

The Grapevine

Alberni District Secondary School
October 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I want to begin this newsletter by thanking the many parents and guardians that attended out parent-teacher meetings last week. This year's participation was at the highest level we have seen since we moved to the new high school. Thank you for taking the time to talk about your student(s). Please don't be shy about continuing these conversations with your student's teachers.

It seems standard practice that when students reach the high school, parents disengage from the regular communication that occurred with school at the elementary level. I think there is an assumption that once kids reach the high school, they can manage themselves. Our perspective is that kids need the engagement of parents at this level just as much as or more than they did in elementary school. End of term 1 is on the horizon, with report cards being issued on November 14th

Rob Souther, Principal

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

IMPORTANT: This month, we are using our school database for the first time to issue a link to **The Grapevine** newsletter. Because of this, we will be sending it to every parent that has an email address in our database. We thank you for your patience while we work out the bugs on this new process. If you wish **to cancel**, or you have more than one student (so you receive it more than once), please call me at 250-723-6251 ext 2401 or email me at cbrooks1@sd70.bc.ca to cancel . Thank you. Colleen Brooks, Secretary - ADSS

Important Upcoming Dates

- Oct 24 – Picture RE-TAKES
- Oct 24,25 and 29th – 6-8pm Sr Boys Basketball Tryouts in the Gym
- Oct 30 – ADSS Band Concert – Gr 9-12 – 7pm
- Nov 2 – End of Term 1
- Nov 5 – Eng 12 Provincial Exam
- Nov 6 – Comm 12 Provincial Exam
- Nov 12 – NO School – due to Remembrance Day on Nov 11

RE-TAKES

Wednesday, October 24th is the day for photo re-takes. If you are not happy with your original photos, you will need to return the original package in-tact on re-take day. If you had your pictures taken in September and did not order photos but wish to, you can do so online at: mylifetouch.ca The Picture Day ID is: Q0068401Q0

UPDATED DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

We want to keep our demographic and contact information for students and parents as current as possible. We know that for some students, our parental contact information and mailing addresses may be out of date. Our information is generally inherited from the records that have followed your child from elementary to middle school and then finally to us. If you think your child's contact information may be incorrect, please update us. You can contact the school by phone at 250-723-6251 or by email cbrooks1@sd70.bc.ca

ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

All Candidates Meeting: A big thank you to everyone for attending and showing your amazing support!! You can find the uploaded video on the ADSS FaceBook page, Alberni Valley News online and the Peak's FaceBook page.

warm regards, anneO

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

Student activity fees for the 2018-2019 school year are \$30 and can be paid to Nikki Levasseur in the counselling office thereafter. This is not a textbook fee. The fee supports various students' activities and special events throughout the year. If the \$30 is a financial challenge at the beginning of the year, please contact the school about breaking the fee up into smaller chunks, payable in installments.

GET YOUR YEARBOOK!!

Yearbook order forms are available at the main office and the Career Centre. The cost this year is \$55.00. Money and order forms will be collected by the accountant Nikki Levasseur. The school pre-orders 300 copies and they are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

PROM COMMITTEE

Parents wishing for more information about prom or wanting to get involved, we have a facebook page. Join our page at **ADSS 2019 Prom Parents**. Prom Parents have a table set up in the main entrance every Wednesday at lunch for parent and student inquiries.

We are struck by how many students are arriving at the school after the start of morning classes on a daily basis. There seems to be an increasing acceptance that being late for classes isn't that big of a deal. Please consider the impact this has on your child's progress, as well as the impact it has on every other student in the class when your child arrives late and disrupts the lesson that is already in progress.

The following chart has been making the rounds lately and I thought it was appropriate for inclusion in our newsletter. It nicely encapsulates the concept that being late and missing a few classes really is a big deal.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

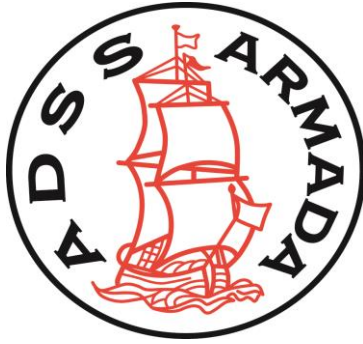
If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!



CLUBS AND TEAMS

Model UN Club: is Tuesdays at lunch in room 218. Reghan, grade 12, is Head Delegate and Robbie, grade 10, is Co-Chair.

SAFE, Student Allies for Equality, meets Thursdays at lunch in room 218.

