



## AA Wright Public School

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**School Bus Zone – Zone 5**

Hello AA Wright,

My name is Kristin Murray and I am the principal at AA Wright Public School. I have spent the last week here at the building meeting the staff and a few families that have come in to say hello. I am looking forward to working with the school community and that includes you! Feel free to stop in and introduce yourself or say hello to me when you see me out on the yard. Welcome back to all past AA Wright students and welcome to all the new ones that have arrived.

I would like to welcome back Mrs. Dobratz and Mrs. Pelletier, as well as extend a warm welcome to some new staff. Mr. Vandehogen, Ms. McLachlin, Ms. Howes, Miss Bosazzi, Mr. Ross and Ms. Kuizenga will be joining the already dynamic AA Wright team.

Please take a moment to review the important information below and do not hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher or the office if you have any questions.

### STAFF DIRECTORY

Principal	Mrs. Murray
Secretary	Mrs. Blanchard
FDK	Mrs. Dramnitzke
FDK	Mrs. Keskeny
Grade SK/1	Mrs. Dobbelaar
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Lilley
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Gallerno
Grade 3/4	Miss Bosazzi (LTO for Mrs. Berry)
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Campbell
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Thompson
Grade 5	Ms. Willmore
Grade 5/6	Mr. Vandehogen
Grade 5/6	Mrs. Oliveira
Ojibwe Class	Mrs. Sands-Gamble
French	Mrs. Burns and Ms. McLachlin
Prep	Mr. Braithwaite and Mrs. Dobratz
Resource	Mrs. Pharazyn
ECE	Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Chauvin
EA's	Mrs. Pelletier, Mrs. Mills, Ms. Kuizenga, Mrs. Cadotte, Ms. Howes, Mrs. Bechard, Ms. Paxton, Ms. McBrayne, Ms. Dionne, Ms. Hedges, Ms. Brady and Mr. Ross
Custodian	Mrs. Christian, Mr. Como and Mr. Yott

### BELL TIMES AND SAFE ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

8:55 a.m.: School Arrival/Outdoor Supervision Begins

9:10 a.m.: School Start Time

11:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.: AM Nutrition Break and Recess (Staggered by grade)

1:50 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: PM Nutrition Break and Recess (Staggered by grade)

3:30 p.m.: Dismissal

## WE ARE GROWING

Our numbers are climbing and our classrooms are at max capacity. There is always a chance that if these numbers continue to climb we may have to reorganize our classroom compliments if another classroom is added. Please understand that we will do our best to ensure the minimum amount of moves but some may be necessary to ensure our classroom numbers meet the Ministry of Education guidelines.

## SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

### Holidays

Monday, October 14, 2024	THANKSGIVING
Monday, December 23, 2024	WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK
Monday, January 6, 2025	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday, February 17, 2025	FAMILY DAY
March 10-14, 2025	MARCH BREAK
Friday, March 18, 2025	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday, April 21, 2025	EASTER MONDAY
Monday, May 19, 2025	VICTORIA DAY
Thursday June 26, 2025	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

### Professional Development Days

Friday, September 20, 2024  
Friday, October 11, 2024  
Friday, November 15, 2024  
Friday, January 31, 2025  
Friday April 4, 2024  
Friday, June 6, 2025  
Friday, June 27, 2025

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Students who walk to school or get dropped off **must not arrive before 8:55 a.m.** as they will not be allowed on the yard unsupervised in the morning or after the bell. Parents are not permitted on the school yard after 8:55 a.m. Please remind your children to cross only at crosswalks or intersections. For the safety of our bus students, please do not park in the bus loading area on the north side of the building. Parking is available on the front (east side) and the back (west side) of the building. When leaving your car to pick up/drop off students, please park in the parking area, turn off your vehicle, and take your keys. Please remember that students **must be picked up at 3:30 pm** as there is no supervision on the yard after this time. Please note that changes to your child's departure at the end of the day should be messaged to the classroom teacher before 3:00 pm. The office is extremely busy between 3:00 pm and 3:30 PM and getting messages through the office may be difficult at this time.

## MEET THE STAFF NIGHT, Thursday October 10th 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Save the date! Meet the Staff Night will be Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Families will have the opportunity to meet with our staff this evening. More information will be coming soon!

## WILDCAT SPIRIT WEAR

We will continue to use the order site <https://aawrightpublicschool.entripyshops.com> to order our Spirit wear. You can order at any time and it will be shipped to your door.

## COMMUNICATION:

### **Home and School Communication**

Communication between home and school is key to your child's success. If you ever have concerns or questions, please speak directly to your child's teacher. If any concerns remain, please contact the school administrator as soon as possible. Do not think that you have to postpone concerns you have until Parent/Teacher interview time in November. Please contact us sooner rather than later.

