



Aberfoyle Public School

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Welcome to June! Remember to check out our Twitter feed @AberfoylePS (<https://twitter.com/AberfoylePS>) for school activities. Ongoing

information is also available on our website www.ugdsb.ca/aberfoyle/.

This will be our last formal newsletter. Beginning next school year, all current information will be found on our website. We will also continue sending emails to the community and Tweeting as the needs arise.

School Messenger, introduced last year, is also a great way to know when the website has been updated and to connect with staff. For iOS devices, click on this link; <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/upper-grand-dist-school-board/id1242445465?mt=8>. For Android, go to <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.relianceco.cma.uppergrand&hl=en>. In the Google Play store search for Upper Grand.

Take care, be safe and enjoy the Summer. To those of you moving onto secondary school or moving on to another location, please take with you fond memories of Aberfoyle and enjoy this next phase of your lives.

All the best,
Paul Tribe, Principal

PA Days 2018

Please note for babysitting purposes that there is no school for students on the following days (Both Fridays): June 8, June 29.

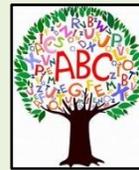
Are You Moving?



To assist us with enrolment projections for September, please let Mrs. Warden know if you plan to move out of the Aberfoyle Public School attendance area.

In addition, should you know of any families moving into our area and planning to attend here in September, please ask them to give us a call at 519-763-7040. Thank you!

Kindergarten Registration



If you are aware of families who might have children starting school, please have them contact us at 519-763-7040 or go to <https://www.ugdsb.ca/aberfoyle/> and click on the button marked "Kindergarten Registration". We are in the midst of staffing and planning for next year.

In addition, if you have not yet come into the school with the paperwork part of the registration, we would love to see you!

JUNE ACTIVITIES

DATE	EVENTS
01	PM: Sharks Swimming – Grade 5
04	Junior School Track and Field
05	Intermediate City Track
08	PA Day- No school for students
11	Me2We Teacher Fundraiser Gr. 5, 5/6 Treetop Trek
12	Sharks Swimming – Grade 3
14	Junior City Track
18	Focus on Nature – Grade 4 3:15 PM – Volunteer Tea
19	9:00 AM: Kindergarten Orientation PM: Sharks Swimming – Grade 3

20	Grade 8's to Ottawa Per 1&2: Play Day Colour Day
21	Grade 7's to Camp Brebeuf AM: Sharks Swimming Grade 3 1:30: K to 6 Talent Show
22	Crazy Hat Day Grade 8's Return!
25	Intermediate Ultimate Frisbee
26	1:30: Grade 3-8 Award Assembly
27	Reports go home 9:30: Sharks Swimming-Grade 3 6:00: Grade 8 Graduation
29	PA Day – No school for students
Sept 4	<i>A new school year begins!</i>

K-6 Talent Show

Our K-6 Talent show will be happening on Thursday June 21st. Auditions are being held the first week of June. Students chosen to perform for the school will be coming home with a note to inform families of their participation.

Construction Starting June 29, 2018

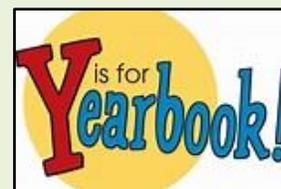


As you may be aware, there will be significant renovations taking place at Aberfoyle Public School during the Summer. The primary areas receiving attention are the main office, staff room, and library

learning commons. In addition, there will be replacement of lighting in all hallways and in the gymnasium. There will be the addition of a universal washroom, staff washroom, and renovation of the primary washrooms. We will be working to prepare the school for the advent of these changes. It is expected that work will be done by the last week in August.

Aberfoyle Yearbook

Our 2017-2018 school yearbook will be delivered during the last week of school.



Is your child going to be late or absent?

If so, please call the school at **(519) 763-7040, extension 100**. Otherwise we have to call you.

Reminder: School starts at 8:30 AM.

Thanks!

Willy Wonka Kids: The Musical



A HUGE thank you to our school community, in particular Parent Council, for all your support for our school musical in May. The students and staff

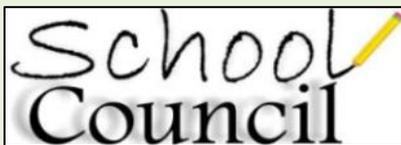
had a blast, and we look forward to running another one next year. (Due to student demand!) Auditions will be held in October 2018- stay tuned for details!





