

Aberarder Central School-October 2022 Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It's been a very busy but great start up to the school year! Our enrolment is now 125 students.

Our staffing is now complete.

Welcome to our new secretary, Ms. Hosfeld- we know you will love working at Aberarder!



It has been great to meet our new staff and students as well as our returning ones. Teachers have been working hard to develop routines in their classes. Since our younger students are still learning the rules and routines of school, we ask that parents help support us by having conversations with their children about the rules and routines. We kindly ask that you do not allow your child to bring toys to school for any reason- especially stuffed toys.

This week, our Gaga Ball pit was built and set up on the yard- the students had a lot of fun playing in it.

October's character trait is RESPECT- we ask that students show respect by keeping their desk and cubby areas clean and by making sure their garbage gets into the trash cans provided throughout the school. This is a small way that we can show respect for our school and for Mrs. Sharp who works so hard to keep our school clean.

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 LKDSB developed a mobile app 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.

PARENT REMINDER



We ask that parents please remember to contact the office in advance before picking up a student. This avoids many interruptions to student learning in the classroom during the day and at the end of the day. The staff appreciates your cooperation.

SAFE ARRIVAL POLICY

Our Board policy is that we must account for all students therefore if a student is absent then we must follow steps to confirm their safety.

Parents can help us by alerting the office for any absences. This can be done through School Messenger, calling the school and leaving a message- the answering machine is on 24 hrs. a day. If we have not received a message prior to 9:30 then the system will call you. If we cannot reach you then we must call your emergency contacts. This process can be very time consuming for the office.

We thank you in advance for your phone call, email or message.

We are required to input a reason for all student absences. If we do not have a reason, then we must input truant and that will cause issues that we don't want for parents. If you are emailing the school, I ask that you please cc' myself in case Ms. Hosfeld is not at school. If I

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am in a meeting or away from school, I can relay the message to whomever is in charge in my absence Janice.Morrison@lkdsb.net

ABERARDER PARENT COUNCIL

Thanks to the many parents who came to our first meeting- it was so nice to be able to meet in person and have new parents join us! We have scheduled another meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m. Just an fyi...for our new parents- we don't usually have meetings so close together but it is important that we make a year long fundraising plan so we would like to do this asap. All parents are welcome to attend.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Many staff and students wore orange shirts on Friday, September 30/22. Orange Shirt Day is an event that began in 2013. It was designed to educate and promote awareness about the residential school system and the impact this system had on Indigenous communities for more than a century in Canada. We wore orange to honour those individuals impacted by Residential Schools.

TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

The Terry Fox Walk/Run was held on Thursday, September 29th. Our students did a terrific job running and it was a beautiful day. Thanks to the parents who made online donations and those who sent them in. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please do so. All monies will go towards cancer research. We will share the final total donated in our next newsletter as it has not yet been calculated. "Merci" to Madame Smits for her work in organizing this event!



FUNDRAISING

Our grade 7/8 bake sale was a huge success! Thank you for supporting our grade 7/8's so they can earn their way to Camp Celtic!

Students raised \$789.55

Lucky Raffle Winners were:

Norwax- Missy Genovy

Epicure- Noah Visser

Candy – Akena Wilson

Lake life gift certificate- Akena Wilson

Homemade jars of jams and sauces- Kira Thompson

Crate of goodies- Madame Smits

We thank all of the parents for their generous donations and helping to make our bake sale a success!



FALL PHOTOS

Please mark your calendars for our fall photo day. The photographer from Lifetouch will be at Aberarder on Wednesday, October 12th.



SPORTS

We are so happy to be able to have school sports back!



Cross Country is set for Oct 14th with a rain date of the 17th at the Lambton Centre.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

This year we will be allowing all students to wear a costume if they choose. We ask that they be appropriate and nothing too scary as we don't want to scare our younger students. We ask that you do not send any swords, knives, guns,



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masks etc. and put your child's costume in a bag labeled so that they do not get mixed up with others. The students will have an opportunity during the last block to wear their costumes and have a Halloween costume parade through the school. We ask that you not send treats to school with your child. We ask that you do not allow your child to bring a lot of candy in their lunch following Halloween.

FIRE SAFETY

Our local fire department will be at Aberarder early in October to discuss fire safety with our students. We will announce on our website as soon as our date is confirmed.



BUS SAFETY

Bus presentations will take place on Monday, October 24th. This will be a virtual video presentation in each classroom. The video will discuss how to ride the bus safely. Bus evacuations will take place at the school on October 3rd.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Student Accident Insurance – Voluntary Participation

The Lambton Kent District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities - - this includes extracurricular sports. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by provincial health care or their employer's health care plan. Please check with your provider regarding coverage.

The Board encourages all parents/guardians to review this or other available Student

Accident Insurance plans, especially those with a child(ren) participating in medium to high-impact physical activities (both during school and outside of school hours).

The insuremykids® student accident insurance program offers three plans with a variety of benefits and affordable rates. Their most affordable plan is available for as little as \$17 per year. All plans provide 24/7 coverage. For more information or to purchase insurance, please visit www.insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463-5437.

The 2022/2023 Student Accident Insurance Program is available for purchase now and is in effect for 365 days. No matter when the student accident policy is purchased the coverage is available for 365 days, one year from the date of purchase. This allows families to purchase whenever they prefer.

Please refer to attachment.



Enjoy your thanksgiving- I hope that you get to spend it with family and friends!

Mrs. Morrison 😊