

# ATHLONE ADVISOR

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Principal, Mr. J. Baker

## Dates to Remember

- November 9**  
Remembrance Day Service  
12:45 p.m.
- November 10**  
Admin/Inservice—No School
- November 11**  
Remembrance Day—No School
- November 15**  
Early Dismissal 2:45 p.m.
- November 18**  
Pictures Retakes—Morning
- November 23**  
Report Cards Issued
- November 17**  
Special Lunch
- November 25**  
Triad Conferences  
4:30 –7:00 p.m.
- November 26** — No School  
Triad Conferences  
9:00—11:30 a.m.  
Inservice PM
- December 6**  
Early Dismissal 2:45 p.m.
- December 15**  
Winter Concert
- December 20**  
Early Dismissal
- December 22**  
Last day before Winter Break
- Winter Break**  
December 23—January 6
- January 9**  
School re-opens

## Principal's Message

It's hard to believe; but it is the beginning of November. Leaves have been bagged up and gardens have been put to sleep. But classrooms remain hubs of bustling activity.

Teachers are busy finalizing their first term assessment this month. Report cards will be going home on November 23rd, and students will be putting their learning on display during our triad conferences on Thursday, November 24th in the evening and during the morning of November 25th. We look forward to our parents joining us for this important part of the learning process.

We ended October with our Halloween celebrations. We kindly ask parents to limit the amount of sugary treats they send to school in lunches. Remember, as always, we are a 'peanut aware' school and ask that items containing peanuts or trace nut products remain at home for the safety of our students.

Congratulations to Mrs. Carter and all the students of Athlone and our friends in the community who collected food items for Winnipeg Harvest as part of the WE Scare Hunger campaign during October. Thank you, as well, to all those students who have been bringing in plastic bags for recycling. These will be collected by Take Pride Winnipeg and diverted from our landfills and recycled into other usable items.

Parents and friends are invited to our Remembrance Day service on Wednesday, November 9 at 12:45pm. Mrs. Dunk and her committee have been busy putting together this solemn ceremony.

The weather is becoming increasing cooler and is bound to be unpredictable in November.

Remember to dress for the weather!

J.Baker

## Remembrance Day Service

Athlone's Remembrance Day Service will take place on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 12:45 p.m. in the school gym.





## Phys. Ed. News

Yoga with Cathy Spack on Fridays will continue till the end of December.

Thank you to all students who signed up for soccer we have 49 students divided up between two teams.

We welcome Robin Chestnut a professional juggler to the school on November 3. He will be performing for Athlone students and will be joining our afternoon class for some juggling fun.

Ivivva Polo Park will be coming to Athlone for a dance class! When a date has been picked I will send home a letter. The dance class will be hip hop!



## Music Room Notes....

Choir students will be performing at our Remembrance Day Assembly on Wednesday, Nov. 9th at 12:45 p.m. Choir members will need to wear their choir uniforms (black pants and white tops) for the performance.

Our Winter concert will be held on Thursday, December 15th. More details will be coming home in the next few weeks about auditions, costumes, and times.



## Chess Club News

Chess Club is in full swing, and there are approximately 40 grade 3-5 students attending. Way to go, Athlone!! The time has changed from 11:30 to 11:45 to give the students time to eat their lunch in their classroom, and then come to the library ready to learn and play chess. I sent a note home with students, so if you did not receive one, please contact the school and I will get one out to you. Our first tournament is coming up next month for those students interested. More information will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Mrs. Carter

## Roots of Empathy

This year Room 24 will be participating in the Roots of Empathy Program. Baby Kalel Goze and his mom Wendy will be helping to teach the value of empathy; learning to understand how other people feel. Room 24 will have 27 classroom visits to deliver the curriculum and Baby Kalel and his mom will join us for 9 of those visits to help teach the students. Kalel will help to teach us about our 9 temperament traits, and what makes us each a little bit different, and a little bit the same. With Kalel's help, we will learn how to accept one another for who we are, and how we can treat each other with kindness and respect.

The Roots of Empathy mission is to build caring, peaceful and civil societies through the development of empathy in children and adults. This is an evidence based classroom program that has shown significant effects in reducing levels of aggression among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. For more information visit [www.rootsofempathy.org](http://www.rootsofempathy.org).

## WE Scare Hunger

Congratulations Athlone!!! We collected approximately 255 pounds of food for Winnipeg Harvest. The students weighed the food using bathroom scales, and we graphed our results outside of the office. Mrs. LaVallee's class had the largest donation of 59 pounds! Thank you to all who supported this campaign. The food will go a long way to help out the hungry in Winnipeg.

## Triad Conferences

Athlone's Triad Conferences will take place:

Thursday, November 24, 4:30—7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 25, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Athlone Conference Manager will be open Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. for you to book your conferences. We would prefer that you book your conferences online but we understand that not everyone has access to a computer. If you cannot book your own conference please call the school office 204-832-1373 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Mrs. Morris will be happy to assist you.

## Recess

Now that the weather is cooling off please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately. All students are expected to go outside for recess. If your child is well enough to come to school we expect them to go outside for recess.



## Volunteer for Field Trips

If you would like to volunteer for field trips you must have an up-to-date Child Abuse Registry and Criminal Record Search completed. The school division will pay for these checks at no cost to you. Please see Mrs. Morris or Mr. Baker in the office or call 204-832-1373 if you require more information or would like to complete the applications. It takes approximately 4-6 weeks for your checks to be completed.

## Koats for Kids

Koats for Kids is part of United Way's commitment to helping children and youth be all they can be and has been a Winnipeg institution since 1989. Every year, from September to February, Koats for Kids distributes winter outerwear to families. For some children, having a warm coat means attending school on a cold day instead of staying home.

### For Parents and Caregivers

You can place your Koats for Kids order with Athlone School through Ms. Laing. Your child will also receive his or her winter gear there.

### If you have winter outerwear to share

Donations of gently used winter outerwear can be dropped off at any Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Station or Perth's location.

## Athlone's Winter Concert

Thursday, December 15th  
There will be afternoon and evening performances.  
Details to follow

Winter Break is  
Friday, December 23—  
Friday, January 6.

Classes resume Monday, January 9

# Athlone School Parent Council Newsletter

## November 2016

### Update on our Outdoor Classroom Initiative

Back in 2014, the ASPC decided to plan its fundraising with the goal of funding a longer-term project for Athlone. We worked with a committee of parent and teacher representatives and sent out a survey to Athlone families asking for feedback. Based on our consultations, we decided to devote fundraising to enhancing the outdoor space at Athlone. **An outdoor classroom** was approved by the ASPC on October 18th.



To the left, you see the outdoor classroom at George Waters Middle School on Ferry Rd. A similar design will be installed at Athlone. Placing the classroom near the play structure (see image above) will allow access to the children at recesses and additional enhancements will be added in years to come. The ASPC will apply for a grant to pay for trees to be planted as well.

The ASPC would love to hear your feedback on the outdoor classroom! Feel free to email [erinrob-bins@shaw.ca](mailto:erinrob-bins@shaw.ca) with your questions or comments.

### Other ASPC News

The ASPC thanks families for their help with the qsp magazine fundraiser! We will be starting planning for the winter concert raffle, so watch for a letter to be sent home soon. Prizes are already welcome and can be sent with your child to school.

**Next ASPC meeting is Wed, Nov. 16 @ 4:30 p.m. Babysitting is available.**