



ASPEN Update

Aspen Academy Monthly Newsletter

Important Dates: March

3/8.....Daylight Saving Time Starts
3/9-18.....Order Hot Lunches for April
3/17.....Middle School Info Night for 4th grade families, Cafeteria
3/17.....Board Meeting, 6-8 pm, Media Center
3/20.....4th Grade Field Trip, Mill City Museum
3/23-27.....No School, Spring Break
4/2.....Early Release, Parent Conferences
4/2.....Sci/Vent/Berg Fair for Middle School (morning)
4/3.....No School, Parent Conferences

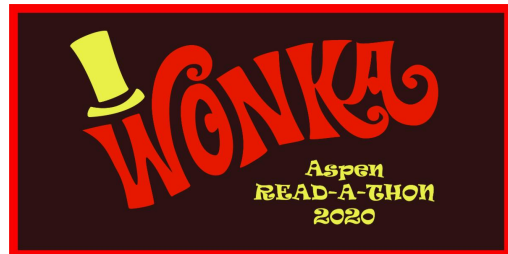
I Love to Read Month!

We hope you enjoyed I Love to Read Month! Today, scholars completed the month of activities with a full day of reading! Ask your scholar which rooms they went to and what their favorite book was!

Fundraiser

Thank you for your tremendous support for our new library! Although today was the last official day to turn in donations, we will continue to collect any late donations online and in school through next week.

[Donation Site](#)



We have raised \$15,992!

Thank you! We are very excited to start transforming our media center into our library this spring!

Congratulations to our top earning class for the fundraiser:

- **Mrs. Trovarello!**

They earned a cotton candy party!

Congratulations 2nd place top earning class:

- **Mrs. Dalsin!**

They earned a "bring a stuffed animal to school" day!

Congratulations to our top reading classes!

- Kindergarten: Team Trovarello
- 1st Grade: Team Dalsin
- 2nd Grade: Team Behrens
- 3rd Grade: Team Parker
- 4th Grade: Team Tyler

Middle School top 25 readers:

- 5th Grade: Finley S., Annika J., Nora E., Ethan T., Adrienne S., Tyler S., Willow B., Woodrow B., Maximus H., Adeline H., Kaley R., Emerson O.
- 6th Grade: Sophia F., Joaquin V., Thomas S., Luke H., Dawson G., Jenna H., Rachel W., Jason B.
- 7th Grade: Lyndsey A., Haylee S., David B., Elizabeth S.
- 8th Grade: Samuel K.

Top readers/reading classes earn a pajama day!

Fizzy Lifting Drink Party

If your scholar earned a ticket to the Fizzy Lifting Drink Party, it is scheduled for the Friday afternoon before spring break, Friday, March 20th. Mrs. Heitzman will be emailing families of super star scholars to check for dietary allergies/restrictions

Stop the Spread of Germs

Please help prevent the spread of viruses by reviewing with your scholar:

1. How to wash their hands with soap for at least 20 seconds
2. Covering their coughs
3. Covering their sneezes
4. Not touching their eyes, nose, or mouth

Please keep your child home if he/she is showing any of the following symptoms:

- sore throat
- earache
- rash
- headache
- nausea/diarrhea
- inflamed/matted eyes
- temp. over 99
- live lice or nits



How to report your student sick:

Please send an email to the following:

1. Scholar(s) homeroom teacher
2. attendance@aspenacademymn.org
3. office@aspenacademymn.org
4. maureen.carroll@aspenacademymn.org (nurse)

If you have any concerns or questions, contact the school nurse at 952-226-5940 Ext. 181.

It is imperative that if your student has been home due to an illness, they should not return to school until symptom and **fever-free for a full 24 hours**.

Feast of Nations--A Huge Success!

What an amazing night! The cafeteria was packed with great food and friends! Scholars and their families visited each table with a "passport" to get a sticker from that country and to learn a little about the food they were trying.

We also enjoyed listening to and watching great cultural performances in the Media Center. Thank you to the staff, scholars, and families who came together to create such a great educational event!

Survey

We'd love to hear your feedback about the event! Please take a moment to complete the following survey. It will help us plan for next year's event!



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wy1obZUrxOkur72F7JFyLT48fPwJyYoaa1gQWAWywbU/viewform?edit_requested=true#responses

Middle School Art classes participate in the Feast of Nations

Creating Heritage Story Quilt Drawings For Feast of Nations

Mrs. Bunkert's Middle School art students in the 7th and 8th grades learned about Faith Ringgold's story quilt paintings and her artwork as they explored their own heritage and childhood traditions and memories. They then incorporated the pictures into a fabric drawing in the style of Faith Ringgold. Their story quilt drawings are exhibited outside of the media center. (pictured to the right: Lyndsey A., Faith B. and Shelby L.).



New! 2020-21 School Calendar

Please Note: School starts before Labor Day next year.

[2020-2021 School Calendar \(New!\)](#)

[2019-2020 School Calendar \(Current Year\)](#)

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming parent-teacher conferences. The school will send more information out as we get closer to conferences.

- Thursday, April 2 Afternoon/Evening, K-8th
- Friday, April 3 Morning/Afternoon, K-4th



Because Teachers Can't Survive on Apples Alone

The PTO will be coordinating an opportunity to provide meals to the teachers during conferences. A sign-up genius will go out with dates and items needed. This is a great way to get in volunteer hours and show our teachers how much we appreciate them!

Reading and Math Corp Tutors Needed for Next Year!

Aspen Academy is currently looking for Minnesota Reading Corp Tutors and Minnesota Math Corp Tutors to help make a difference for students with emerging skills in reading and math for the 2019-2020 school year.



As a Math Tutor, you'll assist our students in grades 4-8. Reading tutors will work with students in grade K-3. Training and onsite coaching will prepare you to work one-on-one or in small groups with students. Tutors serve during school hours and are needed for the whole school year.

[Learn More](#)

Linux Computer Club, Penguin Corps

The Penguin Corps has been very busy of late. We have now provided computers for 4 elementary classrooms and have sent 5 computers out the door to students' homes.

We had our first guest speaker last week, when local tech leader Jim Hall came to talk to the kids about his career in tech, and then he taught the kids a brief lesson in use of a terminal window (the kids loved that). Coming soon: the Penguin Corps will launch a crowdfunding campaign to get more laptops for the middle school. We are also sending a team of presenters to speak at Drupalcon 2020 in Minneapolis in May. This is an annual convention that will have people coming from all over North America to attend, and it is being held in Minneapolis for the first time. The kids are very excited!



Follow the Penguin Corps on their Twitter Feed: <https://twitter.com/studoeslinux>

Please stop by the Lost and Found

Our lost and found is getting full! Please stop by to see if your scholar is missing an item.

The lost and found is located in the lobby to



the across from the check-in window.

The PTO wants You!

PTO Elections are coming up later this spring. If you would like to know more about Board membership or committee member chair roles, email us at PTO@aspenacademymn.org.



Any Aspen parent is eligible to take a leadership role and any work done on behalf of the PTO counts toward your volunteer time.

Spring Scholastic Book Fair!

The Book Fair is approaching! Volunteer slots are up for the Scholastic Spring Book Fair. More information will follow later next month. Also, we are actively seeking Book Fair Co-Chairs for next year. Learn about the most coveted books of the season and help to plan this fun family event! If you would like more information, please email PTO@aspenacademymn.org.



Signup

Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F49A9AA23A31-aspen1>

Student Directory



Below is a link to the student directory sent out in September, please download it from the link below:

[Student Directory](#)