### **AAW Newsletter**

In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, AAW will be looking for ways to reduce the amount of paper used throughout the year. One way to support this is to decrease the number of school newsletters and forms printed on paper. All issues of the school newsletter after the September 2024 issue will be available electronically through the school website: <https://www.lkdsb.net/school/aawright/Pages/default.aspx#/=> and through a School Messenger email that will be sent to you. If you are not receiving these emails please contact the office.

### **Emails and Phone Numbers**

It is essential that we are made aware of any contact information changes in case there is an emergency at school. It is extremely important that we have a current email for each family. As phone numbers and emails may change over the course of the year, please remember to let Mrs. Blanchard know so that we can update our files.

### **AAW Facebook**

AA Wright Public School is still on Facebook. Follow us to receive updates about upcoming events, reminders, and photos of our students working hard at school. We can be found on Facebook: [facebook.com/aawright](https://www.facebook.com/aawright)

### **AAW Messenger**

School-wide messages will be sent through an email system called "Messenger". This system does **not** require you to sign up to receive these messages. We simply require a current email for your family and messages will be sent to this email throughout the school year. Please make sure that your current email is on the verification registration form that will be sent home for your signature. Each individual homeroom will use their own form of electronic communication, which is typically SeeSaw or Google Classroom. If you are not receiving messages to your email, please contact the office to update your email address.

## SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE

We encourage all parents to sign up for School Cash Online to help eliminate the exchange and handling of money. School Cash Online is a convenient, web-based solution that gives parents/guardians the ability to pay for student items online. Further information about School Cash Online is available on our school website <https://lkdsb.net>. If you require assistance signing up for School Cash On-Line, please call Mrs. Blanchard at the front office.

## VERIFICATION FORMS AND APPENDIX B

The Verification and Appendix B (Anti-Spam Legislation) forms will be sent home soon. Please make any corrections to these forms and please ensure that there is an up to date email and return them to your homeroom teacher. This will ensure that we have accurate student information on file.

## LUNCHES AND SNACK PROGRAM

Please try to pack reusable containers and a garbage-less lunch, to help minimize garbage and recyclable items. Please note that we do not have a lunch program for students. We do however offer a grab-and-go snack program at AAW. This program will be up and running as soon as we get our supplies. Supplemental, healthy snacks will be available during the day for students as prepared and served by our gracious volunteers.

## NUT AWARE

Please remember that AAW is a NUT AWARE school. Students may not bring any nuts, peanut butter, or nut products (including Nutella and Wow Butter) to school. Please make sure to read all labels before packing your child's lunch. We have several children with severe allergies to a variety of nuts and it is important that we ensure their safety while they are at school. We appreciate your co-operation and support with this.

## MEDICATION & MEDICAL EMERGENCY PLANS

Specific criteria must be met for staff to administer prescriptive medication when it cannot be administered from home. An "Authorization for the Administration of Medication" form (available from office), must be completed by the parent/guardian and physician, and then forwarded to the Principal for each school year. This includes the administration of occasional use medications as well. Whenever the physician directs a modification of the prescribed medication the process is repeated. Should your child have a medical need (such as a severe allergy that requires an Epi Pen, or Asthma that requires them to carry an inhaler, or Epilepsy) that requires special emergency attention please inform the school and an "Prevalent Medical Conditions Plan" will be put in place. The forms for this purpose are available in the office.

## PARENT COUNCIL

We are always looking for new parents to join us at our Parent Council meetings. If you have any interest in being a part of this team, please contact the school. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday September 18th at 3:30 pm, in the AA Wright Public School Learning Commons. We can also accommodate for parents who are only able to meet virtually. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining.

## VTRA

The LKDSB is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors, and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, and make better choices in the future. In more extreme cases however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone. More information involving the VTRA protocol can be found on the LKDSB website.

## Events at the School:

### Orange Shirt Day

Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day to honour the survivors of residential schools, as well as the children and young people who never returned home. We encouraged staff and students to wear orange on this day to promote learning and understanding about the residential school system and its impact on First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people and communities. Students will also be participating in activities throughout the day. Don't forget that every Thursday is orange shirt day at AAW as well.

### Fall Picture Day

Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> is Fall Picture Day for Grades JK to 6. More information will be sent home shortly regarding Fall Picture Day. Picture retake day will be Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Special Food Days, Milk and Popcorn

Special Food Days and Milk/Popcorn sales will continue again this year. Stay tuned for further details and communication regarding these days and sales in the near future

### Important Dates in October:

10	Meet the Staff Night 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
11	PA Day
14	Thanksgiving
28	Fall Picture Day