

ASPEN Update

Aspen Academy Weekly Newsletter

November 17th, 2023



11/20.....Board Meeting - 6:00pm
11/20.....Eagles Nest Calendars are due
11/21.....December Lunch Ordering Closes
11/22-24...Fall Break
12/07.....Winter Band Concert - 6pm

K-3 Family Math & Literacy Night



K-3 Family Math and Literacy Night, sponsored by Title 1, was a success!

Thank you to all the caregivers and scholars who attended! Thank you to staff volunteers, who taught scholars a variety of math games they can now play at home! Scholars and teachers together showed caregivers what scholars do and learn in reading lessons in their classrooms. Title 1 staff and scholars together showed caregivers what happens and what is learned/taught during Reading and Math lessons and answered questions.

Attendance

We had 36 scholars (some were little junior scholars).

We had 33 caregivers attend.

Exit tickets

We achieved our goal of having attendees learn about the curricula and educating

caregivers! Exit tickets showed that participants grew in their knowledge of BAR and plan to do some of the math games at home with their scholars! Our families with scholars receiving Title 1 support learned about our reading intervention curriculum SiPPS and/or Title Math interventions!

Many thanks

Thank you to all our staff that facilitated games or demonstrated lessons, and the parent volunteers that made the event a success!

-The Title 1 Committee



Honor Roll

6th Grade

Lati A.
Andrew K.
Genevieve L.
Zoey L.
Alena M.
Aiza S.
Macey S.
Leo A.
Aisha H.
Wiyaka N.
Hazel N.

7th Grade

Jazmine A.
Anthony P.
Jack B.
Roman D.

8th Grade

Anna D.
Malia Evans P.
Conan M.
Saynab N.
Ayushi P.
Makayla P.
Yousef A.
Loti A.
Liam B.
Amira I.
Zohaib R.
Katelyn T.
Afton W.
Keria W.
Timothy T.
Bilal M.

High Honor Roll

6th Grade

Kaavya K.
Julia G.
Aditi P.
Annabelle W.

7th Grade

Natalie A.
Savanna C.
Ivan D.
Ayah H.
Jayla H.

8th Grade

Isaac Harbaugh M.
Abigail C.
David G.
Annabella H.
Geoffrey M.

Sara B.
Sabrina D.
Fiorina G.
Claire H.
Sophie K.
Neil R.
James W.

William S.
Audreyana S.
Alisa D.
Nithya K.

Peace Poster Contest



Mrs. Gale, our middle school art teacher, included our middle school students in the Prior Lake Lions' Peace Poster Contest. The theme this year was Dare to Dream.

We congratulate our Aspen Academy artists in their placements:

- 1st Place: Sophie Khammoungkhoun
- 2nd Place: Amira Ismail
- 3rd Place: Fiorina Goh

Congratulations and thank you to the Prior Lake Lions' Club for their partnership!

Intent to Return

We will be starting the enrollment process for the 2024/2025 school year.

We ask that all current families please complete this Intent to Return form to help us with planning and management of enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year. Siblings/Foster Siblings/Staff will receive preference prior to any new families.

<https://forms.gle/919bGx88mVfFvTz16>

Thank you for your time.

Please contact the enrollment office with any questions, 952-226 5942,
enroll@aspenacademymn.org

1st Grade Construction Day

1st graders rocked Construction Day, crafting sentences, math equations, and cute creations! Watch these little builders lay the foundation for lifelong learning.



Get to Know an Aspen Staff Member



Madison Zulk
School Social Worker

What was your favorite school lunch?

Grilled cheese & tomato soup-- yum!

What is your favorite color?

Pink

Who was your favorite teacher and why?

My favorite teacher growing up was my 5th grade teacher. She was so kind and patient with all students.

What are your favorite hobbies?

My favorite hobbies include hanging out with my friends and family, running with my dog, reading and exploring new restaurants and coffee shops in the Twin Cities.

Do you have any pets?

I have a Golden named Penny!

What is your favorite band / singer?

My favorite singer is Taylor Swift.

What is your favorite thing about Aspen Academy?

My favorite thing about Aspen Academy is working with such kind-hearted students!

I am lucky to work with students who are so caring to their peers.



ASPEN ACADEMY

FALL BREAK



NOVEMBER
22ND - 24TH, 2023



Inclement Weather

In the event there is a snow day, late start or early release:

- A robo call and email will be sent to families
- A Facebook post will be made
- Reported on our School website
- Reported to WCCO, Fox 9 News, Kare 11 News

Donations

Help spread joy in our classrooms! Each room has unique needs and would greatly appreciate your generous donations. Click the link to view the list and make a difference in our students' learning experiences!

[Click Here!](#)

Lunchroom Volunteering

Aspen Academy is in need of Lunchroom Volunteers!



Please take a few minutes and sign up for a time slot! Click here to signup: [Signup Link](#)

Aspen Community Closet

We are in the process of starting our very own Aspen Community Closet! The purpose of our Aspen Community Closet will be to help support scholars and families with items they are in need of both during the school day, and also at home. We are looking to start creating our space and building our inventory. Information will be provided with more details on how to access this resource and other ways to help in future communications.

If you have any questions about our Aspen Community Closet, please feel free to email our School Social Worker, Maddie Zulk at madison.zulk@aspenacademymn.org.

We are looking forward to starting this amazing resource for scholars and families!

If you are wishing to donate resources to help get our Aspen Community Closet started,

please check out the items we have an immediate need for listed below. All items can be dropped off in the front office labeled 'Aspen Community Closet.' Thank you!

***Please make sure all used donated items are cleaned and in good condition prior to donation;
all food must be sealed, packaged, and unopened ***

Clothing:

- Aspen uniforms (can be used)
- Aspen spirit wear (can be used)
- Socks (new)
- Winter coats (new or used)
- Gloves (new or used)
- Hats (new)
- Scarves (new or used)

Personal Care Items:

- Mini deodorants (new)
- Combs or brushes (new)
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste (new)
- Feminine care products (new)
- Body spray (new)
- Body wipes (new)

School Supplies:

- Backpacks (new or used)
- Pencil pouches (new or used)
- Scissors (new or used)
- Markers, colored pencils, crayons (new)
- Pencils (new)
- Glue sticks/bottles (new)
- Notebooks, folders, binders (new)

Food (all new):

- Granola bars (any variety)
- Fruit snacks (any variety)
- Individually wrapped crackers (any variety)
- Juice boxes (any variety)
- Mints (any variety)
- Bottled water

Illness Reporting

If your child is absent due to illness, we ask that you share the symptoms or diagnosis such as influenza, strep throat, COVID, RSV, etc on the absence line. Aspen Academy does not supply facial masks, if you would like your student to wear a mask, families must supply their own.

This information helps us monitor and respond to illness trends we are seeing in our student population.

The information also helps us report trends to the Minnesota Department of Health who is monitoring statewide trends.

If you have any questions contact the health office at health.office@aspennacademymn.org



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