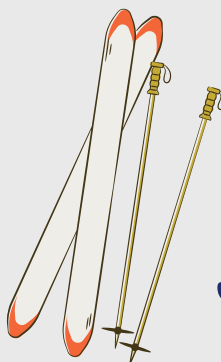




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JANUARY NEWS

ARES SKI PROGRAM

Our intermediate students are happy to enjoy a ski program once again! We were able to schedule two trips for each class in Grades 4-7 at either Whitewater (Nelson) or Kimberly Alpine Resort. Upon arrival, students receive a lesson that is suited to their ability and level of experience. Unfortunately, Whitewater has experienced some chairlift issues this season, resulting in the postponement of some of our scheduled trips. We will update families when Whitewater is able to coordinate new dates with us. Thanks for your patience!



What's New at ARES?

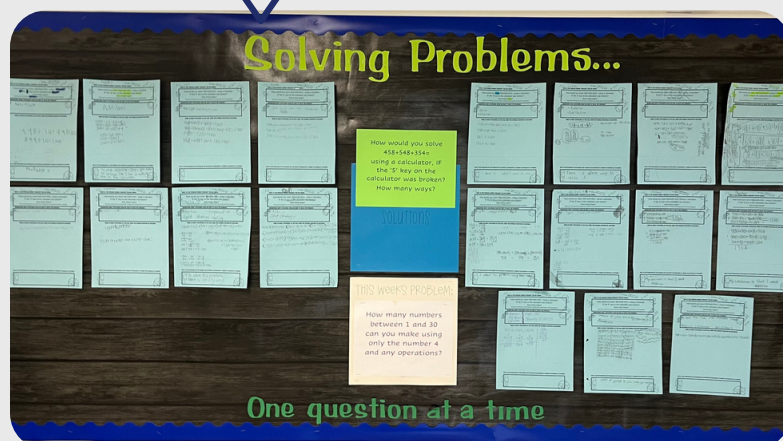
- ARES Ski Program
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MATH PROBLEM SOLVING



The intermediate students are showing off their problem-solving skills. Each week, Mrs. Walker posts a new question or task, with the goal of finding as many ways to solve the same problem as possible. The solutions are displayed on our new math bulletin board to share all of the inventive ways students have found solutions. ARES students are off to a fantastic start, and it has been great to see their creative solutions. Thanks to Mrs. Walker for this brilliant idea!



Solving Problems...One question at a time

Did you know that problem-solving is an important part of BC's K-9 curriculum? Each of our students engage in math problem-solving, regardless of age. They are encouraged to use multiple strategies to apply their understanding of the various concepts they are taught.

RESILIENCE is closely connected to one's ability to recover from hardships quickly. Having strong problem-solving skills helps individuals look at challenges comprehensively. We can learn to break problems down into small pieces and find solutions in a timely manner. So, when a child wonders how math relates to "real life," we know that developing strong reasoning skills leads to greater long-term resilience, which is what we strive for at ARES.



ARES Vision

To support the development of RESILIENT children who can thrive in any community



READ-A-THON

February is Read-A-Thon Month at ARES. The students will be challenged to read as much as possible, while participating in a theme and storyline. Last year the students read 245,240 minutes, while helping Alex in her Minecraft adventure. Without revealing too much about this year's theme, we are asking students to share a photograph of their favourite Lego build that they have completed at home. If your child would like to share, please email a photo of the Lego build to Mrs. Walker.

(tracy.walker@sd8.bc.ca)



Read-A-Thon 2023



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

ARES will be hosting its annual book fair on **February 13th & 14th from 9:00 – 4:00.**

Mrs. Leslie is looking for volunteers to help in the library on these two days, while classes and families have an opportunity to wander through and choose books to purchase. If you are interested in helping with this popular event, please email Mr. Adams or Mrs.

Christenson. Proceeds from the book fair help ARES buy new classroom and library books for our students to enjoy. Watch for more information to come.





