

ATHLONE ADVISOR

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April, 2017

Principal, Mr. J. Baker



Dates to Remember

April 4 & 18
Early dismissal
2:45 p.m.

April 14
Good Friday
No School

April 20
Special Lunch

April 21
Inservice
No school

May 2 & 16
Early dismissal
2:45 p.m.

May 18
Special Lunch

May 22
Victoria Day
No school

June 6
Last Early
Dismissal
2:45 p.m.

June 16
Admin. Day
No School

June 29
Last day of school
Report Cards Is-
sued

June 30
Admin. Day
No School

Principal's Message

I hope Spring Break was a relaxing and recharging time for all our families and friends. It is wonderful to see the snow gone from the playground. Hopefully some warm rains will start things growing and budding.

Athlone had a number of grade 3- 5 students participating in the Divisional Science Fair on Wednesday, April 5th. They all did an awesome job representing themselves and the school. Athlone is very proud of their hard work and they should be proud of all their efforts too.

There are many items currently in our lost and found including jackets, hoodies, hats, mitts and lunch kits. Students and parents are encouraged to take a look. All items not claimed will be donated to a local charity.

Thank you to all our families and friends who ordered plants through our recent Glenlea Greenhouse Plant Fundraiser. The money we raise will be used to offset some of the costs of spring field trips and guest performers. A reminder that plants will be delivered on June 2nd and will be available for pick up from 11:30 – 4:00pm.

April will also bring a new guest artist to work with various classrooms as part of the Integrated Arts program. Classrooms will be a buzz with new units and themes. Bring on spring!

Jonathan Baker

Divisional Science Fair

Congratulations are extended to the students who represented our school at the Divisional Science Fair on April 5th. Our students did a fantastic job and received the following awards.

Gold	Alex V.	Do We Taste with Our Eyes?
Gold	Talia H. & Julia C.	Keeping It Cool
Silver	Mia H. & Liliya A.	Zebra Mussels Attach
Silver	Norah M. & Izzy M.	Does Salt Water Freeze?
Silver	Kayda M.	Sea Turtles
Bronze	Raelynn R.	How Crystal Candy Grows
Bronze	Jeremy R.	Will Solar Power Work in the Winter?
Bronze	Gunner S. & Denon M.	Does Microwave Water Kill Plants?

Phys. Ed. News

Yoga with Cathy Spack on Fridays will continue in April and June. Thank you to all students who have registered.



Speed stacking is underway at Athlone! Practices will be held during recess time and a team will be picked shortly. We will be attending the divisional tournament on April 19th at Sansome School!

Toy Express

The Green Hearts Club will be having a toy sale on Wednesday, April 19, to raise money for the Green Action Centre and the Manitoba Eco-Network. We are asking families to donate gently used toys that have been outgrown or are no longer played with. Books, complete puzzle sets, board games, cars, building sets, craft sets, are just a few examples of toys that can be donated. Please do not send broken toys or toys/games with missing parts. For hygienic reasons, we will not be accepting any stuffed animals/toys. **Toys can be brought to school from Tuesday, April 11th until Tuesday, April 18th.** The toys will then be sorted and put on display for the sale on **April 19th.** All items will be priced for \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$3.00. The toys will be saved from landfills and students will be helping local charities protect the environment.

Sincerely,

Kindergarten

Athlone School is now accepting Kindergarten Registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. If your child was born in the year 2012 they are eligible for Kindergarten in September. Athlone School offers a half day Kindergarten program, mornings or afternoons. Registration forms are available in the school office. We will require a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of address when you register. If you have any questions you can call the school office at 204-832-1373.

Application for Purchased Bus Seats 2017-2018 School Year

Applications are now being accepted for purchased bus seats for the 2017-18 school year. There is no guarantee for a "purchase" seat. Once all students eligible for bussing according to provincial legislation have been identified, bus routes are designed and possible purchase seats for each run are identified. Purchase seat applications received prior to April 30th of each year will be considered in the design of bus routes. However, purchase seats are always dependent on availability, on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$440 per year (\$44 per month) for the first child and \$220 per year (\$22 per month) for each additional child. Please contact Mrs. Morris if you require more information or would like to apply for a purchased seat.



