



February 2024 Newsletter

# A A Wright Public School

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## FEBRUARY PA DAY AND FAMILY DAY

Please be reminded that there is no school on FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> because it is a PA Day. There is also no school on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the statutory holiday, Family Day. We hope everyone will enjoy the day with their family.

## VALENTINE'S DAY TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>



Valentine's Day is Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate, students are encouraged to wear red, pink and white. Candy Grams will also be delivered this day. Cards and treats may be exchanged but the treats must be **NUT FREE and NO HOMEMADE PRODUCTS**.

## THANK YOU AND BEST OF LUCK

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs. Dittmer. She will be missed by so many students, but we are also very happy for her as she begins her new assignment at Victor Lauriston Public School in Chatham. Once the hiring process is complete, we will announce our newest Wildcat staff member for the grade 2/3 classroom.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten Registration Day is a transition visit for parents to register their children for Junior Kindergarten or new to Senior Kindergarten (children born in 2019 or 2020). It is a great opportunity for parents and children to learn more about school together. Children and parents will have an early opportunity to visit and tour the school in preparation for Full Day Kindergarten in the fall of 2024. Families are encouraged to register online before coming in for their 20 minute visit (10 minutes of classroom visit and 10 minutes paper work completion). Please remember to bring proof of residency (i.e. utilities bill, lease agreement, etc.) and a birth certificate (or passport). AAW will host Kindergarten Registration on **Thursday, February 1st from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM and Friday, February 2nd from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM – No appointment is necessary for these dates, please come at any time.**

## WINTER DRESS

With the ever changing weather, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately with hats, boots, mittens and warm coats. This is also a great time of year to wear layers so that children can adjust their clothing as the temperature warms throughout the day.

Our students enjoy playing outside twice a day for twenty minutes each break and we want all of them to feel comfortable. Our lost and found bin grows over the winter months, so please help us cut back on some of these items by labelling your children's clothes.

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In recognition of Black History/African Heritage Month in February, the LKDSB is committed to recognizing the historically erased role of Black Canadians in our history and society. The focus this year for Black History/African Heritage Month is "Black Innovation." Our staff and students will be participating in a number of activities and events through-out the month of February and the school year. For more information please visit the LKDSB website [Link to LKDSB Black History Website](#)

## FAMILY CENTRE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT AAW

The Family Centre has spaces available in the before and after school program.

Register at [www.chatham-kentchildcare.ca](http://www.chatham-kentchildcare.ca)

Contact Courtney at 519-627-4441 for more information.

## WILDCAT SPIRIT WEAR



Are you interested in purchasing Wildcat Swag? Go to [Link to Wildcat Spirit Wear](#) to shop.

There are lots of great options and colours to choose from including T-shirts, hoodies, sweaters, jackets, pants, bags, hats and so much more.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

While we hope that the weather stays nice and dry, we know that the snow and ice is unfortunately just around the corner. The policy of the LKDSB for inclement weather is:

In the event of bus cancellation due to snow or freezing rain, buses will not run in the morning or afternoon but schools remain open. If buses are cancelled due to fog, all schools will remain open. Morning bus pickups will be cancelled and buses will run for the afternoon return home drop offs. We encourage parents of bus students to arrange their own transportation to school when it is safe to do so. Please listen to your local radio station (99.1 CKXS) or check the transportation web site at [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com)

AA Wright Public School is in **School Bus Zone 5**.

## BELL TIMES AND SAFE ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

8:55 a.m.: School Arrival/Outdoor Supervision Begins. **Please do not arrive on school property prior to this time.**

9:10 a.m.: School Start Time

11:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.: AM Nutrition Break and Recess (Staggered by grade)

1:50 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: PM Nutrition Break and Recess (Staggered by grade)

3:30 p.m.: Dismissal

## NUT AWARE

Please remember that AAW is a NUT FREE school. Students may not bring any nuts, peanut butter, or nut products (including Nutella and Wow Butter) to school. Please make sure to read all labels before packing your child's lunch. We have several children with severe allergies to a variety of nuts and it is important that we ensure their safety while they are at school. We appreciate your co-operation and support with this.

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Students who walk to school or get dropped off **must not arrive before 8:55 a.m.** as they will not be allowed on the yard unsupervised in the morning or after the bell. Parents are not permitted on the school yard after 8:55 a.m. Please remind your children to cross only at crosswalks or intersections. For the safety of our bus students, please do not park in the bus loading area on the north side of the building. Parking is available on the front (east side) and the back (west side) of the building. When leaving your car to pick up/drop off students, please park in the parking area, turn off your vehicle, and take your keys. Please remember that students **must be picked up at 3:30 pm** as there is no supervision on the yard after this time. Please note that changes to your child's departure at the end of the day should be messaged to the classroom teacher before 3:00 pm. The office is extremely busy between 3:00 pm and 3:30 PM and getting messages through the office may be difficult at this time.

## PARENT COUNCIL

We are always looking for new parents to join us at our Parent Council meetings. If you have any interest in being a part of this team, please contact the school. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm, in the AA Wright Public School Learning Commons. We can also accommodate for parents who are only able to meet virtually. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining.

## LINK TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCES

To assist families with some community support resources, AAW has created a document with links to various organizations in the Wallaceburg and surrounding area. Please click on the following link to access the document: [Link to Community Supports Resources](#)

## EVENTS AT THE SCHOOL:



### Special Food Days

Food Days will continue in February. Here are the scheduled food days for the month: Pizza days are Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Spaghetti and Chili Day is Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> and Grilled Cheese Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for emails in February for our March food days on Schoolcash Online.



### Terrific Kids Assembly

Our next Terrific Kids Assembly will be Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 pm in the gymnasium. The character trait that we focussed on for the month of January was "Responsible," and students from each class will be chosen who best displayed this trait throughout the month. February's trait is "Inclusive."

### Basketball

Our boy's and girl's basketball teams have started preparing for their upcoming seasons. Thanks so much to our coaches Mrs. Gallerno, Ms. Sanderson, Mr. Braithwaite and Mrs. Hedges.

### Important Dates in March:

- 1 Terrific Kids Assembly - Inclusive
- 9-17 March Break
- 18 Welcome back
- 28 Terrific Kids Assembly - Friendly
- 29 Good Friday

# Work Hard. Be Kind. Be the Example!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <b>Orange Shirt Thursday</b> Terrific Kids Assembly	2 PA DAY – NO SCHOOL TODAY!	3
4	5	6	7 <b>Wildcat Wednesday</b>	8 <b>Orange Shirt Thursday</b>	9 Pizza Day 	10
11	12	13  Spaghetti and Chili Day!	14 ♥ <b>Happy Valentine's Day!!!</b> <b>Red/Pink/White Day</b> <b>Candy Grams</b>	15 <b>Orange Shirt Thursday</b>	16 Pizza Day  Term 1 reports go home!	17
18	19 <b>Happy Family Day!</b> No School Today!	20	21 <b>Wildcat Wednesday</b>	22 <b>Orange Shirt Thursday</b>	23 Pizza Day 	24
25	26	27  Grilled Cheese Day!	28 <b>Wildcat Wednesday</b> <b>PINK SHIRT DAY!</b> Parent Council 3:30	29 <b>Orange Shirt Thursday</b>		