

ATHLONE ADVISOR

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March, 2017

Principal, Mr. J. Baker



Dates to Remember

Tuesday, March 7 & 21
Early Dismissal 2:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8
Report Cards sent home

Wednesday, March 8
Athlone Project Fair

Thursday, March 16
Triad Conferences
4:30—7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 17
Triad Conferences
9:00—11:30
Inservice –PM
No school all day

March 20-24
Spirit Week

Thursday, March 24
Last day of Classes

March 27-31
Spring Break

Monday, April 3
Classes resume

Tuesday, April 4 & 18
Early Dismissal 2:45 p.m.

Principal's Message

It's March and that means report cards and another chance to see your child's progress through the second term. Teachers and students have been hard at work getting their work samples into portfolios and preparing for our second student-led conferences of the year. They will run on March 16th & 17th. The Parent Council will be running a Scholastic Book Fair on those days as well, and parents will have a chance to browse and purchase books and other items.

During the afternoon of March 17th, Athlone teachers will be meeting with teachers from Heritage School to look at school-wide writing samples. We did a similar assessment at the end of the first term, and the classroom teachers are keen to look at the progress our students have made and plan next steps. They are also excited about the chance to work with other colleagues from another school and share ideas and best practices.

Our 1-3 and 3-5 choirs performed at the Winnipeg Music Festival on March 1st and 2nd. We are proud of all their hard work under Mrs. Dunk's leadership.

The Athlone Project Fair will run on March 8th. Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 have the opportunity to submit a project. Primary classrooms are also working on class projects to give their students a taste of what a science investigation is like and to spark some interest in students.

Our basketball team's busy season comes to a close with a Friendship Tournament on March 3rd. We thank Mrs. Parnell for helping to organize this and for running all those practices and games.

Finally, Athlone School Spirit Week will run from March 20th – 24th. This year the Green Hearts Club will be planning the activities and daily dress-up themes. Stay tuned for more details.

Jonathan Baker

Triad Conferences

Athlone Conference Manager is now open

Triad Conferences will take place on March 16 & 17. Once again, we are using the web-based scheduling application, *Athlone School Conference Manager*. If you do not have internet access you can still call the school office to book an appointment. Conference times are:

March 16—4:30—7:00 p.m.
March 17—9:00—11:30 a.m.

Visit our website <http://athlone.sjsd.net/> to find the link.

Athlone Project Fair

The date for the Athlone Science and Heritage Fair is quickly approaching. If you still wish to participate and put a project in the fair on March 8th please see Mrs. Jensen. Formal registration took place on Friday, March 3. If your child was missed and did not receive a formal registration slip, they can see Mrs. Jensen on Monday or Tuesday.

Also a reminder if students need help printing or cutting papers for their backboard they can attend the last Science Fair help session on Monday, March 7th.

Don't forget that backboards are also available for purchase at the office for \$5.

Projects will need to be set-up before school on the morning of March 8th and judging will take place that morning as students are pulled out of class. Viewing of the results will take place the same day at 4:30 until 6:00. If this time does not work there is another opportunity to view them on March 9th in the morning. All projects must go home after school on March 9th.



Kindergarten Registration



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.

Glenlea Plant Fundraiser

Athlone is having a bedding plant fundraiser this month. Catalogues are available at the office, or you can shop online at www.glenleagreenhouses.com. Order forms must be in by March 24th, and plants will be delivered to the school on June 2. Plants will be available for pick up from 11:30 – 4:00 pm. Orders must be picked up by 4:00 on June 2. If you are ordering a gift card, they will be available and sent home the week of April 24th. Thank you for your support.



Kind Coins for Pakistan

This January, during The Great Kindness Challenge, students were presented with the opportunity to participate in a global service project to help build a new school and peace center in Pakistan. We are proud to celebrate that Athlone students brought in \$104.26. Thank you to everyone for all of their support.

Phys. Ed. News

Yoga with Cathy Spack on Fridays will continue in April and June. Please watch for a permission form that will go home shortly. There will be 2 sessions. First session will be grades K-2 and the second session will be grades 3-5.

The basketball season will be coming to an end on March 3rd with a friendship tournament from 9:30am-11:30am. Students will be bussed to and from the tournament.

Thank you to all students who participated in ball hockey over the lunch hour during the month of January.

Thank you to parent council for the brand new set of cross country skis! We have used them through January to February.

Students in grades 3-5 rollerbladed during the month of February. Please remember to take your helmet home.



Notes from the Music Room



Grade 4-5 Athlone students are attending the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra on March 16th. Permission forms and information will be going home with students next week. The students will also have the opportunity to have a close encounter with a small group of WSO instrumentalists that will be coming to our school to perform for our students on March 13th. They will get to hear various instruments and have a question and answer session about what it's like to be a professional musician in Canada. Start thinking about what questions you would like to ask those musicians!

Due to our involvement this year with the WSO and their children programming, they have offered our students at Athlone discounted tickets to:

Melodius Prime vs The Boyz of Noise!

Sun, Mar 26th at 2:00 p.m.

Mark Cameron, entertainer I Julian Pellicano, conductor

"Look up in the sky! It's a bird? ...It's a plane? ...La! La! Laa! It's nothing you've ever seen or heard before. It's...

Melodious Prime, Winnipeg's one and only Super-Duper Symphonic Superhero!

Come and dress up as your favourite superhero and team up with Melodious Prime to save the WSO, and conductor Julian Pellicano, from the diabolical schemes of Kaos and Konfuzed, the evil, Boyz of Noise!"

[wso.ca /melodiusprime](http://wso.ca/melodiusprime)

Join us for Pre-concert Activities at 1:00 pm!

Children can visit the Conducting Station where they get the chance to conduct a group of symphony musicians or visit the Instrument Petting Zoo to touch and play the orchestral instruments. They can also participate in musical activities such as crafts, rhythm ensembles and round-singing.

Redeem this discount online with code BACH50 at wso.ca, by phone at (204) 999-3999 or in-person at our box office.

Thanks for your continued support in the music program at Athlone!

Mrs. Jordanna Dunk

<http://athlonemusicroom.blogspot.ca>

Athlone School Parent Council Newsletter March 2017

Scholastic Book Fair

March 16 & 17 will see the ASPC hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. The event will take place in the gym during Triad conferences. Buy a book to reward those excellent report cards and help Athlone raise money for book purchases for classrooms and the library at the same time. We are still looking for volunteers to work the fair, so please contact us if you can help.

Staff Appreciation

The ASPC will use the month of April to recognize all the hard-working staff at Athlone School. Look for a letter to be sent home the week of March 20th. The ASPC will be seeking donations of snacks, baked goods, lunch items, gift cards and cash so please remember to sign up.

Outdoor Learning Grounds Update

The ASPC has hired a consultant that provides services on behalf of the Toyota Evergreen Fund. Wendy Simonson will give the ASPC suggestions on the plan, including features we may want to consider, placement, and advice on our grant applications. After we get feedback from Wendy we will be finalizing the plan and seeking approval from the St. James Assiniboia School Division. Once we get approval, we will be submitting several grant applications. We hope to commence work on Phase 1 of the plan in early July 2017.

Do you have a construction or landscaping connection?

The ASPC would like to minimize costs for the outdoor classroom and learning grounds. We plan to use volunteer labour to complete some planting, spread wood mulch and install basic playground features. If you are employed in the construction or landscaping industry, please contact us and we can discuss how you can best help us with the project.

Next Parent Council Meeting is Wednesday, March 15th 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 erinrobbins@shaw.ca or 204-807-8594.



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