

We, at Ayer's Cliff Elementary School, believe in learning together in a caring environment by meeting student needs to prepare them for the future and by providing a positive school environment.

Ayer's Cliff Elementary School  
952 Sanborn Street  
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2009-2010  
Grades K-6  
Passe-Partout

Hours of instruction: 8:20 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.



***Ayer's Cliff Elementary School***

### School Community Information

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	Steve Weary
<u>HEAD TEACHER</u>	Louise Boyce
<u>SCHOOL SECRETARY</u>	Genève Channell
<u>CARETAKER</u>	Tom Frappied
<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	Bruno Vanasse

And last but not least,  
a caring, dedicated staff

### Students at Work and Play



### About our School

Ayer's Cliff Elementary School (ACES) is truly a community school, where the one hundred and fifty-five students, parents, and staff work as one to make ACES the caring family it is. The positive learning atmosphere is evident when one walks into this active, little school, located in the welcoming village of Ayer's Cliff. The smiles on our boys' and girls' faces confirm this, and only add to drawing in more involvement and support from our volunteers and community members.

### Governing Board

**Chair:** Sonia Patenaude

The ACES Governing Board consists of five parents, five teachers, two community representatives, and the Principal.

#### Home & School

ACES has an active Home & School Association that meets once a month.

For the past four years, it has received the "Highest Percentage of Registered Members for the Year" Award.

## Learning at our School

### Academic Program

#### Curriculum Program

- Pre-Kindergarten (Passe-Partout)
- Bilingual Kindergarten
- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- French Second Language, including
  - Science & Technology
  - Social Sciences
  - Arts
- Cycles 1 - 3
- Physical Education (180 minutes/week)

Every student in Grades 4, 5 & 6 benefits from the Dennis McCullough Initiative - Enhanced Learning Strategy, which provides a portable computer as an instructional tool.

#### Special Needs

Our students are integrated in the classroom, where individual needs are appreciated and respected. Our Resource teacher collaborates closely with the teachers to provide either team-teaching in the classroom or small group instruction for students with active IEP's. For our youngest students (K, Cycle 1), our Early Intervention program addresses their needs. For our older students with reading difficulties, Later Literacy techniques and the Wilson Program are used. Our Resource teacher also coordinates volunteers to work with small groups of students during classes. Our psycho educator is available regularly.

#### Social Skills

ACES uses Dr. Gordon Neufeld's approach to promote positive social skills, as well as the Second Step Program.



### Co-Curricular Program

#### Athletics

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Cross-Country Run
- Floor Hockey
- Volleyball
- Handball
- Field Games Day
- Intra-Mural & After School Sports
- Winter Carnival
- Ski Days/Skating Outings
- Reggae/Hip Hop Dance
- Outdoor Ed. (kayaking, snowshoeing...)

#### Other

- Homework/Literacy After School Program
- Hard Covered Books
- Parent Volunteer Tutoring Program
- Cycle 3 Snack Program
- School-To-Work
  - Entrepreneurship Projects
  - Job-Shadowing cycle 3-2
- Recycling

### School Events

Ayer's Cliff Elementary School organizes several activities and events that complement the academic program, such as:

- "Welcome Back" Ice Cream Party
- Regular Assemblies
- Tapestry artists Visit ACES
- Remembrance Day Service
- Orford Hike
- Galt Band Concert
- Theatre outings to Haskell and Sunnyside
- Christmas Concert,
- Christmas baskets (cycle 3)
- Scholastic Book Fairs
- Student Led Conferences, Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Community service
- Carnival; Parkside Ranch
- Jump Rope for Heart; Terry Fox Run
- Staff Appreciation Week
- RCMP Musical Ride
- End-Of-Year Trips (University of Sherbrooke, Montreal, Quebec City)
- Closing Ceremonies (Graduation)
- Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Graduations
- End-Of-Year Barbecue

## HOW WE KNOW WE ARE SUCCEEDING

### Assessing Student Progress

Students across the E.T.S.B. are evaluated using common exams at the end of Cycle 3 elementary in Language Arts and French. The graphs below indicate the success rate of students over the past four years. For comparison purposes the results of ACES students are shown next to the average of the entire school board.

