



TITAN TIMES



Dear Grad Parents.

With our Dry Grad event right around the corner, I am organizing a planning meeting for parent volunteers. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th, at 7:00 pm in the ATS Library. I hope to see you there! - Mr. Wiebe
 Parents of Grade 8 students! Please contact Mr. Gabriel if you are interested in joining a Grade 8 grad council to plan activities for this years Grade 8 graduating class, such as a grad field trip, hoodie design, & year end lunch! The first meeting will be January 11 at 7pm in the LLC. Please speak to Mr. Gabriel or email (reg.gabriel@abbyschools.ca) to join!

Did you know? Denisa is the Restorative Action (RA) facilitator in ATS this year and has already facilitated a number of learning circles with youth in the school! She has also provided several tips and strategies for discussions to start having with your teens which we will share each week.

Conversation Starter for Parents and Caregivers: Caregivers RA facilitators have found that students enjoy talking about and understanding their conflict style as characterized through animals. A shark is directive and competitive. They are goal-oriented, more aggressive in their communication to resolve conflict, authoritative, uncooperative, and intimidating and like to win. This can be useful when a situation demands an immediate response for someone's safety and taking charge. A turtle is avoiding and can ignore and hide from conflict. They are often trying to make peace or please everyone around them, but their needs are not met. This is useful when we need to calm ourselves and give time to think. An owl is collaborating and use problem-solving approach. They work to find solutions for everyone and they attack the problem not the person. It is important for a youth to understand which animal they are, but equally important to understand which animal their parent is. Have some conversations around the different styles and come up with some strategies to make sure everyone is heard and understood in a conflict situation.

Congratulation to our Students of Character for November and December. Thanks to all students who make the effort to contribute to our TITANS character by displaying respect, responsibility, empathy, courage, integrity, and service. The winners are: in Ms. Sickels class - Simren. In Mr. Lockington's class - Saje. In Mrs. Fox's class - Brahmvir. In Mrs. Cousar's classes - Taman D, Gurshaan B, and Supriya C.



To those who have followed the link and made donations to our trophy/display case and benches fund - Thank you so much!! We are still accepting your donations to help us acquire student recognition trophy / display cases and benches. A couple big thanks to 2 donors to help us with these items. First -- Thank you for the generous donation from the Evans family whose daughters attended ATS in the past. Second -- thanks to Kajal and Sandhar, former grads from 2015, who donated for an entire bench. The bench will have a plaque that reads:

Kajal & Gaurav Sandhar – Grad 2015. Just give it your best shot. Thanks so much!! We are

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keeping the donation window open as we are having some success with fundraising online, though we are still have a ways to go to meet our goal.

The Beginner and Junior Bands joined together and did a lively performance of Jingle Bells at the Middle School Assembly. The Vocal Performance Club entertained everyone with a beautiful performance of Snowman. Both groups helped bring a sense of the holiday season to students, staff, and guests. Congratulations to all of the performers on a job well done!

On the Horizon

Dec 25 - Jan 5	Winter Break
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Boxing Day
Dec 31	New Years Eve
Jan 1	New Years Day
Jan 8	Schools Reopen

HAVE A WONDERFUL BREAK TITANS!