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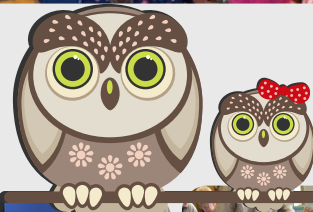
PLAY YOUR WAY TO KINDERGARTEN



Story Time Series

We are excited that Simone Stanley was back to host *Play Your Way to Kindergarten – Story Time Series* at ARES on January 25th from 1:00 – 2:30. This program is geared for children aged 3-6, who will be attending ARES in the future. The goal of the program is to help create connections and nurture a positive school experience, prior to Kindergarten. Participants enjoyed circle time, meeting the ARES staff and the current kindergarten classes, a school tour, story time, outside play, and a snack that was provided. If you are interested in participating in future events, please email Simone Stanley at:

strongstart@valley.services





OUR BUDDY PROGRAM



Our ARES Buddy Program is intended to help build relationships in the school by pairing older and younger students for joint activities. Buddy time is often viewed very positively by our students. It is an opportunity to instill social-emotional learning and develop leadership skills in our older students. Most classes meet weekly to participate in shared activities, and as the year progresses, it is wonderful to see these relationships grow. Older students often take the initiative to show care for their younger buddies during lunch and recess and little buddies seek out their older friends when they need support.



"When students have strong relationships within their community, they are more likely to acquire self-discipline and feel a sense of responsibility to themselves and to others"

~ Caring School Community ~



GREAT BIG BUDDY READ



The Province of BC has established January 24 – 31 as Family Literacy Week. This annual campaign is intended to recognize and promote the importance of family literacy. Reading as a family can look like many things: Learning together through everyday interactions such as reading, cooking, talking, singing, and playing together as a family.

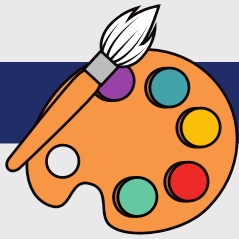
The Great Big Buddy Read, organized by the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) is part of this experience, and especially supports students who do not have the opportunity to share in literacy activities with a family.

At ARES, our Buddy pairs joined together on January 26th, and the older students read to the younger students. Some of the younger students also practiced their own reading with their big buddies or they talked together about the books they were viewing.



What can you do at home to promote literacy as your children grow?

- Create shopping lists together
- Write "thank-you" cards or notes to special people
- Read signs as you drive
- Write packing lists if you are going out on a holiday or adventure
- Talk often about things you see as you explore the world together
- Follow recipes as you cook together



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ART AROUND ARES



Mr. Percival - Grade 6



OUR ARES LOGO

Challenge

NEWS LETTER CHALLENGE

Did you know that our ARES logo is an owl named KUPI? Kupi is the Ktunaxa word for Owl and is pronounced "Gupi."

In many Indigenous cultures, owls represent intuition and wisdom. They are viewed as messengers and have been looked to for insight and connection. They are said to be very observant, thoughtful creatures and loyal listeners.

How many OWL eyes are in this newsletter? Have your child count them. They must write the total number down on a scrap piece of paper, along with their name and teacher's name. A Parent must sign their note before they return it to Mr. Adams or Mrs. C. by **Friday, February 3rd**. The primary and intermediate classes with the most correct answers will win this month's class prize.





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Important Dates

- Friday, January 27th – SLC Spirit Day – Inside Out & Backwards Day
- Friday, January 27th – PAC Pasta Lunch
- Friday, January 27th – Report Cards go home
- Monday, January 30th – Sonntag/Hamm Skiing Kimberly
- Friday, February 3rd – PAC Pizza Lunch
- Thursday, February 9th – PAC Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Friday, February 10th – PAC Hot Dog Lunch
- Monday, February 13th – Scholastic Book Fair 9:00 – 4:00
- Tuesday, February 14th – Scholastic Book Fair 9:00 – 4:00
- Tuesday, February 14th – SLC Spirit Day – Wear red, pink, purple or white day
- Thursday, February 16th – PAC Chili Lunch
- Friday, February 17th – Pro-D Day – No School
- Monday, February 20th – Family Day – No School
- Wednesday, February 22nd – Pink Shirt Day
- Friday, February 24th – PAC Pasta Lunch



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ARES Goal

To actively incorporate the Circle of Courage philosophy and the four universal needs of all children (Belonging, Independence, Generosity, & Mastery) into our school-wide culture.