

# January 2024 Newsletter

## Aberarder Central School

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### Principal's Message

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I hope that 2024 is filled with peace, good health, and happiness for all!

December was a busy month with lots of activities from the Winter Concert to the school-wide Christmas Lunch. A special thanks to the staff and to all of our parent volunteers who made these things such a success. I am looking forward to continuing these traditions next year.

With the winter now upon us, the days are colder, and the snow is inevitable. Students will need warm coats, snow pants, hats, mitts, gloves, and boots for outdoor recess and outdoor physical education classes. It is also a good idea to send extra mitts and socks in backpacks so students can change them if they get wet.

Students continue to focus on foundational reading skills using the Haggerty and Fly Leaf reading programs in the early years and primary grades. As well, daily Number Talks continue as a focus to improve foundational math concepts. We are also continuing to focus on embedding Indigenous Education resources into the curriculum.

### Christmas Generosity

Thanks to all the Aberarder Central School community for their generous donations during our Christmas canned food drive. We were able to make a considerable donation to the Inn of the Good Shepard, sending them 8 large boxes full of food items.



### Important Dates in January and February

**January 10 – Plaid Shirt Spirit Day**

**January 19 – Hat Day Spirit Day**

**January 26 – Colour House Spirit**

**Day**

**January 29 – Grade 8 Grad Photos**

**February 1 – Kindergarten**

**registration from 4:00-7:00**

**February 2 – Kindergarten**

**Registration from 9:00-4:00**

**February 2 – PD DAY**

**February 16 – Term 1 Report Cards**

**go home**

**February 19 – Family Day Holiday**

## Early Years Registration

If your child is going to be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2024, it is time to register for Full Day Kindergarten. JK/SK registration will take place on Thursday, February 1 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and on Friday, February 2 from 9:00-3:00.

Registration forms can be completed online by going to [www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten](http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten) and following the steps. To complete registration you will need the following:

- Proof of residency (utility/tax bill, lease agreement, etc.)
- A birth certificate, proof of Canadian Citizenship, or Residency status
- Emergency Contact Information

## Intermediate Volleyball

The volleyball season was amazing. This year our intermediate boys' and intermediate girls' volleyball teams advanced to the semi-finals. The girls' team also went on to the finals. It was great to watch the teams improve in their skills and in their enjoyment of the game. Again, thanks to Mr. Tanner for coaching both teams!

## Pizza for February

The pizza order for February will be open on School Cash Online on January 1 and go through to January 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be your opportunity to order pizza for the month of February.

## Grade 8 Graduation Photos

The Grade 8 Graduation photos will take place on January 29, 2024. All students who will be graduating will have their photos taken and the proofs will be sent home with the option to purchase.

## Food Items

Homemade treats are not permitted in the school. If you are sending a treat for a special occasion, please ensure that it is pre-packaged items. The school and our students with allergies thank you for your understanding and for your cooperation. Together we want to ensure all our students are safe.

## School Bus Information

Aberarder is located in **Zone 1**. You can check the status of buses and schools by visiting the website [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com) or by downloading the "Bus Status 4" App. Please note that if buses are cancelled in the morning due to fog, they will run in the afternoon. In the event of buses being cancelled due to snow, buses **will not run at all**.

## Popcorn

Popcorn continues to be available on Friday afternoons for those students who have a popcorn card. The popcorn cards are available on School Cash Online and can be purchased at any time. In January we will be adding Ketchup and Salt & Vinegar as new flavour options.