April.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### School Council & Parent Society

- Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month and they will be virtual until further notice. Google Meet link can be found on SchoolZone
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 22 @ 6:30 pm

### Playground Update and Fundraisers

- We continue to receive donations from community members who have graciously donated funds towards our Playground.
- March Fundraiser: Purdy's Chocolates <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1432946-104687>
  - (Deadline to order March 12 with pickup on April 4)
- April Fundraiser: Plant Fundraiser (Flowers, Veggies, Succulents, Herbs, Various Garden Supplies)

- The playground committee made up of teachers, support staff, and parents will be attending a full day of presentations on March 21 from the 4 companies that were shortlisted.

### **Apple School Message of the Month**

- In January, we focused on super snacks and what foods to eat most often.
- In February, we will be showing our hearts some love!
- Information was sent home about our involvement in Apple Research. Please return permission forms for your child to take part.

### **LINKS TO OTHER AJ COMMUNICATION**

- [AJ Instagram](#)
- [Athletics Instagram](#)
- [AJ Facebook](#)
- [AJ Website](#)
- [SchoolZone](#)
- **Phone:** 587-489-4745
- **Email:** [alexjanvier@epsb.ca](mailto:alexjanvier@epsb.ca)

### **UPCOMING DATES**

- Feb 20 Family Day - No School
- Feb 21 PD Day - No School
- Feb 28 Alex Janvier Day in honor of Alex Janvier's Birthday
- Mar 2-3 Teachers' Convention
- Mar 6-7 Immunizations - Round 2
- Mar 8 Open House
- Feb 22 - Mar 12 Purdy's Fundraiser (Parent Society)
- Mar 13 PD Day - No School
- Mar 6 - Apr 14 Pre-enrolment for 2023-2024 School Year open for Parents
- Mar 21 & 22 The Lion, The Witch, The Wardrobe student performance
- Mar 21 Playground Presentations to the Playground Panel/Committee
- Mar 24 End of 2nd Trimester; Progress Reports released on SchoolZone
- Mar 25 - Apr 2 Spring Break - No School
- Apr 3 Div 3 - New Options Start this week
- Apr 5 - Apr 26 (TBC) Plant Fundraiser (Parent Society)
- Apr 7 Good Friday - No School
- Apr 10 Easter Monday - No School
- Apr 13 Demonstration of Learning (1pm - 8pm)
- Apr 25 - 26 Immunizations - Follow-up and Missed appointments
- Apr 28 PD Day - No School

*Be sure to check the School Calendar on SchoolZone for a more complete listing of dates.*