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March 2018 Newsletter – A.M. Cunningham School



Dear Parents / Guardians:

Happy March! It has been a busy February at AMC with lots of special events taking place. A BIG thank you to all of the community members who donated their time to make these things possible. Our students are lucky to have such a large group of people supporting their learning behind them!

Did you feel a little earthquake on March 1st at 10:30 am? That was all of the students and staff at AMC biting into an apple at the same time as part of The Big Crunch! Kids all across Canada participated to celebrate nutrition and encourage a sense of school and national unity. Watch for photos on the school display.

Since 2008, over 1 million people have joined us for the Great Big Crunch, an annual moment of **anti-silence** where everyone gets together and bites into crunchy fresh local produce in unison. The symphony is loud, whether you munch on apples or carrots. From coast to coast to coast, celebrate and enjoy healthy snacking with as a school. Special thanks to our office staff and volunteers for coordinating this event!



School Council

Our next council meeting is set for **Wednesday, March 21st at 6:00 pm**. As always, child minding is available. Come on out, meet some new faces, share your thoughts! Please feel free to also contact us by email at schoolcouncilamc@gmail.com. It's always great to hear from you, and we are happy to answer any of your questions. If you would like to receive information on news and upcoming events, please email school council.

Planning for the 2018/2019 School Year

Please trust that our teaching staff works hard to create strong, balanced classes, intended to meet the needs of all learners. Many factors are considered when we complete this task. Some of these factors include:

- Heterogeneous groupings (i.e. a balance of abilities in each class)
- A balance according to gender
- The placement of students in groupings where they will effectively learn
- Other factors highlighted by school staff, students and/or parents.

If there are things that you would like us to consider when building classes, please put this in writing and send it to the office by May 18th. We will do our best to accommodate requests but cannot guarantee meeting all of them due to the challenges that come with placing over 400 students in classes, based on the criteria above.

Information regarding next year's class placement (Teacher and class) will be provided with each child's final report card in June. Once classes are set, the only opportunity for change will be September reorganization. Every year, some parents make specific requests regarding their child's teacher for next year.

Kindergarten Registration



JK/SK registration will begin on February 5th for children born in 2014 for Junior Kindergarten and 2013 for Senior Kindergarten. Please encourage friends and neighbours to enrol their child. Registration forms are available at the office or on the HWDSB website. The Junior and Senior Kindergarten program is a full-day, every day program. **KINDERGARTEN INFO NIGHT HAS BEEN SET FOR TUESDAY, MAY 15th FROM 3:45 – 5:00 PM**

Only those students living in the English catchment area can attend Junior and Senior Kindergarten at A.M. Cunningham School. (This applies to other French Immersion schools as well.) For those families who have a JK or SK aged child but live in our French Immersion catchment area, they will need to enrol their child at their English catchment school. We understand that this causes difficulty for parents to have children attending different schools. These decisions have been made by HWDSB and Trustees to help alleviate accommodation challenges at French Immersion Schools.

Coins for Kids



Once again A.M. Cunningham School will be running "Coins for Kids" from March 19 – April 6. Families will receive a coffee cup, provided by Tim Horton's, which hopefully can be filled with your loose change – pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies and toonies and perhaps some paper money?. All money collected will be counted and a cheque will be presented to Hamilton Food Share. For every \$1.00 we collect at Cunningham, Hamilton Food Share can purchase \$5.00 worth of food. Let's try to beat last year's total of \$2700.00 !!!

Skating Days



Our skating days were a huge success. All students, whether they had skated before or not, enjoyed themselves.

A very special "Thank You" is extended to School Council for covering the cost of the bussing to and from the arena, and to the many volunteers who helped with skate and helmet fitting, and for tying skates at the arena.

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

AMC's Got Talent



We are pleased to inform you that AMC will once again be holding a Talent Show to showcase the amazing talent of our student community! The show is open to students in Grades 3-5. Auditions have taken place and performers have been selected to be in this year's show.

The talent show will be held on Friday, March 9th at 10:00 am. Parents are welcome! A 2:00 pm show will be held for all students in Grades 3-5.

A big "THANK YOU" to Mrs. Jones for organizing this annual extravaganza !!





PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received Principal's Awards for the month of February.

ROOM	ACADEMIC	MOST IMPROVED	CHARACTER: CARING
114	OLWYNN	NYLA	JOSUE
118	SANNE	MIA	KENTON
124	EMILY	BENNETT	AINSLIE
131	-----	NIKO	TRAVIS
208	IZAIAH	LACHLAN	EMMA
H113	-----	PABLO	ELYSSA
303	ELI	SOPHIE	JAKE
112	CHARLOTTE	-----	KATHERINE
209	MALIA	NOAH	DAVINA
119	RAMONA	CONNOR	JAELIN
206	BENJAMIN	WYATT	ARYANNA
203	CHLOE	JOSIAH	AURORA
309	KATELYN	ASHLYN	SUMMER
H070	CHIYO	CLAIRE	GEORGE
H125	HAZEL	NORRIE	SCARLETT
H201	LIAM K.	AIDEN	AUTUMN
310	RUDIE	JASPER	MEGAN
304	SOPHIA H.	BRIDGET	GABRIELLE
302	-----	HAILEY-ANNE	CLAIRE

March's character trait is INTEGRITY.