

# Aberarder Central School-November 2022 Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

During the month of October, staff met during PD days to create school learning goals in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Indigenous education, Anti- Oppression 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 will be meeting later this month to go through our school climate survey results and plan forward.



Thanks to Madame Smits for re -organizing our learning commons and creating challenges for kids and families. The pumpkin challenge was so much fun!! Originally the challenge was for the top 3 pumpkins but there were so many great entries that we decided to have 3 winners in each division. Each winner will get to choose a free book from our upcoming bookfair. Since there were so many participants we decided to give the kids a movie and pizza party this week.

Students report that they love working in the learning commons and especially the fun seating.

Pumpkin challenge winners:

### Primary division:

1<sup>st</sup>-Leo A

2<sup>nd</sup> -Silas

3<sup>rd</sup>- Surri / Levi G

### Junior Division:

1<sup>st</sup>- Adelle

2<sup>nd</sup> -Eli

3<sup>rd</sup> -Kayla

### Intermediate:

1<sup>st</sup>- Ellyot

2 - Keala

3 - Addison / Bennett

Guess who challenge: William W.

Stay tuned for the next student / family challenge!

Our breakfast/snack program began a couple of weeks ago and is being well utilized. The intent of this program is so that no student starts their day on an empty stomach. Each day there are at least 2 healthy snack options for students to choose from. We are always open to donations to support our program.

Our new gaga ball pit was set up outside and the kids are loving it!

Thank you to the Parent Council members who organized and facilitated the Halloween Movie Night for the students. They raised approximately \$600 to support our students. There were some candy bags and bottled water left over so we can sell on Popcorn Fridays \$2.00 per bag, \$1.00 for water.

The cold weather is coming and it's 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.

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.*

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

We will have a short assembly in the gym on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm. Students are encouraged to bring in donations for poppies. Families are welcome to attend.



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## **PICTURE RETAKES**

Picture retakes will be held on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.



## **BOOK FAIR**

This year we will be hosting a book fair from November 17-November 25<sup>th</sup>.

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. Thank you to Mr. Campbell & Mr. Tetrault for preparing the students during recesses and for attending the District meet.



Special congratulations goes out to Keala who placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Hayden who placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Jocelyn who placed 6<sup>th</sup>- way to go!!!

## **FUNDRAISERS**

I have met with our Parent Council a couple times this year. We decided to fundraise to support programs and activities for kids as well as helping our grade 7 /8 class go to Camp Celtic in the spring.

Some fundraisers coming up are: Zekvelds Apples, Christmas planters, Ricco Foods and JW Sweid frozen foods.

All items can be purchased through school cash online. We do appreciate your support.

Also, we have some extra Big Box Cards left over from a previous fundraiser but due to Covid we were not able to sell. If you are interested in purchasing - they make a great gift. 30 cards for \$30! That's just \$1.00 per card and no tax. Less than the dollar store.

Cards will not be on school cash online. If

interested, send money with your child, and we will send home at any time as well they will be available during parent teacher interviews on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The grade 7/8 class will be hosting another bake sale on the evening of the parent teacher interviews in the gym.

## **PROGRESS REPORTS**



Progress report cards will go home on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Parent teacher interviews will occur in person . You can book your time slot through sign up genius. Michele will send home info later today. The interviews will take place on November 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>.

## **TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK**

November 7-11<sup>th</sup> 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 14-18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to

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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.

## SCHOOL BUS INFO

**We are in Zone 1.** Bussing information is available at

[www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://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](http://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.**

**Please see the attached brochure for a fun activity to do with your kids.**



LSNT\_Youth  
Brochure.pdf

