

October 2023-2024 Newsletter

Aberarder Central School

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Principal's Message

We have had an amazing start to the school year! Classrooms are filled with students learning and extra-curricular activities are happening around Aberarder! Also, it was excellent to see such a great turnout at our Meet the Teacher night. It was great to meet so many parents/guardians and get to know you.

Throughout September students have been busy establishing routines and positive learning environments. As well, students continue to learn about Truth and Reconciliation. During the last week in September students participated in various activities which concluded with Orange Shirt Day on September 29th.

Picture Day

Photo day will be Friday, October 27th for students in FDK-Grade 8. There will also be a re-take day on Tuesday, November 28th.

Individual Education Plans

For students who are on Individual Education Plans (IEP) they will be sent home on or before Tuesday, October 17th. These are working documents and changes can be made at any time throughout the year. Please review the IEP and let the school know of any changes.

School Council

School Advisory Council is made up of a group of parents, teachers, and a community representative who meet during the school year for the purpose of providing positive input to the principal on school-related educational issues. Council meetings are open to all members of the school community. The first School Council meeting for this year will be held on **Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 pm** in the school's Learning Commons. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.



Important Dates in October

October 3 – Cross Country

October 6– PD DAY

October 9 – Thanksgiving Holiday

October 10 – School Council at

6:00 p.m.

October 24- District Cross

Country

October 25 – Rain date for

District Cross Country

October 27 – Picture Day (Re-

takes on November 28th)



Cross Country

Cross-country practices have been taking place throughout September and will continue in October. This year, the cross-country team participated in the Area Meet on October 3rd at Lambton Centre, competing against students from across the forest area schools. Any runners who qualify at the Area meet will race again at the District Meet on October 24th with the rain date of October 25th. Thanks to Mr. Tetreault for coaching the team and special thanks to Mr. Campbell for organizing the Area meet! Also, thanks to the Grade 8 students who helped with running the event. It has been wonderful to see so many students involved and those students taking part in training at practices during the recess times at school!



Orange Shirt Day- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

During the last week in September, students were engaged in many age-appropriate conversations and activities relating to residential schools and the impact they have had and continue to have on Indigenous people. One of the activities that many students participated in was a painting session with Moses, an artist from Anishinabek (Ojibway/Chippewa) Nation in Kettle and Stony Point, Ipperwash, Ontario. This was a fantastic opportunity for students where they were able to do art and learn through this experience. As well, on September 29th a large number of students wore orange shirts to honour the children and families impacted by residential schools.



Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part of our school community. The reason why programs and special events can be offered is due to parents/guardians volunteering their time. We could not do all of the things that we do without our volunteers. If you have some time, please consider becoming involved.

It is LKDSB policy that volunteers in any capacity receive a Vulnerable Sector Police Check which is good for 5 years. All volunteers must have a vulnerable record check completed prior to working in our school or joining classes on field trips. Please contact the office if they are interested in volunteering.



Terry Fox Fundraising

Our annual Terry Fox Run took place in September. Students had a fun time running and raising money for an important cause. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated. Way to go, 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. As well, teachers will be using Seesaw as a communication tool between school and home.

School Learning Goals

In conjunction with the LKDSB's Strategic Priorities, each school is asked to set goals in several areas such as Student Achievement, Students Mental Health and Well-Being, Indigenous Education, Anti-Oppressive Education, and Attendance.

In Math, the goal is to focus on the Math Continuum and use Number Talks to reinforce math strategies and concepts.

In Literacy, the goal is to focus on foundational reading skills by further developing understanding of phonemic awareness.

The Student Mental Health and Well-Being goal will focus on creating a positive school culture and promoting mental health and well-being strategies.

The Indigenous Education goal will focus on implementing authentic learning opportunities for students by connecting curriculum with Indigenous resources.

The Anti-Oppressive Education goal will focus on promoting acceptance for all students.

The Attendance goal will focus on engaging students to attend school regularly.