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Autism Awareness Day 2026

To coincide with World Autism Day on Thursday, April 2nd, Admiral's Academy will celebrate by encouraging everyone to wear gold/yellow. This is an event aimed to help raise autism awareness and understanding, to embrace neurodiversity and to raise funds for educational and inclusion programs and initiatives. ***Autism Awareness Day*** encourages individuals to accept and embrace the differences and needs of others and to include everyone in activities and discussions. It's easy and fun to participate, simply wear yellow or gold!

Spelling Bee

We've held our school bee and are so proud of all our students that had the courage to put themselves out there and compete! Our list of class finalists included:

- Channing & Owen (4-Duffy)
- Brianna & Jason (4-Fitzgerald)
- Flynn & Quinn (4-Ivey)
- Felix & Townes (5-Kennedy)
- Juliana & Ryan (5-Fitzgerald)
- Nate & Sergio (5-Ellsworth)
- Heidi & Jaxon (6-Fitzgerald)
- Matteo & Patrick (6-Kelly-Pendergast)
- Everett & Jada (6-Dawe)
- CJ & Jack (7A)
- Emmy & Savannah (7B)
- Cameron & Will (7C)

A huge congratulations to all our finalists but especially to Nate from Ms. Ellsworth's class who will now represent our school at the Elks Avalon Regional Spelling Bee on May 2nd at the CNA in St. John's. Good luck Nate!

School Librarian Day

On **April 4th, 2026**, we are proud to celebrate the vital role our librarian, Ms. Hamilton, plays in our students' success. Her impact stretches far beyond the bookshelves; she is a true champion of 21st-century learning, seamlessly blending a love for literature with cutting-edge STEM and technology initiatives. Thank you, Ms. Hamilton, for your dedication and innovation!💐

Thank You Starbucks, CBS!

Upon completing their book genre unit in the LLC with Ms. Foley, the students in Ms. Ivey's, Mr. Fitz's, and Ms. Duffy's classes will do a Starbucks-themed book tasting event to celebrate. We want to send out a huge THANK YOU to the Starbucks location in CBS, who so very generously donated cups, cookie sleeves, and treats for our event. These items certainly help to make events like these more exciting and authentic for our students. It will definitely be a day they won't soon forget!

Administrative Professionals Day

April 22nd marks Administrative Professionals Day, and we want to send a huge "thank you" to the heart of Admiral's Academy, **Ms. Nippard**. Whether she's providing ice packs for scraped knees, calling home for a sick student, or greeting everyone with a kind word after lunch, her impact is felt by us all. Ms. Nippard is truly the backbone of our school, and Admiral's Academy simply wouldn't be the same without her!🎉

Fundraiser

In consultation with our school council, we will be conducting a 50/50 cash draw to help raise funds for literacy initiatives here at Admiral's Academy.

Tickets and a detailed memo with information pertaining to the draw will be sent home with students when we return from the Easter Break.

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National Assistant Principals Week

Admiral's Academy is honored to celebrate Ms. Krista Fleming for National Assistant Principals Week (April 6–10, 2026). Her unwavering commitment to our students' academic growth and emotional well-being is a cornerstone of our community. We are incredibly grateful for the expertise and kindness she brings to the team. Please join us in thanking Ms. Fleming for her vital role in our school's success!

KinderStart Reminder

If you or someone you know has a child turning 5 before December 31st, 2026, they should be registered for KinderStart. If they are not registered, please contact the school to get them registered as soon as possible. The final two KinderStart sessions for this school year will occur on: *April 24th and May 15th*. There will be no school for our current Kindergarten students on these days. If not already done so, families with kinderstart students are asked to complete the following google form that was shared already with families.

May School Lunch Assoc. Ordering

A note from the SLA that May ordering will open on April 1st and close on April 15th.

Easter Break

It is hard to believe Easter Break is here! The last day of classes prior to the Easter Break is Thursday, April 2nd. School will reopen on Monday, April 13th. It will be Day 5 on the schedule.

SOR at Admiral's Academy

We are thrilled to see our students excelling in reading and writing through our evidence-based instructional approach. While our classroom focus remains on fluency and comprehension, family involvement is the "secret sauce" to student success.

Daily reading at home provides a critical foundation for academic growth. It doesn't just build language skills, it enhances cognitive function and fosters a deeper sense of empathy and curiosity. We encourage all families to make daily reading a cornerstone of their evening routine.

Year End Awards 🏆

Once again this year Admiral's Academy has a number of year end awards up for grabs for our elementary students. We want to recognize students that are making significant contributions to our school as well as striving to be their best self on a daily basis.

Our awards include: The Navigator Award, Instrumental Music Award, Fair Play Award, Public Speaking (Gr. 3-7), and The Sammy Award.

Sammy's Climb Higher Award

Our next award is one that is near and dear to all our hearts. It is named in honour of our friend, Sammy Porter who tragically died in July of 2022. It is the **Sammy's Climb Higher Award**. This award is presented to a student graduating from our school and has continually worked to their fullest potential, striving for academic success but also demonstrating manners, courtesy, and above all - kindness.

Orange Store Card

For those families that buy gas from the local Orange Store, Admiral's Academy has a 'Yay card' that families can use to help us gather points. Usage is simple! When asked if you have a points card, say "Use the Admirals Academy card". Thank you for your support!

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Recycling ♻

Our April Recycling Blitz will take place on ***April 27th***. If you drop off your child on the recycling blitz days, the bags can be dropped at the front entrance of the school. If your child takes the bus, he/she should only take a small bag of recyclables due to limited space. Also, please ensure that the recycling bag is tied tight to eliminate any leakage on the school bus. During each recycling blitz, children who bring in a bag will have their name entered in a draw for a small prize pack. There will be one winner from both primary and elementary.

Video Surveillance

Admiral's Academy utilizes video surveillance cameras as per District Policy OPER-600. If you have any concerns, please contact school administration.

Allergies

Please note that we have severe anaphylaxis allergies in our school to PEANUTS, TREE NUTS, and BANANAS. As a result, we cannot permit students to bring cooked or raw bananas, any products containing any type of nuts, peanuts or WOW butter at school.

Please note: If your child has a diagnosed allergy by a medical doctor, and you have not already done so, please contact the guidance counsellor at billylynnclowe@nlschools.ca to complete the necessary forms. Also, these forms must be completed each school year.

Important Upcoming Dates

April 2nd - Be Cool for Autism
April 4th - School Librarians Appreciation Day
April 6th-10th- Assistant Principals Week
April 24th - Kinderstart Session #3
April 3rd -12th - Easter Holidays
April 22nd - Earth Day
April 23rd - Administrative Assistants Day
May 4th-8th - Scholastic Spring Book Fair
May 15th - Kinderstart Session #4