- Remember to visit our school website at www.aesk8.org
- Starting November 1st until April 1st, all students will be required to carry a dry non-marking pair of sneakers with them on gym days for Physical Education. This includes students who have flex time during the day.

**MORNING DROP OFF:** Reminder that students who walk or are dropped off should arrive at school no earlier than 7:30. The cafeteria opens at 7:30 for those students who are eating breakfast. All other students should arrive between 7:40 and 8:00 am.

**EARLY RELEASE:** Thursday December 22nd will be an early release at 12:00. Park and Rec will be open for those students that are registered. Please make sure that your student(s) know their after-school plans. It is always a great idea to let the team teacher know (either with a note or an email) to avoid any confusion at the end of the day.

**DECEMBER RECESS:** There will be NO School December 23rd through January 3rd.

**FISHER CATS READING CHALLENGE:** Students in Grades 5-8 are able to participate in the Fisher Cats Reading Challenge. Forms will be sent home with all the information needed to participate. Happy Reading!

**DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER:** Please make sure your student(s) are dressed appropriately for the weather. We at AES spend as much time as possible outside and with the colder weather upon us, it is important that your student(s) are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.

**AES PTO:** The AES PTO is now a registered nonprofit group on Amazon Smile! The link below will take you to sign up for the Ashland Parent Teacher Organization as a charity of their choice. They can begin shopping and 0.5% of eligible purchases will be donated to our local PTO! [https://smile.amazon.com/ch/88-2663257](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/88-2663257)

**WINTER WEAR DRIVE:** The Student Council will be collecting NEW Winter Weather Gear from December 1st until December 22 to donate to a local shelter.

**WINTER REC:** Winter Recreation will begin on Thursday January 5, 2023 and will run for 5 weeks.

**ABSENCE / TARDY / EARLY DISMISSAL/ DISMISSAL CHANGES:** Please call 968-7622 or email Ms. Johnson and Mrs. McGettigan if your child will be absent from school, tardy, will be dismissed early or has different dismissal plans. All students who arrive after the homeroom bell are required to check in with Mrs. Johnson to receive their late pass. Please notify the office BEFORE 1:00pm of any changes to your student(s) dismissal plan.

**BANKING:** Banking will be held every Wednesday. Sign up kits for new students are available, please email your students homeroom teacher or call the school if you are interested in participating. Returning students can use their existing bank envelopes.

*Please note the daily menu is subject to change based on availability of product.*

**TODAY’S LUNCH:**
- **Choice A:** BAGGED LUNCH
- **Choice A:** Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- **Choice B:** Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- **Choice C:** Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich

**TUESDAY’S LUNCH:**
- **Choice A:** Soft Shell Beef Taco
- **Choice B:** Fruit & Yogurt Parfait
- **Choice C:** Better Cheddar Lunchbox
- **Choice D:** Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich

Remember you can check the menu at any time by visiting the Café Services website at [https://ashland.linqnutrition.com/Menus.aspx](https://ashland.linqnutrition.com/Menus.aspx)

To make payments to your student(s) lunch accounts please visit the following website: [https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com/Default.aspx](https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com/Default.aspx)
Grades 5-8 Athletic Announcements All students in grades 5-8 are eligible to play sports at AES.
Our Athletic Director is John McDonough jmcdonough@aesk8.org  *There will be no practice on days that school is canceled due to weather.  ** Please pick your child up promptly after their scheduled practice. ***Students with late practice should not arrive at the gym before 4:15.
Boys Basketball Coach jwenhart@aesk8.org
Girls Basketball Coach ltremblay@aesk8.org

Thursday December 22  NO PRACTICE

Community Announcements

- Park & Rec Registration forms can be picked up at Town Hall, the Booster Club or printed from the Town of Ashland website https://ashlandnh.org/parks-recreation/pr-programs/ All forms and payments need to be made directly to the Park & Rec department. Your student(s) MUST be pre-registered in order to attend. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out directly to the Park & Rec department at 968-9209 or email recreation@ashland.nh.gov.
- NEW: Plymouth State University Athletics LOCAL YOUTH BASKETBALL DAY at Foley Gym Plymouth State vs. UMass Boston Women’s at 1:00 Men’s at 3:00
All local basketball players, grades K-8 are invited to attend the Plymouth State Women’s & Men’s basketball games on Saturday January 7th. The cost is free for all players and family members. Wear your team jersey! Halftime fun for prizes! Please remember to bring clean shoes if you’d like to participate in the halftime games.