

November 2023 Newsletter

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

We will be having a Remembrance Day Assembly in our gymnasium on Friday, November 10th at 10:45 am (parents are welcome to attend). It will also be Red and Black Day. Poppies will be available for all students. Thanks in advance for your kind donations for poppies.

PROGRESS REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

Progress Reports will go home Friday November 10th. Homeroom teachers will be reaching out to you (SeeSaw or Google Platforms or through hardcopy letters) regarding Parent Teacher Interviews very shortly. Parents will have the option of in-person or telephone interviews. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted in-person the evening of Thursday, November 16th from 3:30 to 7:00 pm and the morning of Friday, November 17th from 9:00 until 11:30 am. Interviews will be 10 minutes in length.

The Progress Report and Interviews show a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the beginning of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the curriculum expectations in all subjects.

FRESH FROM THE FARM PICK-UP WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8th FROM 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Our Fresh from the Farm Vegetable and Apple Orders will arrive on Wednesday, November 8th and pick-up times will be between 3:30 and 5:30 pm. If you are not able to make it to the school to pick-up your order at this time, please call the office at 519-627-2581 to arrange a different time.

TREATY AWARENESS WEEK

The week of November 5th to 11th is Treaty Awareness Week. This year, the LKDSB Indigenous Education Team is continuing to focus on increasing awareness and understanding of treaties. During Treaties Recognition Week, students and staff will engage in curriculum activities related to honouring the original promises of the land - a shared responsibility for all. Students and staff will reflect on how individual decisions and behaviours impact the land we live on and how to make better use of natural resources.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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, November 29th 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.

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: <u>Link to Community Supports Resources</u>

EVENTS AT THE SCHOOL:

Fall Picture Day

Monday, November 20th is Fall Picture Retake Day for Grades JK to 6.

Special Food Days

Food Days will continue in November. Here are the scheduled food days for the month: Pizza Day Friday, November 3rd, 10th, and 24th. Grilled Cheese Day is Tuesday, November 14th. Please look for emails near the end of November to sign up for December food days on Schoolcash Online.

Terrific Kids Assembly

Our next Terrific Kids Assembly will be Thursday, November 30th at 2:30 pm in the gymnasium. The character trait that we are focussing on for the month of November is "Enthusiastic," and students from each class will be chosen who best displayed this trait throughout the month.

Cross Country

Congratulations to our Cross Country runners who finished 8th as a team at the District Meet recently in Sarnia. The members of our Grade 6 boys team were: Aidan K, Grasyn K, Lucas V, and Zac S.

Important Dates in December:

- 1 Funny Hat Day
- 5-7 CCAT Testing Grade 4
- 18 Dress Like a Holiday Character
- 19 Winter Concert middle block Shiny and Bright
- 20 Turkey Dinner in gym sitting in Wildcat House Groups
- 20 Winter Hat Day
- 21 Red and Green Day
- 22 Pyjama Day
- 23 Winter Break Begins

Work Hard. Be Kind. Be the Example!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Wildcat Wednesday	2 Orange Shirt Thursday	3 Pizza Day	4
5	6	7	8 Wildcat Wednesday Fresh From Farm Pick-up 3:30 to 5:30 pm	9 Orange Shirt Thursday	Progress Reports Home Pizza Day Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 am	Remembrance Day
12	13	14 Grilled Cheese Day	15 Wildcat Wednesday	Orange Shirt Thursday Parent /Teacher Interviews 3:30 to 7:00 pm	PA DAY Parent /Teacher Interviews 9:00 to 11:30 am	18
19	20 Fall Picture Retakes	21	22 Wildcat Wednesday	23 Orange Shirt Thursday	24 Inside Out and Backwards Day Pizza Day	25
26	27	28	29 Wildcat Wednesday Parent Council 3:30 pm	Orange Shirt Thursday Terrific Kids Assembly 2:30 pm		