



October 2023 Newsletter

A A Wright Public School

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School Bus Zone – Zone 5

PA DAY, THANKSGIVING

There will be no school for students Friday October 6th which is a PA Day and Monday October 9th which is Thanksgiving. Enjoy the long weekend!

HALLOWEEN ORANGE AND BLACK DAY, TUESDAY OCTOBER 31st

For Halloween this year students are encouraged to wear orange and black (**no** costumes). Halloween is Tuesday October 31st.

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.

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

MEET THE STAFF NIGHT, THURSDAY OCTOBER 5TH 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Save the date! Meet the Staff Night will be Thursday October 5th from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Families will have the opportunity to meet with our staff this evening. Cookies and drinks will be available in each classroom.

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.

COMMUNICATION:

Home and School Communication

Communication between home and school is key to your child's success. If you ever have concerns or questions, please speak directly to your child's teacher. If any concerns remain, please contact the school administrator as soon as possible. Do not think that you have to postpone concerns you have until Parent/Teacher interview time in November. Please contact us sooner rather than later.

AAW Newsletter

*In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, AAW will be looking for ways to reduce the amount of paper used throughout the year. One way to support this is to decrease the number of school newsletters and forms printed on paper. All issues of the school newsletter will be available electronically through the school website: [https://www.lkdsb.net/school/aawright/Pages/default.aspx#/=
and through a School Messenger email that will be sent to you. If you are not receiving these emails please contact the office](https://www.lkdsb.net/school/aawright/Pages/default.aspx#/=)*

Emails and Phone Numbers

It is essential that we are made aware of any contact information changes in case there is an emergency at school. It is extremely important that we have a current email for each family. As phone numbers and emails may change over the course of the year, please remember to let Mrs. Blanchard know so that we can update our files.

AAW Facebook and Twitter

AA Wright Public School is still on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Follow us to receive updates about upcoming events, reminders, and photos of our students working hard at school. We can be found on Facebook: [facebook.com/aawrights](https://www.facebook.com/aawrights) and Twitter: @aawright.

AAW Messenger

*School-wide messages will be sent through an email system called "Messenger". This system does **not** require you to sign up to receive these messages. We simply require a current email for your family and messages will be sent to this email throughout the school year. Please make sure that your current email is on the verification registration form that will be sent home the first week for your signature. Each individual homeroom will use their own form of electronic communication, which is typically SeeSaw or Google Classroom. If you are not receiving messages to your email, please contact the office to update your email address.*

INCLEMENT WEATHER

While we are not expecting snow or ice this time of year, in the past, the arrival of fall often brings fog around. The policy of the LKDSB is:

In the event of bus cancellation 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 or check the transportation web site at www.schoolbusinfo.com

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

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.

MEDICATION & MEDICAL EMERGENCY PLANS

Specific criteria must be met for staff to administer prescriptive medication when it cannot be administered from home. An "Authorization for the Administration of Medication" form (available from office), must be completed by the parent/guardian and physician, and then forwarded to the Principal for each school year. This includes the administration of occasional use medications as well. Whenever the physician directs a modification of the prescribed medication the process is repeated. Should your child have a medical need (such as a severe allergy that requires an Epi Pen, or Asthma that requires them to carry an inhaler, or Epilepsy) that requires special emergency attention please inform the school and an "Prevalent Medical Conditions Plan" will be put in place. The forms for this purpose are available in the office.

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 October 25th 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:

Terry Fox Run/Walk

We will be participating in the Terry Fox Run/Walk at the school again. It will take place on Thursday October 5th during our last block. Students will walk/run around the school area with their class. This day will also be "Superhero Day," and/or Red Day. Students are encouraged to dress as their favourite Superhero or dress in red to honour Terry. For the month of September we are encouraging students to bring in a "Toonie 4 Terry." For every Toonie a student brings in for Terry, they will receive a ballot for gift card. Students will also receive a special treat in the afternoon for participating in this event.

Fall Picture Day

Thursday October 26th is Fall Picture Day for Grades JK to 6. More information will be sent home shortly regarding Fall Picture Day. Picture retake day will be Monday, November 20th.

Special Food Days

Food Days will start in October. Here are the scheduled food days for the month: Ray's Subs Oct 3, Bill's Pizza Oct 13, Hometown Deli Oct 17, Pizza Hut Oct. 20, Domino's Oct 27. Please look for emails near the end of October to sign up for November food days on Schoolcash Online.

Terrific Kids Assembly

Our first Terrific Kids Assembly will be Friday October 27th at 2:30 pm in the gymnasium. The character trait that we are focussing on for the month of October is "thoughtful," and students from each class will be chosen who best displayed this trait throughout the month.

Cross Country

Best of luck to our Grade 4 to 6 cross country runners who will be representing AA Wright at the Conference Meet on Thursday October 12th.

Important Dates in November:

- 10 Progress Reports Home
- 16 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 17 PA Day (Parent/Teacher Interviews)
- 20 Fall Picture Retakes
- 24 Inside Out and Backwards Day
- 30 Terrific Kids Assembly (Enthusiastic) in the gym @ 2:30pm

Work Hard. Be Kind. Be the Example!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Ray's Subs Day	4 Wildcat Wednesday J. Simon Presentation	5 Orange Shirt Thursday Terry Fox Run Meet the Staff 5- 6:30	6 PA DAY	7
8	9 Happy Thanksgiving!	10	11 Wildcat Wednesday	12 Orange Shirt Thursday Cross Country Meet Gr. 4-6	13 Bills Pizza Day Judy Sadler – Author presentation	14
15	16	17 Hometown Deli Day	18 Wildcat Wednesday	19 Orange Shirt Thursday	20 Pizza Hut Day	21
22	23	24	25 Wildcat Wednesday Parent Council 3:30 pm	26 Orange Shirt Thursday Fall Picture Day	27 Domino's Pizza Day Terrific Kids Assembly 2:30	28
29	30	31 Happy Halloween! Orange and Black Day				