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## Principal's Corner

This is a bittersweet newsletter to write...the last one. As many of you may have heard, I will be retiring at the end of this year.

I have had a thoroughly satisfying time doing what I love for thirty-five years and it is with gratitude that I look back. Life is full of circles and one circle completed for me is ending my education career at AEP, the school I attended in my own student days in 'olden times'.

This school has always been a wonderful school and continues to be today. The warmth, generosity, the friendliness and acceptance of differences, makes it stand out from other schools in the city. Long may it continue to have the heart it does.

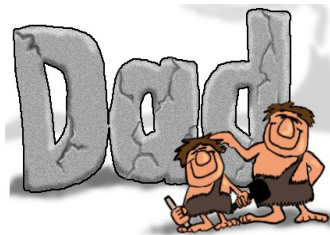
I would like to thank all of you for the support, the chats and the shared goals we work towards. I thank the staff for their dedication and hard work. And most importantly, I thank the many students who have touched my life and been part of my journey. I will always think back to my time here at A.E.Perry and fully enjoy my memories.



But enough nostalgia...

The end of this school year is almost upon us! June is always busy and fun, however, the academic part is not finished until the end of the year so please help us in encouraging students to continue to work hard, and to complete homework assignments and home reading. We are beginning our planning for the fall. Please inform the school if you are planning to move out of the school area or if you know of families moving in. Also, please remember to update contact information with the school if you have a new phone number or address. And last, but not least, a very Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there!

Mrs. P. Armstrong



## Fun Summer Reading!

Research shows that children who read over the summer maintain or improve their reading skills. Summer reading helps children feel confident and ready for September!



AE Perry is participating in **three** separate summer reading projects to

promote a lifelong love of reading. These projects, funded by a generous grant from the Stollery Charitable Foundation, are made possible by a partnership with Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops, Literacy in Kamloops, TNRD Library, and School District No. 73.

### 1. **New-to-Grade 2 and New-to-Grade 3 Summer Book Clubs**

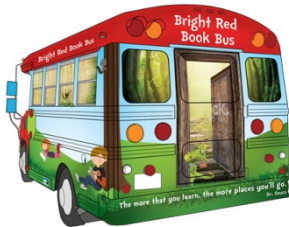


Children currently in grades 1 and 2 will receive 12 books to read this summer. They will choose these books themselves and will enjoy reading them with family and friends. Parents of these students will receive a letter in June with more information.

### 2. **Summer Reading Success Parent Workshop**

Some parents/guardians will receive invitations to attend a special workshop to be held on Monday, June 22 from 8:30-10-9:30 am at our school. At this workshop, Fiona Clare, Literacy Coordinator from Literacy in Kamloops, will present ways to positively support children's summer reading.

### 3. **Bright Red Book Bus**



Over the summer, the Bright Red Book Bus (BRBB) will be visiting AE Perry once a week. Neighbourhood children and their parents or caregivers will be invited to stop by the BRBB **every Monday morning**

**from 1:00-3:00 pm.** Children will be welcome to take up to two books each visit. They may keep these books or return them another week. No library card needed! Come for a snack, a story and activity, and sharing with friends and neighbours.

Families are invited to learn all about the Bright Red Book Bus and meet its summer leaders **before school on Monday, June 22** when the bus next visits our school.

**Happy Summer Reading!**

### **Strings Concert**

Our Strings students have come a long way over the course of the year. They will hold a school concert June 3 at 10:30 and will also be performing at the Sagebrush as part of a district concert on June 9 at 6:30. Thank you to our strings teacher, Mrs. Zahir, for all her work with our students this year.

### **Changes**

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect on endings and beginnings. The grade sixes end their elementary years and move forward to new adventures in middle school. It is with mixed feelings that our grade sixes say good-bye to A.E.Perry and hello to a new phase in their lives. Teachers say good-bye to one set of students and look forward to saying hello to a new group.

There are some staff members, too, who will leave our school for different adventures. First of all, **Mrs. Burback**, our secretary, extra-ordinaire, is also about to move into retirement! I know the school community will miss her cheerful greetings and her ability to put others at ease. As the first face or voice, visitors see or hear at the school, she embodies all the best of AEP school. She will be greatly missed.

Mr. Law, will move on to his next assignment as principal of Savona Elementary. We wish him the very best in his new position and want him to know AEP will miss him. Ms. Campbell, Mr. Hine and Mrs. Willie, are teachers who have completed their term at the end of June. Perhaps their travels will bring them back to AEP some day. A number of support staff: Mrs. Braithwaite, Ms. Walker, Mrs. Goss, Ms. Heighton, and Mrs. Khabra will also be finished their assignments.

We wish all these staff members, the very best and want them to know that they will be missed by everyone at A.E.Perry.

#### Track and Field

AEPerry Elementary had an excellent track and field season again! We had a great number of students attending the zone/district meet. Way to go, RoadRunners!!

#### Welcome to Kindergarten

We had a chance to meet our new K students at the recent Welcome to Kindergarten session. Students participated in station activities that will enhance their development of readiness skills. Each participant left with a bag of things to do over the summer to give each the best start.

As usual, the Kindergarten teachers will send out information in August about school start-up.

