



**A.A. Wright Public School**  
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**From the Office**

We hope that you had a fantastic summer and are ready for another amazing year at AA Wright. If you are a new family, we want to offer you a warm wildcat welcome and thank you for choosing our school.

The staff has been working extremely hard this past week getting ready for this year preparing learning spaces for all our students. We'd like to thank our custodial team for all their hard work as well this summer. They cleaned all the classrooms, washed all the furniture and waxed the floors so that they are gleaming. Mrs. Blanchard, too, has been working very hard getting ready for us to start and registering new students.

We are very lucky to have such an amazing team here at AA Wright and we really looking forward to working with all of you to make this year an extremely successful one.

**Staff Updates**

We have made a number of staffing changes. We would like to welcome back Ms. Berry, Ms. Downing, Ms. Paxton as well as Ms. Sellen.

Ms. Campbell, Ms. Pollock, Ms. Gallerno, Ms. Dobratz, Ms. McBrayne, Ms. Carey, Ms. Romses, and Ms. Brooks are new to our team this year.

Staff	Assignment
Ms. Keskeny	FDK
Ms. Dramnitzke	FDK
Ms. Gardiner	ECE
Ms. Dobbelaar	Gr. 1
Ms. Lilley	Gr. 1/2
Ms. Dittmer	Gr. 2
Ms. Berry	Gr. 3
Ms. Campbell	Gr. 3/4
Ms. Sellen	Gr. 4
Ms. Gallerno	Gr. 5
Mr. Mikhaila	Gr. 5/6
Ms. Oliveira	Gr. 6
Mr. Braithwaite	Prep
Ms. Dobratz	Prep
Mme Burns	French
Mme Knowles	French
Ms Kallie	Anishnaabemowin
Ms. Babbitt	Resource
Mr. Love	Ed. Assistant
Ms. Pelletier	Ed. Assistant
Ms. Pollock	Ed. Assistant
Ms. Bechard	Ed. Assistant
Ms. Mills	Ed. Assistant
Ms. McKillican	Ed. Assistant
Ms. Cadotte	Ed. Assistant
Ms. Downing	Ed. Assistant
Ms. Carey	Ed. Assistant
Ms. Brooks	Ed. Assistant
Ms. McBrayne	Ed. Assistant
Ms. Romses	Ed. Assistant
Ms. Paxton	Ed. Assistant



## **Terry Fox Run**

We will be doing our Terry Fox Run on Thursday Sept 29 in the afternoon. We will be collecting donations for the Terry Fox Foundation throughout the month of September. If you'd like to donate online you can do so on School Cash Online.

## **Safe Arrival and Dismissal**

Our school day begins at 9:10 am. Students may arrive to school no earlier than 8:55 as that is when supervision begins. All students will be on the hardtop until the bell rings at 9:10. We ask that parents do not remain on the playground after dropping off. Students that arrive after 9:10 must check in at the office. Being on time for school each day is really important to your child's success in school. Having a regular routine each day helps students develop habits that set the ground work for a positive experience at school.

The school day ends at 3:30 pm and students need to remain in their classrooms until the end of day as it is disruptive to learning if we need to continually call into classrooms for early pick up. If you need to do this on a regular basis, please contact the Principal so she can support you.

Bus students will remain in their classrooms until the bus bell rings. School staff will escort bus lines outside to board the buses. We ask parents who are picking up their children pick them up on the playground. The primary students go on the Primary Yard and junior students go on the Junior Yard. Decide as a family where your pickup place will be at the end of the day prior to the school day beginning, so that students know where they are going after school.

We ask that parents refrain from picking up their children from the main office after school as the bus students need to be able to exit safely.

## **School Visitors**

All visitors must report to the main office and sign in. COVID restrictions have been lifted so parents and guests can come to our school for assemblies and special events.

If your child needs to be picked up early for appointments etc., please report to front doors and ring the bell. Ms. Blanchard would be happy to call your child down to the office for you.

## **Communicating with Parents**

Communication between home and school is extremely important. If you have concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher.

We have a Facebook page and frequently post information about events at school, inclement weather, bus delays and information from the school board.

Our school newsletters are available on our website each month and will be going home on Seesaw.

## **If Your Child is Absent**

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school. We have a 24hr answering machine in the office and check messages as soon as we can in the morning. You can also download the school messenger app to report absences on your device.

Whether you are calling or leaving us a message, please leave your child's name, the name of their teacher and the reason for absence.

*We are a nut aware school*

*Please do not send food containing nuts*

## Medication and Medical Conditions

If your child requires any type of medication during school time, you must fill out an Administration of Medication form. These forms are available for pick up in the office.

If your child has a medical condition that requires special emergency attention, like a severe allergy, please inform the school and we will put a Medical Emergency Plan in place.

## Parent Involvement Committee

The first Parent Involvement Committee meeting is scheduled for September 19 at 7pm and it will be an online meeting. We will be holding elections that evening for Chair and Secretary. If you or someone you know would be interested in either of these positions, please call the school and we can send a nomination form home.

Even if you are not interested in being the Chair or the Secretary you are welcome to come and join us. Our parent council is open to all families. We meet once a month for approximately thirty minutes.

If you are interested in joining, please call the school and we can provide you with the online meeting information.

## Insurance with Insure My Kids

Our School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities including extracurricular sports. Each year, many families are left financially unprotected when their children are injured at school, while participating in non-school activities, or at home. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) or their employer's health care plan. Please check with your provider regarding your coverage. Most accident-related expenses are not fully covered under OHIP and some expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches, physiotherapy and emergency dental care are usually not covered at all. This leaves you, the parent/guardian, financially responsible. To

help protect your family, it is recommended that you consider obtaining student accident insurance. As a convenience to you, the Board has made an arrangement to offer student accident insurance through insuremykids®. Participation is voluntary but highly recommended and the costs are to be paid by the parent/guardian. The program is available for students up to age 26. If you wish to purchase coverage, please do so directly online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) or call 1-800-463-5437. The insurance agreement is between You and the insurance underwriter, Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. For more information, please visit [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com).

## School Cash Online

Parents are encouraged to pay for school events online with School Cash. Using the website: <https://lkdsb.schoolcashionline.com> parents can sign up. You will need your child's student number. This number can be found on the Registration Verification paperwork that is coming home soon.

## Orange Shirt Day

Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> is Orange Shirt day throughout the Lambton Kent District School Board. On this day we honour the survivors of residential schools as well as the children and young people who never returned home. We will be wearing orange that day to encourage learning and understanding about the residential school system and the impacts that system has had on Indigenous Peoples.

## Important Dates

September 16<sup>th</sup>- PA Day

September 19<sup>th</sup>- Parent Council online 7pm

September 29<sup>th</sup>- Terry Fox Run

September 30<sup>th</sup>- Orange Shirt Day

October 10<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving

November 11<sup>th</sup> - Progress Reports go home

***Please review the COVID screening tool as it has changed.*** The Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening is available here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>