



# ARES Articulations

**Oct 14, 2014**

## Calendar

**Oct 15**

Photo-day.

**Oct 20**

Assembly 9:00 am.

**Oct 24**

Pro D day—No school.

**Oct 31**

Halloween

**Nov 3**

Assembly 9:00 am

**Nov 4**

PAC meeting 8:30 am

**Nov 7**

Remembrance Day

Ceremony 11:00 am

**Nov 10**

NO School

**Nov 11**

Remembrance Day

No School

## Breakfast Schedule

Mon **Cold Cereal**

Tues **Smoothies/Parfaits**

Wed **Pancakes**

Thurs **Toast**

Fri **Hot Cereal**

\* **Subject to Change** \*

## October at ARES

School is in full swing as we approach the middle of October. Classes, teachers and students are settling into the routine. As I wander the halls and talk with students, parents and teachers I am encouraged in a number of ways: students are being engaged in the learning activities designed by the teachers and



staff, parents are looking at ways to help at the school and creating home environments that encourage learning, students are looking at how they can help each other, and all staff are trying to make ARES the best school possible. As we continue to work together our school and community will grow even stronger. Through community we help each other learn and excel. If you have more ideas on how to strengthen our school and our community, I would love to hear them. You can share them with me through the school PAC meetings, email, a phone call or set up a personal meeting. By working together we can accomplish great things.

## New Teacher

Adam Robertson Elementary School is pleased to announce that Ms. G. Cooper has accepted the grade 2/3 teaching position at our school. She comes to us with a range of experiences and a knowledge of the local community. Her teaching experiences and time at the Creston Wildlife center has enabled her to obtain many good ideas, skills and resources that

will make the classroom a rich learning environment. We welcome her to our team.



## Staff

Principal— Mr. K. Wiens  
Secretary—Mrs. M. Scott  
Kindergarten—Mrs. C. Rendek  
Kindergarten—Mrs. M. Thomsen  
Kindergarten—Mrs. P. Hayes  
Grade 1—Mrs. P. Hurford  
Grade 1/2—Ms. A. Smith  
Grade 2—Mrs. M. Feragotti  
Grade 2/3—Ms. G. Cooper  
Grade 3—Mrs. L. Page  
Grade 4—Mrs. L. Doeleman  
Grade 5—Mr. M. Blick  
Grade 5/6—Mr. D. Hula  
Grade 6/7—Ms. S. McDowell  
Grade 7/Councilor—Ms. T. Poznikoff  
Learner Support—Mrs. T. Harms  
Learner Support—Ms. K. Nader  
PE/Learner Support—Mr. D. Adams  
Music—Mr. P. Simon  
EA—Mrs. C. Healey  
EA—Mrs. C. Kuny  
EA—Mrs. C. Scoig  
EA—Ms. R. Sloss  
EA—Ms. P. St. Amand  
EA—Mrs. R. Schmalz  
EA—Mrs. V. Buchy  
EA—Mrs. V. Wert  
Aboriginal Support—Mrs. J. Fullarton  
Librarian—Mrs. L. Leslie  
Janitor—Ms. D. Koster  
Janitor—Mr. M. Chapman

**“The man who does not read has  
no advantage over the man who  
cannot read.”**

**Mark Twain**

## Emergency Procedures

Emergency procedures are practiced at our school on a regular basis as a precaution. Three types of emergency drills are practiced throughout the year so that they become routine for the students: fire drills, lock downs and earthquake drills. For new and younger students these can initially be frightening experiences. Therefore, you may need to discuss them with your child at home, even though we also discuss it at school. The following is a brief overview of the procedures we will follow. If you have more concerns or questions you may contact the principal of the school.

### *Fire Drills:*

Soon as the fire bell goes off students are to line up and head outside with their teacher. The teacher will guide them to the closest exit and will take attendance outside. Students are expected to be quiet in the line up so that they can hear any directions the teacher gives. Once outside all the students will be accounted for and will remain outside with their class until an all clear is given. Arrangements have been made for students to go to community facilities if it is unsafe to return to the

school building for a long period of time.

### *Lockdown Drills:*

Lockdowns are practiced in case an intruder enters the building. Over the public address system an announcement is made to lock down the school. At this time staff are to gather all the students in their immediate area into a room that they will lock. Students are to remain quiet and away from windows and no one is to open any doors while the lockdown is in effect. Only a person with authority (eg. principal) can bring an end to the lockdown. A debrief with the students will take place after a lockdown has taken place.

### *Earthquake Drills:*

As soon as an earthquake is felt students are to take cover under their desks, protecting their heads and necks. Once the shaking stops the class will count to 60 out loud together. If no further shaking happens in the 60 seconds, the fire drill procedure will commence and students will be accounted for outside.



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**Nurturing a sense of  
belonging, calmness,  
joyfulness and  
responsibility  
throughout our school  
community.**

## **Mathletics**

Mathletics is an internet based math program for pre-k to Grade 12. Mathletics is a fun way to help your child review and build math skills and confidence. Parents often make time to read with their children, but usually spend less time on math activities. To subscribe online as a parent, the cost is \$100 annually. To sign up through Mrs. Harms at ARES, the cost is \$15.75 per child for the year. If you are interested in signing up your child or children, please send Mrs. Harms a cheque for \$15.75 made out to ARES, your child's name, their current grade, and your name and contact information. Mrs. Harms will accept subscriptions and renewals until Thursday October 23, 2014. Please direct questions via email to tharms@sd8.bc.ca

<http://ares.sd8.bc.ca>

## **Volleyball**

The volleyball season is fast approaching. Currently we are getting organized to start a grade 6/7 girls team, a grade 6/7 boys team and a grade 4/5 mixed team at our school. Mr. Blick has volunteered to take on the organization of our teams and Mr. Adams and Ms. McDowell have volunteered to help coach.

The practice and game schedules will be coming out next week. Some practices will be at lunch hours. Games and other practices will occur after school, probably on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Some of the teams will be going to tournaments and even watching a college game. By being on the team students learn volley-

ball skills, good sportsmanship, cooperation, and team building.

We look forward to hearing how the teams do and how the students become great ambassadors for our school.



## **Free Eye Exam**

Has your child been to see the eye doctor this year or last year?

Children's annual Optometrist visits are free. Vision problems can result in both learning and motor problems for children. Regular checkups are recommended as your child's eyes develop.

When you visit, please bring a copy of the visit results back to the school for your child's teacher.