#### School Bus Registration Process for September 2015

In order to simplify the school bus registration process, the School District Transportation Department will be using School Bus Registration Cards. The registration cards will be mailed out after August 24, 2015.

Students who were registered on the buses for the 2014-2015 school year will receive registration cards in the mail.

All new students who are registered with the district before July 31, 2015 and are eligible for transportation in accordance with School District No. 73 Policy 1118.1 "Transportation of Students" will receive a registration card.

The registration cards are to be given to the driver on the first day of transportation in order to be registered on the bus. Drivers have forms for students without registration cards. Should you require any further information please contact the Transportation office at 250-372 5853.



#### Outstanding School Fees

There are still some outstanding school supplies and library fees. They are due now. Following school district policy, report cards will not be issued on June 25<sup>th</sup> for students with outstanding fees. Parents of those students may pick up reports on June 26<sup>th</sup> on payment of fees. Please help us to balance our outstanding accounts.

#### Library

All library books are due back to the library before June 10. Overdue notices will be sent out June 17. Please help your child search at home for misplaced books.

#### School Jerseys

We are still missing a number of our sports jerseys. Please have your child

check under beds, in closets and hampers for any jerseys that may be lurking where you live.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Tea**

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea will take place on Tuesday, June 10, 1:30-3:00. Invitations are going out to the parents and community members who have volunteered to help in the school over the year. If you volunteered in any capacity and were inadvertently missed and don't receive an invitation this week, please join us at this tea, so we can express our appreciation for your help in the school. Schools cannot provide the many different extra things we do, without the generous support of the volunteers who help us out, and we want you to know that you are appreciated.



**SCHOOL CLOSING and OPENING  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR  
STUDENTS**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015**

Elementary, Secondary and Rural  
Schools

Afternoon buses will run two hours  
earlier than the normal schedule

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015**

Year-end for staff only. Students do not  
attend on this day.

**SEPTEMBER SCHOOL OPENING**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

**MORNING BUS RUNS**

Please note on the first day of school, all  
morning buses will pick up students two

hours later than the regular time for pick  
up.

**AFTERNOON BUS RUNS**

Elementary and Rural Schools

Afternoon buses will run two hours  
earlier than regularly scheduled time

Students attend school from 10:30-12:00  
on the first day back

### **PAC:**

The final Parent Advisory Council Meeting  
of the year has been scheduled for  
Wednesday June 17.

**I'd like to take this opportunity to  
thank the members of our PAC who  
have been active this year, for the  
incredible support they provide the  
school. The staff and I want you to  
know that your hard work and  
generosity is truly appreciated.**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- ◆ June 4 PAC Spring Carnival
- ◆ June 5 FN Cultural Day at Bert  
Edwards for all Gr. 5's/6's
- ◆ June 10 Volunteer Appreciation Tea
- ◆ June 17 PAC mtg
- ◆ June 24 Fun Day AM
- ◆ June 25 Year-End Assembly
  - ◆ Last day for students
  - ◆ early dismissal – 12:00
- ◆ June 26 Administration Day for  
Staff

Please check with classroom teachers for  
individual class field trips and events.



**Happy Father's Day!**

# **Board Notes**

## ***From the Board Meeting of: MAY 11, 2015***

1. The Board recognized and presented Long Term Service Awards to Anna Marie Mankowske and Patrick Gooding.
2. The Board received a presentation on Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) from District Resource Behaviour Teachers Naomi Shook and Dyan Gunnlaugson.
3. The Board received a presentation from KTTA President, David Komljenovic, of a BCTF Research Paper.
4. The Board approved the Secondary School Schedule of School Enhancement Fees for the 2015/2016 school year.
5. The Board received the Quality Review Report on our alternate and continuing education programs with Twin Rivers Education Centre.
6. The Board approved the District Technology Plan as presented by Director Blackwell.
7. The Board approved the recommendations made in the Graduated Adult Learners' Report prepared by Assistant Superintendent Sidow.
8. The Board approved an Out-of-Province Field Trip Request for the Westsyde Secondary School Senior Football Team to travel to Vancouver, BC and Seattle, Washington on September 25-26, 2015.
9. The Board approved the 2015/2016 Budget Bylaw (Preliminary) as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Stretch.
10. The Board approved new Policy 1024.7 Emergency Procedure: Cancellation of Classes due to Extreme Weather.

***The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, May 25, 2015 at the School Board Office.***

## ***From the Board Meeting of: MAY 25, 2015***

1. The Board enjoyed a 'Daily 6' presentation from ten grade 2 students from Kay Bingham Elementary. The students were accompanied by District Literacy Resource Teacher, Dianne Dean, and Teachers Kim Bojesen and Julie Noble.
2. The Board approved the Beattie School of the Arts K-12 Consolidation Report.
3. The Board received the update on the Brocklehurst Middle School Academy Fees.
4. The Board received a report on the Dry Grad Activities for 2015.
5. The Board approved the School Improvement Plans for Kay Bingham Elementary, Brocklehurst Middle School, and NorKam Secondary.

***The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, June 8, 2015 at Raft River Elementary School, Clearwater, BC.***