

Aberarder Central School-January 2022 Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

December was a busy month filled with many surprises! The FDK class got a new sand box built for them. An Elf on the shelf named Tinsel came to visit the grade 3 / 4 class for the month; students never knew what to expect each day as Tinsel was usually up to no good during the evenings. There were fundraisers, awesome snacks for the breakfast program, a very successful canned food drive and a surprise trip to Sloan's tree farm for grade 1-8 classes. The FDK class stayed back and had a day of fun and treats at the school in the gym including a pancake breakfast. Staff & students enthusiastically participated in our many spirit days. Thanks to all who helped prepare the students for the Virtual Christmas assembly- we do have talented students at Aberarder! I would like to wish you and your family peace, good health, and happiness for the year ahead! Happy New Year!



COVID SCREENER FOR JANUARY

The Ministry of Education has directed all elementary and secondary students to confirm they have completed the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening for at least the first two weeks of the school year (January 3 to 14). The Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening is available here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

There are two different procedures:

1) Kindergarten to Grade 3 Students and Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten - Grade 3 students will confirm the completion of the COVID-19 screener in one of the following ways:

- responding to a school messenger email for each of their K-3 students,
- classroom staff being alerted via verbal confirmation, paper confirmation (Appendix 1), or the classroom communication platform,
- confirming with the school office staff.

Following the morning attendance, school office staff will contact parents/guardians of students who are present and have NOT confirmed completion of the screening.

2) Grade 4 to Grade 12 Students During morning attendance from at least Monday, January 3 to Friday, January 14, 2022, the teacher will confirm with the student that they

have completed the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening that day. If a student has not completed the screener, they are to complete the screener.

Regular safety protocols will remain in place for students who exhibit Covid-19 symptoms once at school.

Appendix 1: (Attached)

ANTIGEN TESTS

Antigen test kits were sent home with your child today. Please refer to the letters attached for further instructions. Participation with these tests is voluntary.



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SCHOOL INTRAMURALS



Students had fun participating and learning some new sports such as volleyball and bench soccer during their recesses.

Teams Thunder & Lightning and Bobcats & Bears showed great team spirit.

Thanks to the staff who volunteered their time to make this happen for our students.

FUNDRAISERS

Thanks to all who participated in our school fundraisers. The Ricco Foods fundraiser was very successful, and we may try to do it again in the spring if there is an interest.

FOOD DRIVE



Thanks to all who supported the Food drive to help Contact House food bank stock their shelves for those in need during the winter months. We collected close to 700 items. I continue to be so very proud of how giving our families from Aberarder are!

WELCOME TO Kindergarten **EARLY YEARS REGISTRATION**

Monday, January 31, 2022

9:00 A.M.- 7:00 P.M.

There are two ways to complete the Kindergarten Registration paperwork:

- via online registration or
- paper registration package.

Prior to arriving at the Kindergarten Registration event, parents can register via

www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten

Registration is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form @ www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten in advance.
3. Come and meet our caring staff on Monday, January 31st, 2022, from 9:00am – 7:00pm.

Remember to bring:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.) (**phone bill or drivers License unacceptable**)
- Your child

WINTER WEATHER



Our Canadian winter weather can be very unpredictable. It is important that students go out and play in the fresh air. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately to be outside for daily recess and some outdoor physical education. It is an expectation that students wear coats, boots, hat and mitts/gloves. We ask that you send extra mitts/socks in backpacks so students can change and have dry mitts and socks to wear. Your child requires boots and snow pants or wind/splash pants in order to play on the yard. The weather can be very different in the morning when getting ready for school than recesses so its very important to have warm gear at school to avoid having to call home.

PARENT REMINDER

Thank you for planning ahead and informing the office if you must pick up your child early for any reason so that we can avoid class interruptions.



SAFE ARRIVAL POLICY

The Lambton Kent District School Board has a policy in place to ensure the safe arrival of all students. Please contact the school if your child is absent in the morning or the afternoon (unless a note has already been sent), **please remember to provide a reason for the student's absence.** Our office staff will be available from 8:15 a.m. on to take your calls. We also have a 24-hour answering machine, so you may call any time, day or night. You may also post absences, late

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comings or early dismissals via school messenger.

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>

Calls home are made for all unexplained absences. If there is no answer, calls will be

made to parents/guardian's workplace or emergency numbers. Please help us by contacting the school before our morning or afternoon bell rings. Notes from home are required to excuse a child early from class.

SCHOOL BUS INFO



We are in Zone 1. Bussing information is available at www.schoolbusinfo.com

Busses canceled due to snow do not pick up students at the end of the day. Busses cancelled due to fog will return to the school to take students home.

Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open during inclement weather. The Lambton Kent District School Board developed a mobile app last year called "My SBI" Please download this free app from iTunes Apps to check out information on news including bus cancellations. Alternatively, you can listen to local radio stations for bus updates during inclement weather or visit schoolbusinfo.com.

Due to insurance liability reasons, bus drivers are not allowed to drop students off at their friend's home, even when they ride the same bus. Parents are responsible for driving students to their friends.

Only regular eligible riders or courtesy seat students have permission to ride the bus that they are assigned to. Permission will not be extended to students who are not listed on the bus lists. Please do not send a note to the bus drivers or principal asking for a change to this policy.

BREAKFAST/SNACK PROGRAM DONATIONS

Beginning in January 2022, we have added a new posting option to school cashonline for parents to be able to make donations to the school's breakfast/snack program.

As always, donations are optional, however, they are very much appreciated. Our breakfast program has been well received and used by all.

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**