

Asbestos-Danville-Shipton Elementary School (A.D.S.)
217 Water Street
Danville, QC JOA 1A0
(819) 839-2352

2009-2010
Grades PreK-6

Hours of instruction: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



A.D.S. Elementary

School Community Information

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	Kirk Robinson
<u>HEAD TEACHER</u>	Cathy Watson
<u>SCHOOL SECRETARY</u>	Jeannik Bachand
<u>MISSION STATEMENT</u>	

Through a quality education and support of students' needs, A.D.S. strives to instill a sense of respect, self-confidence and team spirit in an environment that promotes love of learning.

About our School

A.D.S. Elementary is located in Danville, Quebec. Our clientele comes from many surrounding areas including: Arthabaska, Victoriaville, St-Barnabé, Asbestos/Trois-Lacs, Warwick, Tingwick, St-Camille, Wotton, St-Georges-de-Windsor, St-Albert, Ste-Clothilde-de-Horton, St-Christophe d'Arthabaska, Kingsey Falls and Danville. The majority of our students speak French as a mother tongue.

Facilities:

- Pre-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten
- Regular classrooms
- Library
- Resource room
- Cafeteria
- Clinic
- Huge playground
- Huge gymnasium
- Track
- Soccer Field
- Proximity to Burbank Pond
- Proximity to swimming pool
- Huge parking lot
- Semi-circle for buses

Student Enrolment: 86 (99 including Pre-K)
Number of Staff: 12

Governing Board

Chair: Tina Bilodeau

A.D.S. Elementary School Governing Board includes three teachers, four parents, one community representative, one support staff and the Principal.

Parent Participation Organization

Chair: Kelly Andrews

A dedicated group of parents meet to discuss upcoming fundraisers and events.

Learning at our School

Academic Program

Curriculum Program

- Quebec Education Program
- Bilingual Kindergarten

French Language

- Programs include "La Roue", "Astuce et Compagnie" and "Ardoise".
- Our aim is to have students progress and be bilingual at the end of grade six.

Special Needs

- Our special needs children are integrated in our regular classes.
- Individual Education Plans are provided for these students.

Other

The **Second Step** program is a research-based, social and emotional learning program that teaches children how to deal with emotions, resist impulsive behaviour, resolve conflicts, solve problems, and understand the consequences of their actions. These critical skills can help prevent violent behaviour and improve children's success in school and throughout their lives. Fewer classroom disruptions make more time for academics. Our discipline policy is based upon the **Second Step** Program. Kindergarten students are introduced to the **Floppy** program through our local CSSS.

Technology

All students in Cycle 2 and 3 have their own individual laptops to use for educational purposes.

All classrooms are connected to the Internet and classes make use of technology daily and in every subject. Students and staff use scanners, SMART board technology, digital cameras, digital projectors and a digital video camera. A.D.S. has an expanding website.

Co-Curricular Program

- Sports
- Cross-country run
- Basketball Tournament
- Soccer Tournament
- Track & Field
- Bird Watching
- Noon-time Sports
- Visit from the naturalist
- *Québec en Forme*

In partnership with the CLSC

- Sexual Awareness
- Dental Hygiene
- Anti-Tobacco Awareness

Other

- Diverse Fundraising Activities
- Visit from the Naturalist

School Events

- « Welcome Back » Corn Roast
- Thanksgiving Harvest Lunch
- Richmond Fair Day
- Book Fairs
- Soccer Tournaments (RRHS)
- Halloween Activities
- Remembrance Day Activity
- A.D.S. Craft Fair
- Christmas Dinner
- Christmas – QSP Fundraiser
- Muffins/Dough Fundraiser
- Pyjama Day/Carnival Week
- Skating/Sliding
- Christmas Concert
- St. Patrick's Day Celebration
- Float in St.Patrick's Day Parade
- Visit to Sugar Shack
- Graduation Ceremony
- ADS community Track & Field Meet
- Swimming Mgr. Thibault – Danville
- Language Arts Festival
- Entrepreneurial Projects
- Lennoxville Cross-Country Run
- Badminton RRHS
- Sherbrooke University Activity Day
- Camping Trip – Grades 6
- Kat Usher Presentation
- Snow shoeing on our grounds
- Skating rink on our grounds

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

A.D.S. has been recycling for many years. The environment and its preservation take a lot of importance at our school.

Composting is now part of everyday life at school. We will continue to take part in programs which will enrich our environment.

While maintaining an interest for a greener environment and lifestyle, we are now embarking on a partnership with local community services regarding the "Healthy School Approach". The goal is to ensure success for our students while working with partners in the community in striving to offer the best services and education to our students. Our School Success Plan has been reviewed with the "Healthy School Approach" lens on, keeping in mind how to improve our school.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

We provide a meeting place at school for the local Oddfellows Association. This group is a helpful resource in our community and their generosity benefits our students. Our grounds are available to various local organisations i.e. the Asbestos/Danville Soccer Club. The Burbank Pond is a natural resource in our community that we continue to use and learn from. A local community event, the ADS community Track and Field meet, has been organized and hosted at our school and give an opportunity for students from the different local schools to mingle and know one another. Eight schools from our M.R.C. took part in the event this year.

MORE ABOUT OUR STUDENT/SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

We have made a commitment to provide our students with the best teaching and all the necessary tools for the students of A.D.S. to be bilingual orally and to read both languages with comprehension. We note that the results from the ETSB French tests recognize A.D.S. students as being very successful. Success in reading and writing in both official languages has increased with the regular use of technology in the classroom.

We were recognized as a N.A.N.S. school (New Approaches New Solutions). The goal of N.A.N.S. is to improve literacy and numeracy results with our school. We are constantly investigating new strategies and getting professional development on new approaches.

We have been granted the Green Apple Grant from our local Metro groceries store. We won third prize in the *Que faire avec le recyclage* project from the *Ordre de St-François* contest. Mrs. Joan Pye, who has been volunteering at our school for many years, has been recognised as an outstanding volunteer at the elementary level by the E.T.S.B. and the Parents' Committee.