

April 2024 Newsletter

Aberarder Central School

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Principal's Message

We are now in the month of April with some wet, rainy weather. Hopefully, these April showers will bring some May flowers!

Language: Parents are encouraged to talk to their child about the books they are reading. You can also encourage your child to select their own books that are of interest to them. Parents can also leave notes and encourage your child to write a note back.

Mathematics: Math is all around us! Parents can help make connections between what they are learning in Math at school and with everyday experiences. You can have your child buy something at the store, have them help with the cooking at home and/or encourage money management.

Early Years Registration

The JK/SK registration night took place on Wednesday, April 3 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. This evening was a great opportunity for our new JK's to come visit the classroom and explore. If you have not yet registered, it is not too late. Registration forms can be completed online at www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten.

The next visit will be held on May 29 from 4:00-7:00 pm.

Pizza for May

The pizza orders for May will be open on School Cash Online from April 2nd and go through to April 25th. This will be your opportunity to order pizza for the month of May.

School Council

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons. All parents are welcome to attend.



Important Dates in April

April 1 – Easter Monday

April 3 – JK Registration

April 5 – School Movie Day

April 8 – PD DAY

April 12 – Inside Out Spirit Day and Pancake Lunch

April 15-17 – Grade 8's to Muskoka Woods

April 19 – House Colour Day

April 22 – Earth Day and Green Spirit Day

April 23 – Spring Photos

April 21- JD Sweid Fundraiser Closes

April 23 – School Council @6pm

April 24 – K-12 Forest Area Transition Meeting at 5:00

School House Colours

As a way to enhance the school spirit at Aberarder Central School, we are having Colour House events. In March, we had several different events with the highlight being Neon/Spring Colour Day and a Glow in the Dark Dance Party at the end of the month.

In April there will be more Colour House events. On Friday, April 5th, there is School Movie Day. On Friday, April 12th, we will have "Inside Out" Spirit Day. As well, on this day, we will be serving the students pancakes with "real" maple syrup during the second lunch. The students were very engaged in learning about maple syrup during March. We even tapped maple trees in our school yard and watched the sap fill the buckets. Then on Friday, April 19th there will be a school-wide Scavenger Hunt in the colour houses. On this day, students are encouraged to wear their house colours.

The colour house points are very close. The total points as of the end of March are:

Blue: 141

Green: 145

Red: 141

Yellow: 142

School Council Fundraisers for April and May

The School Council has some updates on the fundraisers. The money that has been raised is going towards special events and trips for all Aberarder students.

Johnny G's Pizza Kits will arrive on Wednesday, April 17th at 2:45. Please mark this date on your calendars and make plans to pick them up that afternoon. If the order is small, we will send them home with students. If your child is going to be bringing home the pizza kits, you may want to pack a reusable grocery bag for them to carry the kits home. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

In April, there is the JD Sweid Frozen Food fundraiser. It will open Tuesday, April 2 and will close on Sunday, April 21st. The items will be delivered approximately 2 weeks later. As all items are frozen, families who purchase will be notified in advance of the delivery date and approximate time of pick up. Please be sure someone is available to pick up the frozen items, so they don't spoil.

In May, we will be doing a Westland Greenhouses Hanging Basket fundraiser. It will open on Monday, May 6th and will close Friday, May 24th. There will be a voucher issued after there is a purchase made on School Cash Online. The voucher can be used for a 12" hanging basket of your choice to be picked up at Westland Greenhouses in Grand Bend. Vouchers will be either sent home with students or parents can pick them up from the school. Vouchers will need to be redeemed before June 16th.

Popcorn

As we are getting closer to the end of another school year. We only have 11 more Fridays left so we will be closing the popcorn cards on School Cash Online Friday, April 12th. If you are thinking of purchasing another popcorn card, please check with the office first. We will be sure that students get all the popcorn they have purchased which might mean they will be coming home with a few extra bags.

Parent Guide to Ontario's Education System

The Ministry of Education has launched the [Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System](#).

This new resource will provide parents with helpful information that allows them to have a stronger role and actively participate in their children's education. The guide covers a number of subjects such as knowing how their child is doing in school, learning about suspension and expulsion processes, attending a school council meeting or parent involvement committee meeting, and knowing about specialized supports to help all children succeed.

This initiative is part of the government's recent efforts to increase transparency and accountability in our school system.

The full guide, translated into 10 different languages, can be found on our Parent/Guardian Resource page at the following link: [Parent/Guardian Resources - Lambton Kent District School Board \(lkdsb.net\)](#) This information has also been shared to our board website and synced to each school website, as well.