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February 2026 Newsletter

Message from Ms. Farquhar:

Dear Families,

January has flown by! We've experienced everything from biting cold to those mild days that make it feel like Spring is just around the corner. Despite the changing weather, our school is buzzing with energy. Between a busy basketball season with 4 teams, our various lunch clubs, and winter field trips, there is a wonderful sense of community in the air.

February is a significant month for celebrating History and Inclusion in our learning community. As we observe Black History Month, our classes will be exploring the vital stories and contributions of Black Canadians. We encourage all families to join us on this journey of learning at home as well.

In line with our district's focus on Diversity and Inclusion, teachers will be leading thoughtful discussions on what it means to ensure everyone feels they belong. These values come to life on February 25th for Pink Shirt Day. We invite all students to wear pink that day as a visible pledge to lead with kindness every single day. We will celebrate a few spirit days this month. Specifically, on Feb 13th (wear red or pink for Valentine's Day) as we find our matching hearts to symbolize how we are all connected. Given that the Winter Olympics commences this month, we encourage staff and students to show their Canadian pride by wearing a flag pin, red and white or a Canadian sports jersey on Feb 9th (first day of school at the start of the Winter Olympics). Also on February 27th please encourage your child to wear black & white in honour of Rare Disease Day.

With gratitude,
Your Proud Principal
Kirsten Farquhar

**Be
kind.**



PiNK SHiRT DAY FEB 25th

Arthur Stevenson Elementary School – You Belong Here!



Kindergarten registration!

Registration packages are available for pick up at the office. Please let friends and neighbors know in ASES catchment that registration is happening this week at ASES.

Grade 8 Course Selection:

Our grade 7s will be selecting their courses for grade 8 on Monday, February 23, 2026 (10:15-11am) with staff at Westsyde Secondary. Please ensure your student is present for this day. They will be coming home with a registration package from Westsyde Secondary as well as the course selection sheet. Both will be due back by February 28th. Students will be walking to Westsyde Secondary with their grade 7 teachers for this presentation.



Winter Weather:

Winter is officially here, please send your students with adequate outerwear. Students are encouraged to be outside for recess and lunch. We will keep an eye on the temperature and adjust our outside time (come in early or have an inside day) if it gets too cold. -15 is our approx. threshold for adjusting outside times.

Student Learning Survey 2025/2026:

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. Early in 2026 the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or

district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>.

Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section. The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026.

School Messenger/Safe Arrival:

Parents are asked to **please report student absences before 8:30 am** on the day of the absence. Planned absences can be reported in advance. To report an absence you may choose to:

- Call the toll free # 1-844-350-2647 or
- Access the following website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or
- Download App from iTunes or Google Play



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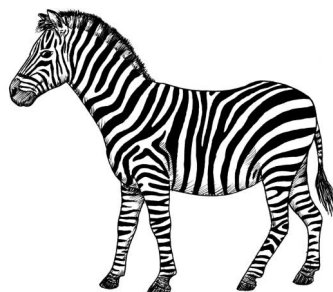


Lost & Found:

This is a reminder to label your child's personal belongings so we can get them back to their rightful owners. The lost and found is still overflowing, please stop by and take a look!

Rare Disease Day:

Is recognized on February 28th. Students are encouraged to wear black and white on February 27th.



Blazers Visit:

On February 10th, Kamloops Blazers hockey team will be visiting our school for some fun activities.

P.A.C. – Parent Advisory Council:

- The next P.A.C. meeting will be held February 11th at 6:30pm.

Hot Lunch Orders:

The email address for all enquiries about Hot lunches is: aseshotlunch@gmail.com

***If your student is away and you would like to pick-up their hot lunch, please email or you can call the school.*

February Hot lunch dates:

Feb 3; White Spot

Feb 10; Chopped Leaf

Feb 17; Senor Froggy Mexican

Feb 24; Edo Japan

Parking:

Please be mindful of our neighbours and do not park or block off driveways when picking up or dropping off your students. We also have had a few close calls with people backing out of spots on Soldier Road without looking behind them. Please use an abundance of caution when backing out of these spots.



Upcoming Events/Dates:

Fri, Feb 6th – Pro D no school

Mon, Feb 9th -Wear Red & White to support our Olympic athletes

Tues, Feb 10th -Blazers visit

Mon, Feb 16th – Family Day – School Closed

Weds, Feb 25th – Pink Shirt Day

Fri, Feb 27th – Wear black & white for Rare Disease Day

March 16 – March 27th -Spring Break

January 11, 2026



Subject: Your Voice Matters – BC Student Learning Survey

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want to hear from you! Please share your thoughts about your child's learning by completing the **BC Student Learning Survey (SLS)**. This survey happens every year and helps us make education better for all students in BC.

Why your opinion matters:

- It's the only survey that asks parents across BC about their child's learning.
- Your answers add to what students and staff share, giving a full picture.
- Results help identify areas of concern and guide improvements.

Please complete the survey by May 1, 2026:

https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/access_Parent.asp

- Available in 18 languages
- Takes about 30 minutes
- Voluntary and anonymous

Your responses are anonymous, securely stored in Canada, and not linked to your child.

Need help?

Call **1-866-558-5339** or email **support@awinfosys.com**

Thank you for helping us improve education for all BC students!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "DH".

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