The Bee Club: welcomes new members Thursdays at lunch in room 101 who are interested in learning how to become bee-keepers. We have two goals: To keep the school hives going as a place to learn about bee-keeping and extra aspects including: honey production, candle and cosmetics creation. In the Spring we hope to breed more new queen bees and establish mini-hives for students to adopt themselves.

Bee All You Can Bee! Cal Barber

Wrestling Club: Sponsor Teachers: Jeanette Badovinac, John McDonald and Russ Bodnar
The Alberni Valley Wrestling Club is an umbrella organization that represents wrestling programs at the Valley Elementary Schools and at Alberni District Secondary School. The AVWC has wrestlers in both female and male divisions from grades 5-12. The high School membership is annually close to 50 students making up a Jr Varsity (Novice –Intermediate wrestlers) and a Sr Varsity (Intermediate- Elite wrestlers). **Practices begin in November Mondays and Wednesdays at ADSS for the Sr Varsity athletes and Tuesdays and Thursday for the Jr Varsity athletes. All Practice times at ADSS are 3:30-5pm. We also have Tuesday and Thursday nights at A W Neill for Sr Varsity and Alumni club members 6pm- 8pm.** The high season runs from November until March with the club season extending until the end of April to include participation at the National Wrestling Championships

ADSS Games Club: Meets every Friday after school in Room #216

Band: "For music students, see our Facebook and Instagram pages for weekly updates by following @ADSSmusic and also all dates and hands-outs can be found at the music program website, www.adssmusic.weebly.com."

Armada Sr Boys Basketball: tryouts are taking place on Wednesday Oct 24, Thursday Oct 25, and Monday, Oct 29th from 6:00-8:00 in the PE Classroom and Gym. If you are interested in joining this team, come on October 24th and check it out.
Coach Brooks

Armada Jr Boys Basketball: tryouts will take place on Tuesday and Thursday, October 23rd, 25th, 30th and November 1st from 5-6:30 pm.

Armada Jr Girls Basketball: tryouts are taking place on Friday, Oct 26th at 1:45 in the “A” Gym, Thursday, November 1st at 3:30 in the “B” Gym, Friday, November 2 at 1:45 in the “A” Gym, and Monday, November 5th at 5pm in the “B” Gym.

Kids Plus ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Did you know that our School Board does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian. Families can voluntarily purchase accident insurance through the Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inv. For more information, or to apply online, please visit www.kidsplus.ca or speak with a Kids Plus Client Service Administrator at 1-800-556-7411.

LIBRARY and TEXTBOOKS

The ADSS Library is open to all students before school, during lunch and after school, until 4pm (2:15 on Fridays). There are 38 computer stations in the library where students can do homework and access the printer. Computers may also be used for personal use.

We currently have 508 overdue library books and over 1000 lost textbooks. Students are responsible for the cost of both lost library books and textbooks. Fines must be settled or returned on all books owing, in time for graduation. If your student has something outstanding, we recommend they do a thorough search at home and to come to the library to discuss this matter. Payments can be made to Nikki Levasseur in the Counselling office (cash or cheque).

ADSS BREAKFAST CLUB

We need your baking skills for October 29th- Mark the date for the ADSS Breakfast Club Bake Sale.

On Monday, October 29th, the ADSS Breakfast Club will be having a bake sale at Scotiabank located on 10th Avenue. If your child eats at the breakfast club, this is a great way to help. All money raised will go towards supporting the ADSS BC Program. If you are able to donate baked goods, items can be dropped off a Scotiabank on October 29th starting at 8:00 am, the sale begins at 9:30. Please label all baked items. We appreciate any help with this. Please contact Mel if you are able to help at mjburton@shaw.ca or call 250-724-6115.

We need your vote. The ADSS Breakfast Club has been chosen as one of the four finalists in the 2018 Pot Luck Ceramics Spotlight on the Community campaign. We have been made a joint finalist with the Read and Feed Program, which means if we get the most “likes”, we will have a chance at winning \$5000 for the ADSS Breakfast Club. **Starting September 4 until November 10th, you will have the opportunity to vote when you make a purchase at Pot Luck Ceramics, located at 4473 Gertrude Street, Tuesday through Saturday.** On November 24th, there will be a community event where they will announce the winner. We need as many people as possible to vote for the ADSS BC. I would like to thank you for your support of the ADSS BC program, I would also like thank Pot Luck Ceramics for all that they do within the community. Thank you so much!

