



# Ashern Central Newsletter

June 2024

***Congratulations Grads of 2024!***

## Important Dates:

**Sept 4 - First Day back to School**

**Sept 19 – 7:00 PM Ashern Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

**Sept 25 ACS Terry Fox Run**

**Sept 30 – Orange Shirt Day – school closed**

**Oct 1 – PD Day no school for students**

**Oct 2 – ACS picture Day**

**Oct 14 – Thanksgiving Day – School Closed**

**Oct 25 – MTS PD Day – no school for students**

**Nov 11 Remembrance Day – no school**

**Nov 12 – Admin Day – no school for students**



Ashern Central congratulates a graduating class of 30 this year! Our grads certainly filled the stage, and their proud families filled the community hall for the evening dinner.

We would like to thank our teacher and parent volunteers who give so much to our school and students to make events like this happen. We would also like to thank our grade 10's and 11's who, as always, supported the set-up, serving and clean-up of the ceremony and the dinner. We are so very proud of how these students work together to form the heart of our school community. It feels like a second family particularly at special times like this. Our grad ceremonies at Ashern Central always serve as a reminder of how important our rural schools are to the strength and relationships in our communities. We are so very proud of you Grads of 2024 and remember to come back and visit us!



Above: Echo

Below: Daymon and Valedictorians Lane and R.J.



Left: Student Devante and Grad Alyvea

Left: Governor General's Award winner Landen Kiesman





## Breakfast Program

We are very fortunate to have a well-funded breakfast program for our school by a grant from the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba and by generous community supporters. A special thank you to **Access Credit Union** for their continued support every year and thank you also to the **Ashern Grace Lutheran Church** for supporting breakfast for the students this year.



Our students represented Ashern Central at the University of Manitoba Science, Engineering and Technology Day 2024. They learned about all exciting degrees and careers by testing out the work for themselves!



Along with the many trips for sports this year, our students have had other fun field trips. The Manitoba Theater Company is a favourite entertainment destination for us, and this year our students enjoyed "Clue" and "The Sound of Music" at MTC. A few of the other educational trips we took included: The Human Rights Museum, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Fort Whyte Alive, and Sounding Thunder: the Song of Francis Pegahmagabow.



**Activate** may not be educational, but it sure is a student favourite to burn off energy before a two-hour bus ride home!

**Field trips: Manitoba Theater Company, The Human Rights Museum, The Forks, University of Manitoba, Activate and more!**



Students in our **Indigenous, Metis and Inuit Studies** course took a trip to the **Seven Sisters Generating Station** in the Whiteshell Area to consider the impact of these water diversion systems on Indigenous communities.







**Above:** Our annual Safe Grad hockey game is always a popular event for students and community in Ashern. Thank you to everyone who supports our graduates!



**Above:** Our Senior Drama students put on a spectacular play this year, “**The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza**”. They had the opportunity to showcase their talents and learn from others by performing at the **Manitoba Youth Drama Festival** in Winnipeg.

**Right:** Our Junior Dramatics Club collaborated on a play to be remembered with their production of “**The Brothers’ Grimm Spectaculathon**”. A collection of familiar tales with unfamiliar twists! We can’t wait to see the work of these young actors as they move into our senior program in years to come!



**Above:** Our grades 7 to 12 school band held their **Spring Concert**, as well as travelling to Fisher Branch to perform. Their music themes for this year connected to Science, Nature, and South America.

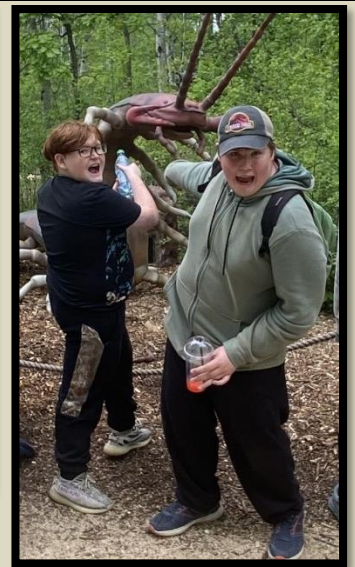


**Above:** Our middle years, with the help of Mrs. Bjornson put on another entertaining and musical **Christmas concert** for parents and community members with a tropical island theme!

We had our first whole school **Christmas dinner** this year and we plan for it to continue as a tradition at Ashern Central. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our amazing parents who collected donations, organized and cooked for us!







Engaging in active learning and turning ideas into real life experiences or products is very important to us at Ashern Central. Whether it is in our school classrooms, labs, shops, or leaving the school to explore the great classroom beyond our walls, we find such reward in this work. Our students' curiosity and discoveries are the greatest gifts we can receive as mentors of their learning.



### Experiential Learning

- Auto
- Cooking
- Experiments
- Arts
- Culture

