

# Ash Lee Jefferson Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events


Feb 8 (6:30pm) -Information Session for 2018/19 French Immersion Primaries  
Feb 14 - Valentine's Day  
Feb 15 – Family Games Night  
Feb 16 – Chinese New Year (wear red & gold)  
Feb 19 – Mona Louise Parsons Heritage Day (no classes)

## Dates to Remember

Feb 1-28 – Primary Registration  
Feb 5-18 – Tattletales Coins for Books Campaign



## **COINS FOR BOOKS!!**

"Save your coins! Our annual Coins for Books Campaign will run from **February 5<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>**. Each day, students can drop coins (or bills!) into special bags in their classrooms. The money is counted daily, and the "hot air balloons" will rise to the sky on the chart posted in the hall. This year, instead of having one special day for a "TOONIE RACE", we will be keeping track of all **LOONIES AND TOONIES** that we collect each day. At the end of the campaign, the class that brings in the most loonies and toonies will win a **SPECIAL PRIZE** for each child in the class AND the class with the highest overall total will win a **PIZZA PARTY!** 

All money collected – and more – comes back to the school Library in the form of books from Tattletales. This is a Board-wide project, supported by businesses, families, and individuals. Donations from corporate sponsors are distributed among all participating schools, and we get a 20% discount from Tattletales, which increases the amount we receive.



The PTO is pleased to host the **Family Games Night on Thursday, Feb 15th from 6 - 8**. Please join us for this classic fun family event and spend an evening of quality, cell -phone/electronic free family time. A notice with all the details will be sent home the week prior. If you have never been, this is an ALJ classic and a great event.

## **Primary Registration**

Registration for the 2017/2018 school year will take place Feb 1- Feb 28. Children being registered for grade Primary must be 5 years of age **on or before December 31, 2018**. Parents/guardians are required to show child's Birth Certificate, proof of residency, and provincial health card number. Parents must indicate whether the child is registering for the English program or the French Immersion program.

If you know of anyone in the community who may not be aware of the registration, please share this information with them.

## **A Message from our SAC: [Photos at Ash Lee Jefferson](#)**

Communication with families and our community is very important to Ash Lee Jefferson. We use a number of different ways to reach out to our families/community, such as, [e-mail](#), [newsletter](#), [website](#) and [Twitter](#). Sometimes we include photos of events or fun times at the school.

It is important to us that we protect the privacy of all students at ALJ. When we post photos, we make sure that students are not identifiable. This means that the photos we share will show participants, but not photos where faces of students are clearly visible. This applies to photos taken by all staff at ALJ, teachers included. If you have questions about how ALJ communicates with students, families, and the community, please email us at: [aljs@hrsbc.ca](mailto:aljs@hrsbc.ca).

### **Employment Opportunity - EXCEL**

EXCEL is currently searching for fun, energetic, and reliable individuals to work full-time or as substitutes in the EXCEL programs for the 2017/2018 school year. Full-time staff receive competitive wages, along with staff benefits. These benefits include paid sick/personal leave, paid bereavement leave, Employee & Family Assistance Program support, paid Snow Days, children of full-time staff attend for EXCEL for free, paid training, and discounted GoodLife memberships. Should you or anyone you know be interested in working with EXCEL please contact: Judy Lockhart by email to [jlockhart@hrsb.ca](mailto:jlockhart@hrsb.ca) or by phone to (902) 464-2000 ext. 5596

### **Life Threatening Allergies**

The school asks that all parents continue to respect that we are a Fish & Nut Aware School. Please be aware that there are a number of students and staff who have allergies of various types. .

### **Student Pick Up**

While we understand that on occasion children need to be picked up early for appointments, it can be quite disruptive to your child's learning and the learning of others. If you do need to pick up your child early, we would remind you to please send a note with him/her so that message bags, homework, etc. can be prepared before they leave.

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL IN ADVANCE TO ARRANGE FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE WAITING IN THE OFFICE PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL.** Once you have arrived to sign him/her out, they will be paged to come to the office.

### **Safe Arrival & Late Students**

If your child is absent or going to be late, please call the safe arrival line **(902) 860-4375**. Leave your child's name, teacher's name, and reason for absence. Please do not leave voicemails for administration or the school secretary, as these messages are only for the information of the safe arrival volunteers.

### **Parking Lot Safety**

The safety of students is our #1 priority. With this in mind, vehicles are not permitted on the school grounds between 7:30 am and 8:20 am and between 1:30 pm and 2:20 pm. The parking lot is not a drop off or pick-up zone. The only **exceptions** are for parents picking up sick students or in emergency situations. Thank you for your cooperation regarding these expectations.

We also request that all parents who are meeting students at the end of the day remain outside the front doors when picking up children. Due to the large number of students in our building, it is very congested in the hallway if students are leaving the building while others are entering.

### **Visitors to the School**

Visitors to the school are reminded to stop at the office to sign our visitor/guest book and obtain a pass before proceeding throughout the school. Please remember that you may be a parent to your own child, but in many instances a stranger to others. Thank you, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### **SCHOOL CANCELLATION: SEVERE WEATHER OR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

The Halifax Regional School Board takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools in the event of severe or inclement weather. Decisions on school closures and/or bus cancellations are posted on the board's website at [www.hrsb.ns.ca](http://www.hrsb.ns.ca), on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRSB\\_Official](https://www.twitter.com/HRSB_Official), recorded on the school cancellation line at 464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. Ash Lee Jefferson is part of the Lockview High Family of Schools. We may be closed "by family" some days so this information is important.

### **February is African Heritage Month.**

Did you know that two African Canadian women donated the land for Ash Lee Jefferson and GPV?