The Breakfast Club Room is open daily from 7:35 am until 8:35 am. There are 22 classrooms throughout the school that offer food for hungry students; the office staff has a list. We would like to thank the

following people and community groups for their generous donations to Breakfast Club and their continued support of our students and program:

- SD 70
 - Save On Foods
 - Circle Dairy
 - Swale Rock Café
 - Little Bavaria
 - Salvations Army
 - Port Alberni Rotary Club
 - Breakfast Clubs of Canada
 - President's Choice Children's Charity
 - AV Lions
 - Linda LaRochelle
 - 2016 Prom Committee
 - Anne and Russ McLaughlin
 - Marybeth Forcier
 - Tina Lampard
 - Andrea Knoll
 - CO-OP Gas Stations
 - Arrowsmith Flooring Center
 - Alberni Eco Dry Cleaners
 - Susan Addy
 - 2018 Prom Committee
 - Nanaimo Grad Closet
 - Wanda Keene
 - Costco
 - Cox Lake Blueberry Farm
 - Kelly Hepp
 - Sarah York
 - ADSS Cooking Class Students
 - 1968 Grad Reunion Class
 - Arrowsmith Flooring Center
 - Mark Heatherington and Brenda Spencer
 - Best Western
 - Lee Harrigan
 - Parks and Rec
 - All Anonymous donors
- Our amazing volunteers: Young Life, Family Guidance, Susan and Tom Wall, Pat Bouchard, Camie Sogge, ACAWS, NETP, INEO, Sheila Hvid, Lisa Jenkins, City Council Rep Denis Suave, RBC Staff, Heather McNamee, NIC, USMA Guardianship Team, Joe Burton, Marilee Alexander, Bev Nickerson, Heather McNamee, Vanessa Schoen, Lisa Duncan, Colleen Oxley, Sharanne Gaiga, Jenny Geddes, Jonah Thomas, Geraldine Dick, Lindsay Kolba, Cedars Program 1&2 Students, Star Porter and EAs, Cathy Cross, PAC and ADSS Admin and staff. If we have missed anyone, we are truly sorry, that was not our intention.

There are a few ways that you can help the Breakfast Club:

- We are in need of donations of gift cards from any grocery or clothing stores, hygiene items such as Tampax Tampons (regular and sports with plastic applicator) or Always Infinity Pads (**not liners**), disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, 2 in 1 shampoo and conditioner, shaving cream, men's and lady's deodorant. If you can donate these items, they can be brought to the school office.
- The Breakfast Club has a **QF points card** if anybody would like to donate their points to the program. The points will be used to purchase gift cards for vulnerable students and groceries when needed. You can donate your points at any QF cashier and state it is for the ADSS Breakfast Club. **Please** save your Quality Foods receipts for the breakfast club; they are collected, totaled (QF \$5000 before taxes= \$20) and turned into gift cards for that are then distributed to vulnerable students. Receipts can be dropped at the school office for Melody.

- We are always looking For the Grad Closet; **Suits, tuxedos, ties and grad dresses** are always appreciated.

The ADSS Breakfast Club accepts monetary donations. They can be dropped off at the ADSS office, just specify that it is for the ADSS Breakfast Club. If you would like to donate \$50 or more and would like a tax receipt, cheques can be made out to SD 70, subject line- ADSS Breakfast Club, if cash (\$50+), please include your name/address information. Please drop them off at the ADSS office or the School Board office. We appreciate any help. The ADSS Breakfast Club accepts monetary donations. They can be dropped off at the ADSS office, just specify that it is for the ADSS Breakfast Club. If you would like to donate \$50 or more and would like a tax receipt, cheques can be made out to SD 70, subject line- ADSS Breakfast Club, if cash (\$50+), include your name/address information. Please drop them off at the ADSS office or the School Board office. We appreciate any help

WELCOME FROM THE ADSS PAC – SEPTEMBER 2018

PAC meetings take place the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at ADSS. All parents and guardians of ADSS students are encouraged to attend. The PAC received \$27,000 of provincial grant funding this year and would love for parents to join and help allocate these funds to support students.

Our AGM took place on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Our new executive for the 2018/19 year is:

Chair - Marilee Alexander

Vice Chair - Carrie Thorpe

Secretary - Vanessa Schoen

Treasurer - Willa Thorpe

DPAC - Helen Zanette

If you have any questions or would like to be part of the PAC distribution list, please send the PAC an email at adsspac@gmail.com You can also get updates and resources through the “ADSS PAC” Facebook page. Hope to see you at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2018 at 7pm.

EUROPE TRIP- SPRING BREAK 2020



Visit Italy! A few spaces are still available

Would you like to travel to Rome and see the Colosseum? Would you like to ride in a gondola? Then join the ADSS Travel Club on our “Go Italy” Spring Break Tour. The tour will focus on the major cities in Italy and will give you an opportunity to see both inland and coastal sections of the country. The approximate cost for students is \$3,700 (\$4,300 for adults). If your son or daughter is interested in this trip,

please contact Laurie Hurst at lhurst@sd70.bc.ca or at the school at 250-723-6251.

