

ARROWWOOD ATOM BUSTER

Your weekly newsletter from Arrowwood Community School

March 25, 2010

Opportunity ✨ Excellence ✨ Respect

March/April Calendar

Th (25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council Meeting (7 PM)
F (26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gr.3/4 Spelling Test • Gr.1/2 Spelling Test, Learning Logs go home • Div 3 Performance Task Due • Badminton Skills (Gr. 5-9 @ Lunch) • Gym Booked for Dance Rehearsals
M(29)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtue of the Week: Excellence
T (30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gr.1/2 Learning Logs come to school • Badminton Skills (Gr. 5-9 @ Lunch) • Catch-up Club (noon)
W (31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gr. 3/4 Home Reading Presentations • Yearbook Club 3:30-5:00
April Th (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Cards go Home • Annual Easter Egg Hunt • Dance Recital in Gym
F (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Friday (Easter Holiday begins)
M (12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Resumes
T (13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch-up Club (noon)
W (14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-bullying Day (Wear Pink!)
Th (15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch-up Club (noon)
F (16)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Report Cards

Report cards are one of the ways that schools communicate with parents. However, talking to your child's teacher is always the best way to learn about the progress of your child!

If you have any questions about your child's report please call your teacher. You can schedule an interview anytime that fits the schedule of you and your teacher.

Badminton Skills

Tuesday and Friday at lunch all Grade 5 to Grade 9 students are welcome to come out to the gym for badminton skills lessons from Mr. Surmik and/or Mr. Shain. If you're interested in athletics, please come out!



Parents of Students in Div. 3

Please check and sign your child's agenda daily. We are trying to encourage students to communicate with their parents about school.

"If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude."

Colin Powell

Our final value for the month of March is Excellence. This value is one of the cornerstones of our vision at Arrowwood School. When we model excellence, our children come to expect it and they know that we expect excellence from them. As General Powell notes, excellence is an attitude towards all the things we do.

Olivia

Katie

Justin

Stars of the Week

CTSTrainers

No doubt you've seen that the big blue trailers are back! The students are excited about their woodworking projects and we're pleased to have Mr. Robson back with us at Arrowwood.

This year the Grade Three and Four students will have an opportunity to learn some fundamental concepts and no, they won't be using the power saws or drills!

We've organized our students into small groups to ensure safety and the best use of Mr. Robson's expertise so we're sure that all our students will have a great learning experience.

Konnichiwa!

Jr. High Social Studies

Our final unit in Grade Seven/Eight Social Studies is the Edo or Tokugawa Period of Japanese history. Why would we want to study Japanese history? Well, there are many, many reasons:

- 1) Japan and Canada share an important date: 1867. In this year both countries adopted modern constitutions.
- 2) Japan is an excellent case-study in the rapid adoption of advanced technology and western military strategy while maintaining a traditional culture.
- 3) The worldview of the Japanese is unique among the world's nations. They maintain many traditional values while embracing modern western technology.
- 4) There are many questions about why and how Japan was able to become a superpower in the 1930's.

Our culminating project will be an exploration of the history of Arrowwood and a compilation of history on the Arrowwood Wikipedia page. Please check out: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arrowwood,_Alberta to keep an eye on our progress.

By the way, "konnichiwa" means hello or good afternoon....

Congrats!

To Codi and Kole for their first place finishes in the 4-H Regional Presentation Competition. Way to go!



Reading Tips For Parents

Five Tips for Parents of Reluctant Readers

Would your child rather clean up his room than pick up a book? These five tips from reading expert Marie Carbo can help you get your child back on the right reading track.

- Make reading relaxing and low-key for a short part of the day.
- Read aloud some funny or interesting parts of your favorite book.
- Draw your child in with a riddle book for kids, a passage from Sports Illustrated, or a newspaper story.
- If your kid likes a movie, see if it's based on a book, then bring home the book.
- For kids who have lost the motivation to read, use material that's intensely interesting to them. Your child may almost have to disassociate what he's doing at school with the act of reading something for fun.

For more great ideas like these check out www.familyeducation.com.

Don't have a computer connection at home? Please give us a call and we'll find some time and space and a computer for you to go on-line. Arrowwood is your community school and we would love to help you in any way we can!



Records?

Do you have any old 33 1/3 vinyl records you could donate? Please send them to school with your child.