

November 2023-2024 Newsletter

Aberarder Central School

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe we have completed 2 fantastic months of school. Now that Halloween is over, colder, snowy weather is now upon us! Students will need warmer coats, hats, mitts, gloves, snowpants and boots for outdoors.

In November, there is lots to look forward to throughout the month. There will be a Scholastic Book Fair, Parent-Teacher Interviews, and Intermediate volleyball to highlight a few things.

In writing, students have been focused on completing Recount pieces of work. The students will then focus on Persuasive Writing from the middle of November into January. In Math, students continue to work through the curriculum using Number Talks and the Lawson Continuum as they further develop their Math skills.

School Council

The School Advisory Council will meet again on **Tuesday, November 7th at 6:00 pm** in the school's Learning Commons. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Remembrance Day

November is a time to remember the sacrifices that serving members of the military are making throughout the world and the sacrifices that many of our ancestors made in the past on our behalf. On Friday, November 10th at 12:00 p.m., students and staff will honour our war veterans during our Remembrance Day Assembly. Parents are welcome to join us.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from November 13th-17th. The Book Fair will be open during the Parent-Teacher interview times.



Important Dates in November

Nov. 1 – Grade 8's to NLSS

Nov. 6-10 – Treaties Week

Nov. 7 – School Council @ 6pm

Nov. 10– Report Cards go Home

Nov. 15- Day 5

Nov. 16 – Jersey Day Spirit Day

Nov. 16–Parent-Teacher Interviews

from 4:00-7:00

Nov. 17–Parent-Teacher Interviews

from 9:30-12:00

Nov. 20-24 – Bullying Awareness
and Prevention Week

Nov. 30 – Photo Re-takes



Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part of our school community. This is just a reminder that all parents/guardians who would like to chaperone field trips or help with school events require a Vulnerable Sector Police Check. This is good for 5 years. All volunteers must have a Vulnerable Record Check completed prior to working in the school or joining classes on field trips. Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Elementary Progress Reports will go home with students on **Friday, November 10th**. These reports will be issued to all students in FDK-Grade 8. There will also be an opportunity for parents/guardians to discuss their child's progress with teachers on the evening of **Thursday, November 16th** or the morning of **Friday, November 17th**. Interviews can be scheduled using an online program. The link will be sent in a separate email.

Each interview time will be 10 minutes and is arranged by the name of the classroom teachers by grade. Be sure you sign up for a time with each teacher you need to meet with. If you are unable to make any of these dates or times, please contact the classroom teacher(s) to arrange an alternative time. Families that don't sign up for an interview will have a time assigned.

Intermediate Volleyball

Volleyball season has begun and will go through November and into December. This year we have an intermediate volleyball team for both the boys and girls for students in Grade 7 & 8. Our teams will play against other Forest Area Schools. Students are practicing hard and have their first games next week. Thanks to our coach Mr. Tanner for his time and dedication!

Snack Program

The school has received some grant funding through the Ontario Student Nutrition Program and the President's Choice Foundation. This funding will allow us to offer a snack program for students. Each classroom will have a snack bin with a variety of fruits and vegetables being the main focus. In addition, there will be some other items available too. The snack bins will be replenished each week. At any time if students need additional food items, we will have them available at the office for those students.

School Cash Online

Reminder about Popcorn

Students will have the opportunity to get popcorn on Friday afternoons for those who have purchased a popcorn card. The popcorn cards are available on School Cash Online and will be open throughout the year to purchase at any time. You can purchase a popcorn card for \$25.00 which gives you 10 bags of popcorn. Our first popcorn day will be Friday, Nov. 3rd.



Outdoor Christmas Pots Fundraiser

Once again, Aberarder School Council will be doing the Outdoor Christmas Pots fundraiser this year to raise money to support class trips and other school activities. SCHOOL CASH ONLINE has been set up for orders through until **Monday, November 20th**. The cost for a pot is \$35.00.

Cross Country

We had many students from Aberarder Central School participate in Cross Country this year, both at the Area Meet and at the District Meet. Congratulations to all of the students who were involved in Cross Country. Also, special thanks to Mr. Tetreault and Mr. Campbell for organizing, coaching, and making this possible.

Grade 4

Genie M.
Luke B.
Bryce H.
Hudson S.

Grade 5

Akena W.
Dean S.
Landon. H
Eli S.
Hayden S.
Noah V.

Grade 6

Sienne M.
Halle D.
Ada W.

Grade 7

Quinn M.
Mason S.
Dean C.
Jocelyn F.

Grade 8

Keala P.
Ellyot S.
Mason V.
Noah N.
Gavin A.

Photo Retakes

All students will have the opportunity to have photo retakes taken on Thursday, November 30th. You will also be offered the opportunity to purchase a photo package, with no obligation to do so.

Terry Fox Fundraising

Our annual Terry Fox Run took place in September. The total amount of money raised by the Aberarder School Community for Cancer Research was \$1075.00 This is absolutely amazing Aberarder Wolves!

Communication

Communication between home and school is key to your child's success. Primary communication from administration will be through phone or email. Please ensure that the school has your up-to-date email so you can receive notifications from the school.

Pizza for December

The pizza order for December will be open on School Cash Online on November 6th and will close on November 24th. Again, this will be your opportunity to order pizza for the month of December.

School Bus Information

Aberarder Central School is located in **Zone 1**. In order to determine if buses are running and schools are open you can visit www.schoolbusinfo.com or you can listen to the local radio stations or you can download the School Bus Status 4 App. The link to the school bus site is on the school website. Please keep in mind that in the event of fog, buses that are cancelled in the morning will run in the afternoon. In the event of buses being cancelled due to snow, buses **will not run at all**.

Treaties Recognition Week

During the week of November 6-10th it is Treaties Recognition week. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the history and culture of First Nations in Canada.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Ontario has designated the week of November 20-24th, as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment. During this week, Ontario students, school staff and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being.

Playground Safety

This is a reminder that students must not wear backpacks, scarves, or coats with drawstrings while playing on the playground equipment. Some safety tips from Health Canada are as follows:

- Before using the playground, remove helmets, scarves, and drawstrings
- Remove anything that could strangle your child -take off any strings or drawstrings from clothing
- Use clips instead of strings to hold mittens to clothing
- Wear a neck warmer instead of a scarf
- Be sure to put aside skipping ropes before climbing on the equipment