April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Kick-off Assembly (2:30 pm in the gym)	4	5 Wilderness Committee Presentation (3-5) (P.M.)	6	7 Read My Shirt Day	8
9	10	11	12 Water Wednesday	13 Dress as your favourite book character	14 NO SCHOOL	15
16	17	18	19 Winnipeg Humane Society (K-2) A.M. Used Toy & Book Sale	20 Used Toy & Book Sale Teacher Swap	21 NO SCHOOL	22
23	24 Take Pride (K-2) 12:30-1:00 (3-5: 1:00-1:30)	25 Read Outside Day EARTH DAY School Yard Clean- up	26	27	28 Snuggle Up and Read School Wide Assembly (2:30-3:00)	29
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Athlone School Parent Council Newsletter

April 2017

April is Staff Appreciation Month at Athlone!

The ASPC is recognizing all the wonderful staff at Athlone School during the month of April. Please help us out by signing up to bring in a food item for one of the special treat days (Wednesdays in April) or donating a gift card (\$5 - \$10 value). Gift cards will be drawn for all staff during the Italian lunch planned for Wednesday, April 26th and we will need 30 gift cards!

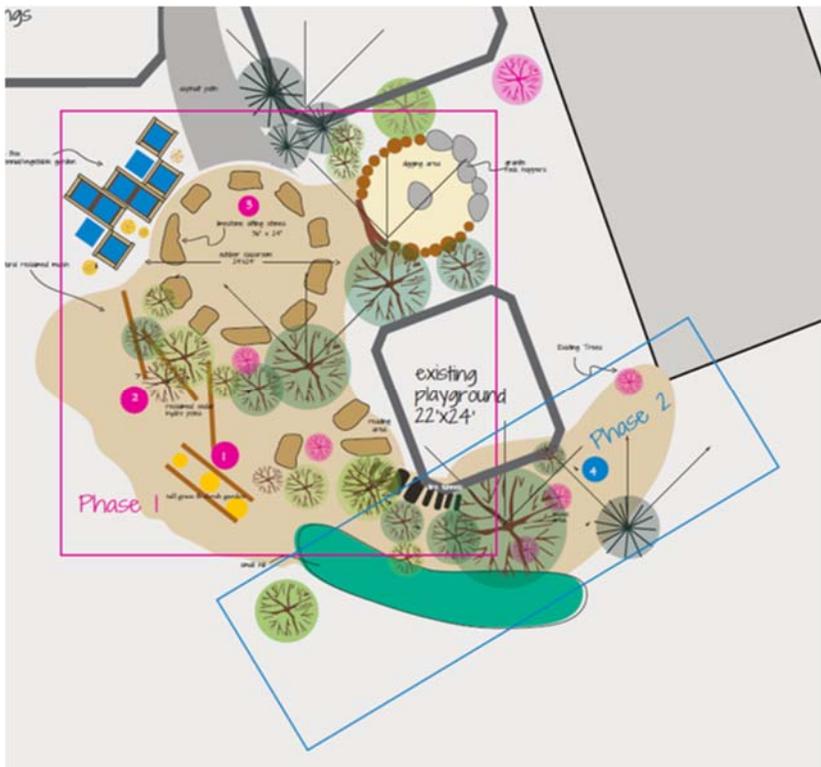
You can sign up to bring in food on our webpage at: www.signup.com/go/iJtZMJ

Also, don't forget to work with your child to thank staff at Athlone using the templates emailed on April 3rd. These will be used to decorate the walls of the staff room during the month. Adults can send in a completed template as well. Thank you for your support!

Outdoor Learning Grounds Update

Athlone ASPC members Erin Robbins and Devin Soroka were lucky enough to meet Ron Blatz, Executive Director of Discovery Children's Centre, and Wendy Simonson, an Evergreen Learning Grounds consultant. Both provided valuable feedback on Athlone's proposed outdoor classroom and as a result, some changes were made to the draft presented in January:

- Shifting the trees closer to existing playstructures to provide more shade
- Adding a sand/digging area between the two east playstructures
- Adding a small hill to border the play area to the south
- Building a planter for tall grasses/shrubs to avoid trampling
- Adding a tire tunnel



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to our volunteers, Maria Soroka, Devin Soroka, Felix Meza and Erin Macdonald for helping at this year's book fair. As well, a **huge** thank you to Adam and Christine Melnyk for organizing the book fair. With your help, we raised over \$900 for the Athlone library.

Next Parent Council Meeting is Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Do you have questions or would you like to volunteer at one of our events? Contact Erin Robbins, ASPC President erinrob-bins@shaw.ca or 204-807-8594.