



Ashern Central Newsletter

November 2023

It takes a village and we are so grateful for ours!

Important Dates:

Book Fair Nov 27 – Dec 1

**Celebration of Learning
Parent evening Nov 29**

**ACS Band Concert Dec 12 at
7:00 PM**

**ACS Christmas Concert Dec
18 at 7:00 PM**

**Pancake breakfast and last
day of school Dec 22**

Classes resume – Jan 8

**Grade 9 – 12 Exams Jan 31
and Feb 1**

Our **whole school** Christmas Dinner will be held at lunchtime on **Dec 20th**. We would like to thank Terri Otto and all our generous parent volunteers for the work they do to support our school family dinner!

Our Annual Terry Fox run was held on a perfect sunny day in September. Our grade 9's took on the challenge of planning and running the day for the school and we would like to thank them for a job well done. They planned games for the middle years, cooked lunch for everyone, held a bake sale and raised a big donation for the Terry Fox Foundation through their efforts.



We've had a lovely, long fall for outdoor learning this year. Our planned playground work has begun with the building of our outdoor classroom area pictured above. We would like to thank Graymont for their ongoing support of our school and this time through the donation of the rock seating and gravel foundation for our classroom. We would also like to give a special thank you to Craig and Shannon Kosolowski for all their donated time and equipment in the building of this beautiful area for us. Our next steps include the installation of rubber paving in our "gaga pit" court so it can be safely used year-round. Also coming in the spring is the planting of our four doorways garden!





ACS Sports News

Our high school volleyball season has finished! Our Varsity boys' and girls' teams both placed 4th at Zones this year. Both teams played hard and showed great improvement from the start to end of this season! Our Junior Varsity girls' team won a school record of three tournaments this year! They finished their impressive season with a 3rd place finish at Zones. We look forward to another season with this promising young team next year. Our middle years soccer teams had a great time at the Eriksdale tournament in October and they are excited to test their skills at volleyball in the divisional tournaments coming up Nov 29th in Fisher Branch and Dec 1st in Eriksdale.



Along with the many trips for sports this fall, our students have had other fun field trips. The Manitoba Theater Company is a favourite entertainment destination for us, and this year the group who attended the "Clue" were not disappointed! It was a great show along with a fun stop at the Forks Market. We plan to go again in December to see "The Sound of Music" and have a second stop at Activate for fun before the bus ride home.



Field trips: Manitoba Theater Company, The Forks, Activate and more!

Halloween Team Building

Our middle years and high school students shared a day of fun and team building with whole school activities for an afternoon. Options included an escape room challenge, scavenger hunt, cookie decorating, Kahoot trivia, dodgeball and more. There were great costumes, lots of treats and lots of laughs!

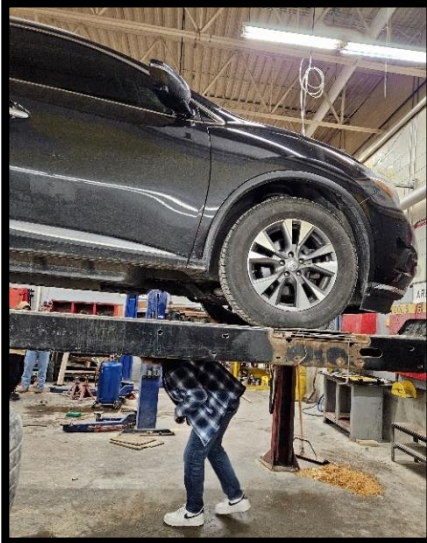


Our students, along with the knowledgeable help of Mrs. Bjornson, held a Remembrance Day Ceremony with music, art, and poetry. The students took responsibility for all parts of the event from start to finish. Their next challenges will be our upcoming ACS band concert and the Christmas concert. Each time on stage gets a little easier and their voices grow with confidence.

Truth and Reconciliation

Four of our ACS students earned a special honour this fall by writing essays about Truth and Reconciliation and how it applied to their Elders, to their families, and to themselves. Sophira, Grace, Keanna and Sienna all travelled to Ottawa representing Little Saskatchewan First Nation at the Truth and Reconciliation week activities.





Hands on Learning

- Auto
- Cooking
- Experiments
- Arts
- Work Experience

Having our students be active participants in learning is very important to the staff at Ashern Central. We believe youth need to experience their learning in direct ways whenever possible. This helps them understand and use what they are learning about, and it also makes the learning fun. Desks continue to be a necessary part of school but opportunities to leave them behind during the school day make this a place that students are excited to come to every day.

