

AJ Family Newsletter

April – June 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard for me to believe it is already April and that we are into the final trimester of this school year. With three months to go, I encourage each of our students to maintain regular attendance and keep up the hard work as we want everyone to have a strong finish to the 2022-2023 school year!

I also want to thank each of you for the continued support in just our second year of operation. It really has been another amazing year and while I am so proud of how far we have come in such a short period of time, I am also very excited as we start looking ahead and planning for next year. But before the end of this one, I am hoping that will see you in person at some of the fantastic community events that are still coming up (i.e. Demonstration of Learning, Fine Arts Gala, etc. etc.).

All the best,
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 or help accessing this site.

2023-2024 Pre-enrolment and Registration

- Pre-enrolment closes on April 14, so if you have not already done so, 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

- Grade 3 students from Aleda Patterson will be visiting again as soon as it is warm enough to walk.

Progress Reports

- Final progress reports will be released on SchoolZone on Tuesday, June 27 @ 4pm.

Professional Learning Days

- Our next Professional Learning Days will be held on Friday, April 28 and Wednesday, June 21. On both days, 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 26.
- An exam schedule will be shared in May.
- Students will be expected to attend exam prep sessions/tutorials during the school day during exams.

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.

UPCOMING STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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.**

Grade 9 Farewell

- Our Grade 9 Farewell celebration will take place on **Thursday, June 15 (5:30 pm - 8:30 pm).**
- More information will be shared in the coming weeks as students are currently planning it.

Library Update

- We are excited to announce that more and more students are choosing to read a wider variety of books and really enjoy sharing their thoughts and feelings about them. Being able to purchase new books and the ones they request, has also increased readership and building STRONGER readers!

Leadership Update

- Mrs. Graham just got started with her new group of Leadership students and they will be planning lots of fun and engaging activities for the final three months of the year. Stay tuned!!

Other Current Extra-curricular Opportunities

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

Division 2 (Grades 4, 5, 6)

	Club Name	When	Location	Grades
Monday	Diversity Club	Lunch	Ms. Donna's Office	Gr 4-6
	Smudging	Lunch	Art Room	Gr 4-9
Tuesday	STEM Club (by HACK)	Afterschool	Room 144	Gr 5-6 (currently full)
Wednesday	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
Friday	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)

	Club Name	Time	Location	Grades
Monday	GSA	Lunch	Room 204	Gr 7-9
	Debate Club	Lunch	Room 224	Gr 7-9
	Smudging	Lunch	Art Room	Gr 4-9
Tuesday	Chess Club	Afterschool	Room 174	Gr 7-9
	Gardening Club	Lunch	Room 183	Gr 7-9
Wednesday	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
Friday	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 floor hockey intramurals for students in grades 6-9. We are posting the weekly schedule for students outside the gym doors and they quickly see and understand it! We encourage all of our students to spend some time outside during every lunch hour as well.

All-Stars Athletic Teams

- Congratulations to our Division II and III Running Teams who performed extremely well at the Journal Games
- Good luck to our boys and girls Handball Teams who will be competing in Provincials at the end of the month
- Congratulations to our Jr. and Sr. Badminton All-Stars, we look forward to watching you compete this month at zones!
- Floor hockey intramurals for Grade 6/7 and 8/9 students have started this April
- Stay up to date with the action on our Athletics Instagram page or Schoolzone

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.
- We have two cultural celebrations coming up: Eid in April and Indigenous Peoples Day in June.

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, Apr 26 (Time to be confirmed due to Zebra Centre presentation)

Playground Update and Fundraisers

- We continue to receive donations from community members who have graciously donated funds towards our Playground.
- April **PLANT FUNDRAISER** including
 - **Link to the ONLINE ordering:**
<https://alexjanvierschooledmonton.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>
 - Deadline is Tuesday, April 25
 - Pickup date is Tuesday, May 9th

Zebra Centre: Conversation about Parenting Teens in a Digital World & How to Make their Online

Experience Safer

- Date: Wed, Apr 26
- Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

- Location: Alex Janvier School (in-person)
- [Google Form Link to Sign-Up](#) to attend

Apple School Message of the Month

- In March we focused on the number one drink of choice... WATER!
- April is Neurodiversity Awareness month we can't wait to learn lots about our brains
- Apple Schools is helping fund swimming lessons for all our Division II students, so please look for permission forms coming home this month
- With warmer weather remember to get outside and get active!

LINKS TO OTHER AJ COMMUNICATION

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

UPCOMING DATES

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| • Apr 13 | Demonstration of Learning (1pm - 8pm) |
| • Apr 20 | "What's your passion?" - Dress Up Day |
| • Apr 25 - 26 | Immunizations - Follow-up and Missed appointments |
| • Apr 26 | Parent presentation about Online Safety - ZEBRA Centre (6:30 pm) |
| • Apr 27 | Autism acceptance Day (Wear Red & Gold) |
| • Apr 28 | PD Day - No School |
| | |
| • May 1 | Div 2 CAT - Math test (8:30-10:30) |
| • May 2 | 6-1, 6-2, 5-6 Field Trip to Telus Science (8:45-2:45) |
| • May 3 | Div 3 CAT - Math test (8:30 - 10:30) |
| • May 3 | 4-1 & 4-2 Field Trip to Telus Science (8:45-2:45) |
| • May 3 | 6-1 Swimming (1:15-2:45) |
| • May 4 | Gr 8 Trip to Skills Canada |
| • May 8 | Div 2 CAT - Estimation & Computation (8:30 - 10:30) |
| • May 9 | Div 3 CAT- Estimation & Computation (8:30 - 10:30) |
| • May 12 | Interactions Swimming Field Trip |
| • May 15 | Grade 9 PAT - LA Written (AM blocks) |
| • May 16-17 | Gr 9 PE Overnight Field Trip to Camp Nakamun |
| • May 17 | Gr 6 PAT - LA Written (AM blocks) |
| • May 19 | Drama Div 3 FT - Seussical the Musical |
| • May 22-24 | May Extended Break (No School) |
| • May 26 | Div 3 Zone Track Meet (appx 40-50 students going) |
| • May 26 | Interactions Swimming Field Trip |
| • May 30 | Grade 8 Field Trip to Trade Winds @ JP |
| • May 31 | 4-1 Swimming Field Trip (1:15 - 2:45) |
| | |
| • June 2 | 6-2 Swimming Field Trip (AM) |
| • June 2 | Grade 9 Wetland Field Trip (9-1in AM; 9-2/9-3 PM) |

- June 5 Track & Field Cities Meet
- June 6 5-1 Swimming (AM)
- Jun 7 Fine Arts Gala & Concert (1:30 pm and 6:30 pm Shows)
- June 9 4-2 Swimming Field Trip
- Jun 9 Gr 6 Movin' On Up Celebration Day
- June 14 5-2 Swimming (PM)
- Jun 14 Last Day of Div 3 Options
- Jun 15 Grade 9 Farewell
- Jun 16 Athletics Awards
- Jun 21 PD Day
- Jun 27 Last Instructional Day
- Jun 28 Last Operational Day

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