



Ashern Central Newsletter

June 2023

Congratulations Grads of 2023!

Important Dates:

Thursday September 7 –
Welcome back to school!

Tuesday October 3
PD Day – No school

Thursday Oct 5 – Picture
Day

October 9 – Thanksgiving
Day – School Closed



Ashern Central School had 27 graduates this year! After the ceremony at the Centennial Hall, we held a grad dinner for the first time in 3 years. It was wonderful to gather for a meal and celebrate the success of the youth in our communities. Valedictorians Nicky Eiriksson and Brenna Nickel did a fantastic speech full of gratitude to their parents, friends and teachers who helped them to the completion of this important goal in their education. Awards and diplomas were given out. There were tears, mixed with smiles and laughter. We are so proud of these 27 youth who now go on to their next steps in life, work, and education!





Ashern Central welcomed Knowledge Keeper Brian Clyne for a demonstration and teaching about the tradition of hoop dancing.

Mr. Clyne not only demonstrated, he also brought some of our students up and helped them to succeed in a few impressive moves themselves! Mr. Clyne spoke from the heart about his experience growing up as an Indigenous youth in Manitoba and his search to discover connection to his culture and goals in life.

Indigenous Hoop Dancing Teaching



ACS Annual Dodgeball Competition!

On June 2, Ashern Central hosted our yearly divisional dodgeball tournament and welcomed Fisher Branch and Eriksdale middle years students for a full day of fun. One of our Ashern teams brought home the win for us this year!



Our grade 8 students took on the responsibility of planning, preparing, and running the canteen for the tournament and they did a fantastic job! Their hard worked paid off by financing their fun field trip to Activate in Winnipeg in June.

Middle Years Track and Field Day!

Our end of year Track and Field Day was held for the middle years students on June 27. There were races, games, treats and lots of fun all day. What was most memorable about the day was the remarkable way our students worked together, helped with events and encouraged each other. It was a perfect day of fun and friendship and a wonderful way to end their school year.



ACS Music and Theater News

Our Spring Concert was June 5. Soloists, small groups and our larger bands shared music from many times and places, including Canada. Our music program has been rebuilding since Covid and we were so happy to have a grade 7-12 band perform all together.



Our drama clubs the “Dramaddicts” shared their plays in our drama evening. The Junior Dramaddicts performed scenes from 10 Reasons You Should Have Stayed Home Sick Today, by E.M. Bell. The Senior Dramaddicts performed their original play “I Feel Blue,” which explored the weight of emotional baggage and human nature. It was an entertaining evening for our audience!



Our music and drama programs are places where students can explore their talents and learn different ways of expressing themselves. These are places where it is safe to share who they are, and to experiment with who they want to become.

The self-confidence and communication skills developed are invaluable linked to students’ success in other areas of life and in their academics. We are very fortunate to have such well developed and supported extra-curricular activities at Ashern Central.





Grade 5 & 6 Field Trip to Camp Arnes

Mrs. Emilson and Mrs. Kosolowski's classes joined Alf Cuthbert 5/6 class for 3 action packed days at Camp Arnes in June. It was hot (very hot!) and sunny every day of the trip. The students tried out archery, navigating with compasses, climbing obstacle courses, ziplining, and other games. They roasted marshmallow by the fire before bed and they also roasted in the hot cabins all night! As always, our students made us proud with their spirit of cooperation, adventure, and friendship.

It was also wonderful to see our students and Alf Cuthbert students playing together and forming new friendships. By the end of the 3 days they were one big group.



We wish you a safe and fun summer season, and we look forward to seeing all the familiar faces and all the new faces in September 2023!

From the staff of ACS