

January 2024 Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year WILDCATS! We hope that everyone had a restful, relaxing and safe holiday! Classes resume on Monday January 8th 2024. We are looking forward to another exciting New Year with our Wildcats!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration Day is a transition visit for parents to register their children for Junior Kindergarten or new to Senior Kindergarten (children born in 2019 or 2020). It is a great opportunity for parents and children to learn more about school together. Children and parents will have an early opportunity to visit and tour the school in preparation for Full Day Kindergarten in the fall of 2024. Families are encouraged to register online before coming in for their 20 minute visit (10 minutes of classroom visit and 10 minutes paper work completion). Please remember to bring proof of residency (i.e. utilities bill, lease agreement, etc.) and a birth certificate (or passport). AAW will host Kindergarten Registration on Thursday, February 1st from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM and Friday, February 2nd from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM – No appointment is necessary for these dates, please come at any time.

WINTER DRESS

With the ever changing weather, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately with hats, boots, mittens and warm coats. This is also a great time of year to wear layers so that children can adjust their clothing as the temperature warms throughout the day.

Our students enjoy playing outside twice a day for twenty minutes each break and we want all of them to feel comfortable. Our lost and found bin grows over the winter months, so please help us cut back on some of these items by labelling your children's clothes.

WILDCAT SPIRIT WEAR

Are you interested in purchasing Wildcat Swag? Go to <u>Link to Wildcat Spirit Wear</u> to shop. There are lots of great options and colours to choose from including T-shirts, hoodies, sweaters, jackets, pants, bags, hats and so much more.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

While we hope that the weather stays nice and dry, we know that the snow and ice is unfortunately just around the corner. The policy of the LKDSB for inclement weather is:

In the event of bus cancellation due to snow or freezing rain, buses will not run in the morning or afternoon but schools remain open. If buses are cancelled due to fog, all schools will remain open. Morning bus pickups will be cancelled and buses will run for the afternoon return home drop offs. We encourage parents of bus students to arrange their own transportation to school when it is safe to do so. Please listen to your local radio station (99.1 CKXS) or check the transportation web site at www.schoolbusinfo.com
AA Wright Public School is in **School Bus Zone 5**.

BELL TIMES AND SAFE ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

8:55 a.m.: School Arrival/Outdoor Supervision Begins. Please do not arrive on school property prior to this time.

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

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.

NUT AWARE

Please remember that AAW is a NUT FREE 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.

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 January 24th 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.

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.

LINK TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCES

To assist families with some community support resources, AAW has created a document with links to various organizations in the Wallaceburg and surrounding area. Please click on the following link to access the document: Link to Community Supports Resources

EVENTS AT THE SCHOOL:



Special Food Days

Food Days will continue in January. Here are the scheduled food days for the month: Pizza days on Friday January 19th and 26th. Please watch for emails in January for food days on Schoolcash Online.



Terrific Kids Assembly

Our next Terrific Kids Assembly will be Friday January 12th at 2:30 pm in the gymnasium. The character trait that we focussed on for the month of December was "Respectful," and students from each class will be chosen who best displayed this trait throughout the month. January's trait is "responsible."

Volleyball and Basketball

Our boys' and girls' volleyball seasons were very successful. The students competed hard and learned so much about the game. Thanks again to our coaches Mrs. Gallerno, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Braithwaite, and Mrs. Hedges. Basketball will be the next sport starting in the new year. Best of luck to our Wildcats!

Important Dates in February:

- 1 Kindergarten Registration 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- 2 Kindergarten Registration 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 2 PA Day
- 16 Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
- 19 Family day

Work Hard. Be Kind. Be the Example!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Wildcat Wednesday	Orange Shirt Thursday Dental Screening Gr. JK,SK, and 2	12 Terrific Kids Assembly 2:30 pm	13
14	15	16	17 Wildcat Wednesday	18 Orange Shirt Thursday	19 Pizza Day	20
21	22	23	24 Wildcat Wednesday Parent Council 3:30 pm	25 Orange Shirt Thursday	26 Pizza Day	27
28	29	30				