#### Subject: **English Language Arts**

Percentage of students with a passing or higher grade on the Cycle 3 MELS Exam

	<b>Total Students</b>	<b>Strategic Reading</b>	<b>Response to Literature</b>	<b>Narrative Writing</b>	<b>Conventions</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>n/e</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>n/e</b>	<b>84</b>
Board	280*	n/e	47	58	n/e	70
<b>2009</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>87</b>
Board	304*	51	44	55	75	83
<b>2008</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>n/e</b>
Board	365*	34	39	57	66	n/e
<b>2007</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>70</b>
Board	461*	46	45	57	58	71
<b>2006</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>n/e</b>
Board	544	38	40	48	52	n/e

#### Subject: **French Second Language**

Percentage of students with a passing or higher grade on the Cycle 3 ETSB Exam

	<b>Total Students</b>	<b><i>Interagir</i></b>	<b><i>Comprendre</i></b>	<b><i>Produire</i></b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>79</b>
Board	297*	80	75	73
<b>2009</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>88</b>
Board	488	90	85	79
<b>2008</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>
Board	522	89	83	80
<b>2007</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>47</b>
Board	514	67	75	42
<b>2006</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>63</b>
Board	555	81	76	70

## PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Our 2006 – 2009 ACES educational project establishes our future direction, which includes:

- To increase literacy skills in both languages across the subject areas (by providing time for teachers to collaborate on student learning in these areas through a Professional Development & Innovations Grant; maintaining our Homework/Literacy Program and our daily D.E.A.R. time; including a daily writing component to be shared on our Writing Wall; continuing to use such instructional tools as the portable computer to increase student achievement).
- To support the whole child by encouraging healthy lifestyles (by maintaining physical education time to 180 minutes per week; offering extra-curricular sports activities at lunch, after school, and on pedagogical days such as ski days and outdoor education; raising the awareness of healthy eating habits with our Healthy Snack Program, Snack Shack, and Fruit & Vegetable Challenges).
- To develop positive interpersonal relationships (by continuing to integrate the Second Step message in and out of the classroom; expanding on our 'Adopt a Kindergarten' program; and embracing the approach of Dr. Gordon Neufeld).
- To encourage family/community involvement (by continuing with our Kindergarten Home Visits and Student Led Conferences, welcoming our volunteer tutors, and offering evening parent sessions for our Passe-Partout parents on various topics and for all our parents on Dr. Gordon Neufeld's approach).

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The high community involvement at Ayer's Cliff Elementary School during the 2009-2010 School Year is so precious for our boys and girls. Despite the large geographical area that is served by the school, volunteers and Home & School members travel great distances to lend a "helping hand" and here are just a few examples:

- Tutoring/assisting in the classroom
- Organizing the "Welcome Back Corn Roast" for ACES community
- Preparing our students for math competitions
- Coordinating the "Baby Literacy Packages"
- Fundraising (Canteen at the Fair, Christmas Wreaths, bottle drive, etc.)
- Decorating the school entrance
- Leading the Crafts Club for students
- Maintaining our school library

And so much more....

To all our volunteers: No matter how you choose to give your time, you make ACES brighter!!!

THANK YOU.

## More About Our Student/School Achievement

At Ayer's Cliff Elementary School, we are proud of our students' successes. These accomplishments, either because of improvement, achievement, participation or excellence, are recognized throughout the year and during our end-of-year Graduation and Closing Ceremonies.

Another unique feature of our small elementary school is the amazing enthusiasm of our students for the sports program. Not only do they make us smile with their great sportsmanship and victories, but also they continue to be valuable athletes at the secondary level.

We are proud of the 2009 AGRHS Graduate class, where 85% of our ACES graduates received their secondary school diploma. This indicates that when our graduating students say farewell, we are confident they are well prepared for their high school studies, academically, socially, and athletically. Their continued successes speak volumes about the positive influence ACES has had on their lives.

### A.C.E.S. Theme