France, Provence and Barcelona

1. Trip will be 10 days in length during Spring Break – March 2020
2. Eight days in France and 2 days in Barcelona
3. Flying to Paris – then taking a high-speed train to the South of France, then taking a bus to Barcelona. Fly home from Barcelona
4. Trip is organized with EF Tours – biggest educational tour company in the world
5. Cost is \$3639- covers all travel, lodging, museum entries, and 2 meals per day
6. Monthly payment plan available
7. Discount valid until Oct 31 - \$150
8. **Organized by Mr. J. Contant-ADSS Teacher (this is his 5th trip to Europe with ADSS)**

CAREER CORNER

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Students are encouraged to stop into the Career Centre and check out the “Volunteer Opportunities” binder – currently we are looking for help with several Halloween events and help at Heritage Place working with seniors. **Grade 12's- remember that 30 hours of volunteer (or work) experience is a part of the Grad Transitions course that all grads must complete.



DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Students who are enrolled in the Emergency Medical Responder course and the Academic Dual Credit courses at North Island College in 2nd Semester are reminded to return their paperwork and EMR course fee by the due dates. **EMR – November 15th** and **NIC Academic DC courses – November 16th**

ADSS APP

Do you want to keep up to date on what's happening at ADSS? Our school app is the way to do that! Download the free “My School Day” app from the Google Play or Apple Stores and stay connected. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Wynans in the Career Centre at 250-723-1191 ext. 1



My School Day

school app for 2018/19

Quick Introduction

- ### 1. Download the app

On your phone or tablet, go to the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and search for "My School Day". Install it - *it's free!* Make sure to allow it to receive notifications if asked - the school will send out important reminders, information and alerts through notifications.





- ### 2. Select Your School

The first time you start the app you will need to select your school. Choose a province, school district, and finally your school from the lists provided, and tap "confirm". *This only needs to be done once.*

- ### 3. Enter your classes

Tap on the gear icon in the bottom right corner.



Enter your class names and select colours. You can also enter morning, lunch, and after school activities.

- ### 4. See your schedule.

The calendar view shows school events at the top and your classes below.

Swipe left and right to move through the days.

Tap the date to go back to today. Press and hold on the date to choose a date to go to.

Tap on a class to enter notes, take photos, and add To-Do list items for that class.


To see a week or month at a time, turn the phone sideways. Once there, you can view a single day, 5- or 7-day weeks, or the whole month.

- ### 5. Browse the menu.

Tap the menu icon to get access to news, notification history, links, and more.



Remember to check "Select Channels" for subjects and groups you can subscribe to get notifications for.



For Parents too!

Subscribe to the same subject channels as your student and get all the same notifications as they do. If you have multiple students in the school, enter up to 5 schedules to keep track of them all: Tap the lightning bolt icon, and select "Student" as the action. From then on, tapping that button will let you switch between student profiles.

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Switching to the new My School Day app

What it means & how to switch

Why is there a new app?

Starting with 2018-2019 school year we are moving to a new, unified app instead of individual apps for each school. The new app is needed to comply with recent changes to App Store requirements.

Do I lose any features or functionality?

NO. The new app has all of the same features as your previous app: school-specific schedules, note taking, notifications, etc. We will actually be able to add new features faster with the new app.

What about our school logo and colour?

Within the app all the same branding remains, with the logo visible as a watermark and the school colour used for the header and other elements, and of course all of the information remains school-specific once a school is selected. iOS users (10.3+) will have the opportunity to switch the app icon to match the school.

What do I need to do?

To install the new app, search the app store for "My School Day" (or use the QR code/Snapcode below), and download it. The first time the app is opened it will guide you through selecting your school. *This only needs to be done once.* From that point on, the app will behave as if it was an individual app for your school.

What about my notes, photos, classes?

Once My School Day is installed and you have selected your school, go into the previous app for your school, and look in the settings: there will be a new button there to transfer your info¹. When you tap it, it will save all of your photo notes to the camera roll, and automatically transfer your notes, todos, class names, and channel subscriptions to the new app.

1. Requires iOS 8+ or Android 5.1+. Older devices will need to cut and paste notes, export photos, etc manually.

Once you have checked that all of the info you need has been transferred, the old app can be deleted. Leaving it installed will not interfere with the new app, but you will receive double notifications (once in each app) unless you disable notifications for one of them.

What if I don't install the new app?

You will still be able to use the old app and will receive notifications for now, but you will not get any new features.



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