● 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.

**ABSENCE / TARDY / EARLY DISMISSAL / DISMISSAL CHANGES:** Please call 968-7622 or email Ms. Johnson djohnson@aesk8.org AND Miss Jones kjones@aesk8.org if your child will be absent from school, tardy, will be dismissed early or has different dismissal plans. ALL dismissal changes need to be communicated with the school before 12:00 pm.

**NEW: EARLY RELEASE:** Thursday December 21st will be an Early Release at 12:00. Park and Rec will operate if they have enough students sign up. Please make sure your student knows their dismissal plan for the Early Release.

**NEW: DECEMBER RECESS:** There will be NO School December 22nd through January 1st. School will resume on Tuesday January 2nd.

**NEW: VACATION CAMP WEEK:** The Ashland Parks and Rec will be offering a camp week for December 26 -29. Camp will be open from 8-4:30 and held at the Ashland Booster Club. Camp is open to any kids in grades k-8. The cost of the camp will be $100 per child. In order to run the camp, we have to have at least 10 kids signed up by December 15th. You can use summer camp forms on the town website to sign your child up. If you have any questions call Ann Barney 603-968-9209.

**WINTER WEAR DRIVE:** Student Council will be collecting scarfs, mittens/gloves etc. from December 7th through December 20th to put on the tree by the ramp to support the Winter Wear Drive.

**WINTER RECREATION:** If you have questions regarding the Winter Rec program email jlyford@aesk8.org for assistance. If your child is interested in the Ski or Snowboard program, the Operation Santa Claus Program offers financial assistance to families that qualify. Winter Rec will be held on the following dates: January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and February 1st.

**BAND SCHOLARSHIP:** The Ashland Elementary School Community is happy to announce the Band Scholarship Program for grades 4-8. The program covers instrument rentals for one full year for families in need. Families interested in applying should contact Principal Donnelly or Mr. Tremblay for more information. All scholarships will be kept strictly confidential. The AES PTO would like to thank the following businesses for their donations to help the AES Community: Jeremy Hiltz Excavation, Inc ~ JCM Plumbing and Heating, LLC ~ Hess Engineering and Construction ~ Lisa’s Personal Training ~ Brown Engineering ~ Chic Hair Boutique and Spa

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**Middle School Athletic Announcements**

**Athletic Director: John McDonough jmcdonough@aesk8.org**

**Boys Basketball Coach:** jwenhart@aesk8.org

**Girls Basketball Coach:** ltremblay@aesk8.org  Basketball will start on October 30th.

*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.*

| Friday December 15 | GIRLS-NO PRACTICE | BOYS GAME 5 & 6 ONLY | 3:15 | Home vs Interlakes |
Community Announcements

- The After-School Program has openings!! 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.

Remember you can check the menu at any time by visiting the Café Services website at http://www.freshpickscafe.com/hampshireschool/Ashland-31.htm

This week’s lunch menu

**Friday 12/15/2023**
Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich

**NEXT WEEK**

**Monday 12/18/2023**
Hot Dog on a Bun
Egg & Cheese Garden Salad
Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich

**Tuesday 12/19/2023**
Roasted Chicken Burrito Bowl
Chicken Caesar Salad
Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich

**Wednesday 12/20/2023**
Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
Ham & Cheese Garden Salad
Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich

**Thursday 12/21/2023**
**BAGGED LUNCH**
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich