



Ashern Central Newsletter

November 2024

A fantastic start to 2024-2025!

Important Dates:

Nov 27 Parent Teacher and Parent Advisory AGM

Dec 9 - PD day, no school for students

Dec 10 at 7:00 PM ACS Band concert

Dec 13 - PD day, no school for students

Dec 16 Middle Years ACS Xmas concert

Dec 18 whole school Christmas lunch

Dec 20 last day of school and pancake breakfast

Jan 6 2025 – first day back to classes

Jan 29, 30 Highschool exams

Jan 31 admin day, Feb 3 Semester 2 starts

Congratulations Ashern Central students, you all knocked it out of the park this year with your attendance! Our usual whole school attendance averages for the past three years have been approximately 81%. This year our students have started the year with a **whole school attendance average of 92%**! We have an amazing group of students here, and their dedication to learning and being an active part of their school community shows in everything they do!



Right: Our students love raking the fall leaves into heaps as much as they love shoveling snow to build forts. They have made the most of this beautiful fall weather out on our playground.

Breakfast Program

Our breakfast program continues this year with funding from government and community sources including a grant from the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba. A special thank you to **Access Credit Union** for their continued support every year. This year they have helped in our purchase of a sanitizing dishwasher and reusable plates.

Parent Teacher and Parent Advisory Council

Please stop in and visit us on our parent teacher evening **Wednesday November 27 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM**. We will also be hosting our **Parent Advisory Council** Annual General meeting at 6:30 PM and will provide childcare for parents from 6:30 to 7:30. Thank you to the group of parents who have come together to form this council again for Ashern Central School!

Field trips: Manitoba Theater Company, The Human Rights Museum, Real Escape, Paintball and more!



Grade 9 ELA class went to the **Manitoba Law Courts** with Miss Clow and Mrs. Bjornson. The students had a great tour of the courts and watched the proceedings of a trial in action. Afterward, they were challenged at the **Real Escape Rooms** with some of our students winning their way out to freedom, and of course gaining the bragging rights!



Our grade 12's have been working on debates in their ELA class this fall. They were even game to dress the part when taking the podium!



Miss Clow's moccasin club is back this year, and they are working on beading and sewing some cozy footwear. Mrs. Shelley Bjornson has also been generously volunteering her time and expertise to teach our students to sew during a lunchtime sewing club.



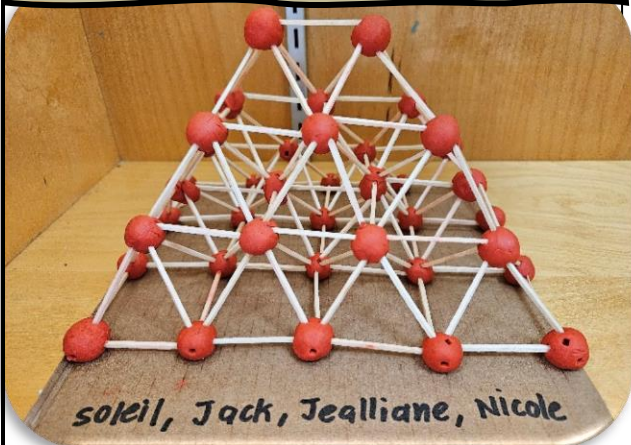
Grades 11 and 12 ELA attended The **Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's** performance of "The Play That Goes Wrong", and it was a big hit with the students. This field trip had our usual stop at Polo Park for lunch. The "fun" stop was a visit to Paintball Paradise. The 11/12 students worked collaboratively to bring their team to victory playing capture the flag or single hit elimination. No one managed to make Miss. Clow or Mrs. Kiesman cry, which was a bonus!



Above: Ashern Central Students in Europe June 2024

Our end of year trip to Europe was once again a memorable and well-run adventure for our senior years' students. Our next tour to France and Italy has been planned for June/July 2026. Students in Grades 10 and 11 can still enroll! Please contact Mrs. Bjornson if you are interested.

Creative Learning and Fun



During our Egyptian unit we learned about many aspects of the ancient civilization of Egypt, including their use of the pyramids. We were issued a building challenge to construct one of these structures. We could only use clay and toothpicks and you had to make either a square or rectangular pyramid. In our groups we faced several different problems. The clay not being strong enough to support our buildings, the pyramids falling over, and groups having trouble with delegation and time management. We all eventually managed to make our pyramids, and though our pyramids may not have lasted a millennium, they gave us a whole new respect for the ancient builders' ingenuity and persistence. *Kasey & Abbey - Grade 8*

Mrs. Northcott hosts Middle Years Games Club at ACS on Monday's from 3:30-5PM

During our Social Studies unit we learned all about Ancient Egyptians and their lifestyle. One of the things they did was preserve the bodies through something called mummification. In doing so we mummified crab apples. Each table got different kinds of salt to dip their apples into, some salts were mixed with different kinds. An example was there was sea salt mixed with table salt. Then we wrapped them up in casting tape. We left them for about 8 days, and when we came back, they were all shriveled up like the mummies when they went through the mummification process. *Kayliegh and Korbin - Grade 8*

Our 2023-2024 Yearbook

has not been sent for production yet, but will be soon. Anyone interested in purchasing last year's can still do so at a cost of \$40.



Left: Students enjoying the beautiful fall weather on our playground.

There is no more mud in our Gaga Pit now that it is a rubber paved surface!



Above: Student work from Mrs. Bjornson's Art Class

Bottom Left: Mrs. Watkins knows how to make Physics fun. Students designed rockets again this fall and with the cooperative weather they didn't need to race the snow on their big launch day.

Right: What could be more fun than throwing eggs off the stairs at school? Using physics to design break resistant egg protection systems of course!



Cobras Sports Highlights



It's volleyball season at ACS. Even though our competition season is wrapping up now, thankfully our students' love of volleyball continues all year long and spontaneous lunch time games are a common occurrence in the Ashern gym. Our Varsity girls (Left) travelled to Virden and Brandon for tournaments this year. Some highlights were a second-place finish in Gimli and a fifth-place finish at zones.

Below: our JV Boys' Volleyball team has had a great season, playing in several tournaments and hosting a mini-tournament at ACS. They won 2nd place in the Riverton tournament. Our final scheduled event is the Zones tournament in Gimli.



Below: The middle years had a great time with their soccer practices and ended with a fun tournament in Moosehorn on a perfect fall day. Thank you to our high school coach volunteers who taught and encouraged them through practices and games.

Our next sports will be the high school basketball and curling. Teams will form and start practicing in December.



We had an afternoon of whole school fun to celebrate Halloween. Our middle years and high school students worked together playing games, cooperating in challenges, cooking and creating art. And of course, there were creative, silly and scary costumes of all sorts.



Thank you to Kayliegh, Abbey, Kasey, and Rakel who performed O'Canada for the Ashern Legion's service on Remembrance Day

