

Aberarder Central School-November 2021 Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It's been a busy 2 months!
I continue to be proud of our students as they follow the guidelines for keeping themselves and others safe.



Our Staff have met during PD days to create school learning goals in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Indigenous education, Cultural Diversity and Mental well being. We continue to put the “fun” back into school while creating a sense of belonging and promoting positive mental health for all.

We were very excited to re-open our library / learning commons! Students have been enjoying time in there and checking out books.

Our breakfast/snack program will begin on November 1st. The intent of this program is so that no student has to start their day on an empty stomach. Each day there will be a bin with healthy snacks for students to choose from. As we all know, costs of everything have gone up so we are always open to donations to support our program. Items that we need and go through quickly are plastic spoons, snack baggies and sandwich baggies.

The cold weather is coming and its time to get out those winter coats, boots, and accessories. Sending extra clothes for those wet days is always a good idea. It is an expectation that students dress appropriately for the weather so that we can all stay healthy.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the covid school screener every morning to reduce the risks.

Mrs. Morrison 😊

CHARACTER TRAITS

November's Character trait is Responsibility.

Responsibility: What is it? Responsibility is being accountable for one's actions and to know and follow various rules, laws, and conduct codes. Responsible citizens treat others fairly, are trustworthy, honor their commitments, and are environmentally aware.

Staff and students will do a variety of activities to learn about responsibility throughout the month.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

We will be acknowledging Remembrance Day on Thursday, November 11th virtually.

Students are encouraged to bring in poppy money.



BOOK FAIR

This year we will be hosting a book fair from November 18-November 30th.

Students will have an opportunity to visit the book fair in person and shop and parents can also shop online if they would like to.

Please click on <https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5149441>

Any profits from this book fair will go towards purchasing new books for our library.

SCHOOL SPORTS

Congratulations to our runners who participated in Cross Country. It was a different format this year. Thank you to Mdme. Nickles for preparing the students during recesses and for attending the meet along with Mr. Robertson.



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FUNDRAISERS

I met with our Parent Council last week. We discussed doing some fundraising to support programs and activities for kids. We are living in different times and due to many ships being stuck in ports in the U.S. shopping for Christmas could be a challenge this year. We would like to offer you a variety of options to make your shopping easier. You are absolutely under no obligation to purchase anything if you choose not to. We will make all the due dates the same on school cash online so you do not need to remember what closes when.

Back by popular demand is Zekvelds Apple fundraiser and our Christmas planters. New to our school is Ricco Foods and Thirty-One.

If you would like to purchase Thirty-One you can order online

www.mythirtyone.ca/barbmcpherson

under the Aberarder school party and pay directly to that consultant. You may choose to have it shipped directly to you; however, the shipping charges will be higher. We can have it shipped to the school and notify you when your orders are in. Also, due to an abundance of stock we will be hosting an Inventory sale on Friday, November 26, from 4:00-8:00PM at 7290 Nauvoo Rd. Warwick Township and profits will go directly back to the school. Any items purchased this evening can be taken home that night. I will be there to greet you and help answer any questions.

We also have some extra Big Box Cards left over from our last fundraiser. If you are interested in purchasing - they make a great Christmas gift. Can't beat 30 cards for \$30! That's just \$1.00 per card and no tax. Less than the dollar store.

We currently have 6 boxes of the birthday cards and 23 boxes of the All -occasion cards. This will not be on school cash online so you can send money into the school with your child, and we can send home at any time.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress report cards will go home on Friday, November 12th.

Parent teacher interviews will occur via a scheduled Google meet. Teachers will schedule an individual meeting time either virtually or via phone call with the parent for each student. The interviews will take place on November 18th -19th.



TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

The week of November 1-5th is Treaties Recognition Week. Students and staff will be learning about the meaning of the treaties with Indigenous peoples, gaining understanding through class lessons, story books and art activities.

BUS SAFETY

Bus presentations took place virtually this year. Staff and students watched videos that focused on how to ride the bus safely.



BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK

Ontario has designated November 15-19th as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment.

Ontario students, school staff and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being.

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Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem, or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

Schools are encouraged to use this opportunity to explain the different forms bullying can take. These include:

- **Physical** – hitting, shoving, stealing, or damaging property
- **Verbal** – name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist or homophobic comments
- **Social** – excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them
- **Electronic** (commonly known as **cyberbullying**) – spreading rumours and hurtful comments through the use of cellphones, e-mail, text messaging and through social media.

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes will be held on Wednesday, November 17th

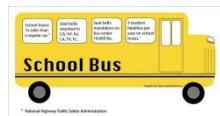


SCHOOL BUS INFO

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. When the school is open, it is expected that your child attend school. If you are unable to get your child to school, please contact the school to confirm their absence. Otherwise, a call must be made to the parent to confirm the absence of the student(s).

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. ***please click on the “all buses” tab at the top of the app and make sure that you have *WEATHER CANCELLATIONS* starred. On fog days, at 10:00am it resets back to “on time” since the busses run in the afternoon. It only remains showing as cancelled for the entire day on snow days.

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. Due to insurance and safety issues, 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.