



Hello Friend,

Thank you for your interest in schooling at AACA. I hope once you've visited Avalon you will find it's what you're looking for in a school!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to phone/text the school cell phone at (250) 949-0310 for the quickest response. You can call the school as well at (250) 949-8243 or email me at: principal@aacaph.ca. Meanwhile, let me share a few answers to common questions we get asked about our school.

Our school has about 40 students currently and we offer Preschool up to grade 8. We also have after-school care for families who need it.

School runs from 8:30-3:15 Monday-Thursday and 8:30-1:00 on Fridays. Our doors open to students at 8:00 am, but they don't need to arrive until about 8:25. We offer supervision before and after school. Students wait near the front of the school for pick up, and are usually picked up within 10-15 minutes of dismissal time.

Our school has multi-grade rather than single grade classrooms. They are divided up as follows:

Grade K-1 taught by Ms. Armstrong (Jessica)

Grade 2-3 taught by Ms. Sukow (Juli)

Grade 4-5 taught by Mrs. Cottreau (April)

Grade 6-8 taught by Mr. Cottreau (Ward)

Art & Music is taught by Mrs. Oickle (Irene)

Our Learning Centre Manager for preschool is Ms. Teresa (Teresa Heare). She also runs our after-school care program. Our secretary/treasurer is Andrea McGill, our custodian is Karen Walper and our Education Aide is Ms. Brand (Mandy Brand)

Most students are dropped off at the front door each morning, but occasionally parents wish to come in with their child to help them get settled or to do business in the office. Brief visits are welcome!

We have a hot lunch program every second Thursday at a cost of \$4/student. The menu varies but typical menu may include spaghetti and garlic bread, veggie chicken pot pie and yogurt parfait, or potato wedges and vegetarian roast. If you prefer, just send the money in with your child the morning of hot lunch. When students are not having a hot lunch, they bring their own lunch. A morning snack time is provided. We do not provide students with microwaves, so please be sure the food they bring is ready to eat. Avalon has a NO PEANUTS policy since we have students with allergies. The school accepts e-transfers, cheques, and cash as forms of payment in general.

Each Friday morning, our school assembles for 30 minutes where we sing, have a prayer and listen to a story or do an activity together as a whole school. We usually meet together in the computer/multi purpose room upstairs, but sometimes meet at the Seventh-day Adventist Church next door to the school or the school gym depending on what is planned.

Students wear school uniforms at AACA from Monday-Thursday. Each Friday is “casual day”. Details about the uniform can be found in our school handbook (copies are in the office here or online- see our school website: aacaph.ca). Hats are permitted on Fridays.

Each morning, teachers begin the day with a devotional time with their students. We teach a short daily Bible class focusing on the grace and hope we have through the love of God, in addition to the full British Columbia curriculum. We have students from many faith backgrounds, and we welcome anyone who is open to learning more about Christianity.

Tuition is paid monthly to help keep our school running, as we are only subsidized in part by government funding. We have several donors who help out when a family cannot afford tuition – it is important to all of us here that if a child wants a Christian education, they will get all the support we can give.

Our school undergoes regular evaluations by both government and church leadership. All teachers are BC certified. We are always looking for ways to make our school better!

If you would like to receive updates, please share your contact information with us. Enrolment procedures include new students and their parents meeting with the principal, completing an application form, and getting accepted by a School Board vote. I hope we can serve you at Avalon this year!

Warm regards,
April Cottreau (Principal/Teacher)