

# Aberarder Central School-October 2021 Newsletter

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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

We have had a very busy but great start up to the school year!

Currently, our enrolment is at 106 students. Mr. Campbell has moved on to another school and we welcomed Ms. Henry to the grade 6/7/8 classroom due to a re-organization within our Board. Our staffing is now complete. During the first couple of weeks our focus was to do a lot of “get to know you” activities, check in on student’s mental health, and do some team building activities without using technology. My thought behind this plan was to give students a break from technology considering the previous year of at home / online learning.

Staff reported that it was a very positive experience for all. Students seem to enjoy the opportunity to jump into the curriculum at a slower pace and build relationships with their peers once again. Since our younger and new to our school 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. In accordance with the public health guidelines, we kindly ask that you do not allow your child to bring toys to school for any reason- especially stuffed toys.

Students require a pair of indoor running shoes that fit and can be left at school. We want to keep outside dirt from getting inside the school and maintain safety for all.

October’s character trait is RESPECT- 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](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. 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).



## **PARENT REMINDER**

To avoid interruptions to students learning we ask that parents please remember to check in at the office when 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 school answering machine is on 24 hrs. a day. If we have not received a message prior to 9:30 then the system will call

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you. If we cannot reach you then we must go on to 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 include myself in case Ms. O'Connor is not at school. If I am in a meeting or away from school, I can relay the message to whomever is in charge in my absence as my phone is with me at all times. [Janice.Morrison@lkdsb.net](mailto: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 meet new parents! Our next Parent Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in our Library / Learning Commons.

All parents are welcome to attend.

## **ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

Many staff and students wore orange shirts on Monday, September 30/21. 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.



## **TERRY FOX RUN/WALK**

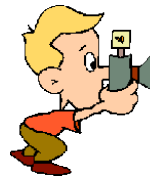
The Terry Fox Walk/Run was held Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Staff and students were encouraged to bring in toonies for Terry. Our students did a terrific job running and raising money that will go towards cancer research. Way to go Aberarder! Thanks to the parents who made online donations.

We will share the final total donated in our next newsletter as it has not yet been calculated. A very big "merci" to Madame Nickles for her work in organizing this event!



## **FALL PHOTOS**

Please mark your calendars for our fall photo day. The photographer from Lifetouch will be at Aberarder on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We are not aware if there will be retakes at this point.



## **SPORTS**

This year our sports will look a little different.



We will have our own Cross Country at Aberarder. Aberarder meet to TBD. The top 5 runners in each age group will be eligible to go to the District meet. This year the District Meet will take place at Bosanquet Central school tentatively on October 19<sup>th</sup>. This will only be for our family of schools to keep the numbers down and respect the Ministry of Health guidelines. More information to follow.

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## **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 traumatize our younger students. We ask that you do not send any swords, knives, guns, masks etc. (except for the masks that are required for Covid) 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.



When items are posted on school cashonline, there is always a deadline involved (not only with you the purchaser, but also with the school in working with the suppliers' deadlines in order to deliver the items to us in a timely fashion). When items are posted on school cashonline, it is always set to send another reminder prior to the final deadline so you have plenty of notice. Once items have been closed in school cash, they expire and disappear from your box.

Once items are closed, we then tally and send to suppliers, therefore, we will not make any concessions as it creates a domino effect and a great deal of work for all involved.

## **FIRE SAFETY**

Our local fire department will be at Aberarder on the afternoon of October 5<sup>th</sup>, to discuss fire safety with our students.



## **BUS SAFETY**

Bus presentations will take place on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be a virtual video presentation in each classroom. The video will discuss how to ride the bus safely.

## **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**

I would like to stress the importance of adhering to deadlines for school cashonline purchases. There is a great deal of work that goes into setting up items to be posted in school cash online and we work very closely with our suppliers of fundraisers to maximize the most benefits to profit our students and school to be able to provide many things at minimal costs to families.



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

*Mrs. Morrison*