Safe Arrival Program

If your child is going to be late or absent, please call the school at 519-763-7040, press extension 100, and leave a message. In order to ensure the safety of your children, if your child is marked absent and you have not called, we will call you. If there is any change in your child's end-of-day routine, please write a note in your child's agenda in the morning and Mrs. Warden will get that information from the classroom teacher.



Participating in the Aberfoyle School Council is a great way to learn about what is happening in our school, news regarding academic strategies and ways for you to support the students in the school. Please consider joining the council and show your support for Aberfoyle PS.

Here is the link to our Aberfoyle School Council Facebook group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1509233629393288/>

Safe Departure

Please send authorization in writing if someone other than the legal guardian is going to pick your child up from school. The authorized adult may also be asked for photo identification.

If it is necessary for a child to leave early, or to leave for a period during the day for an appointment, a note must be sent to the teacher. For the safety of your child, we request that you come into the school to **sign him/her out at the office**. We cannot send students out to waiting cars.

Please also remember to sign your child off the bus using the bus lists located in the foyer if they are not taking the bus home. We appreciate your efforts to keep all students safe.

Life-Threatening Allergies

We have children in our school with potential life-threatening allergies to various foods and other materials called anaphylaxis. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to food or other materials, and can cause death within minutes. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students.

Although this may not affect your child's class directly, we are letting you know so that you may refrain from sending foods to the school that contain tree nut and nuts, including peanuts. We aim to create an allergy safe environment at our school.

If your child is in a classroom with an anaphylactic child, or your child has anaphylaxis, you will be contacted by the classroom teacher.

Our school has procedures in place to help manage anaphylactic reactions. If your child has health concerns of any kind, please tell your child's teacher or the office and we will take the necessary health protection steps.

Strong scents such as perfumes and certain deodorants can cause an allergic reaction in some of our students and staff who experience sensitivity to these products. Please be considerate of others in the building and try to use scent free products. Our noses thank you!

An Alternative to Fundraising



Sometimes, rather than getting involved

with fundraisers, people choose to support their school by giving to the **Upper Grand Learning Foundation**.

Donations of \$20 or more to your **School Fund** receive a tax receipt. Donate through the [UGLF website](#) at

www.uppergrandlearningfoundation.com

Many of the new items in our Library Learning Commons were made possible as a direct result of donations to the Upper Grand Learning Foundation.

Talking About Mental Health June 2018– Successfully Shifting from School to Summer

The weather is getting warmer, days are getting longer and summer is just around the corner. It is an exciting time of the year but it can also be a struggle. There is often an increasing restlessness, distractibility and anticipation as the end of the school year approaches. School is wrapping up and it is time to think about how to have a good transition from school routines to summer vacation.

The shift from school year to summer break is easy for some, but more challenging for others, particularly those children and youth who experience anxiety or have difficulty with transitions.

A good transition to summer is important and can lead to a more positive, fun summer experience.

Here are some practical tips to make a smooth transition from school to summer:

Post the summer schedule. Have your child or youth contribute to a family calendar. Be sure to note blocks of unscheduled time as well.

Make a list of places and people to visit when time permits and the mood strikes. Summer is a good time to stop by the library, bike trail, or concert-in-the-park that you can't seem to get to during the school year.

Prepare your child for their scheduled activities. If possible, visit the locations where they will be during day camp or day care in advance. Have your child talk to counselors, caregivers, as well as other kids who have enjoyed those same situations and settings.

Get outside and enjoy the summer. Try to limit the amount of time online, watching TV, or playing video games. Be active and get plenty of sleep and exercise. Being outside, such as going for a walk or playing in the park elevates our mood and makes us feel less anxious.

Looking for Activities To Do:

<http://www.orangeville.ca/parks-and-recreation>

<http://guelph.ca/living/recreation/recreation-programs/>

<https://www.centrewellington.ca/beactive/Pages/Recreation,%20Parks%20and%20Facilities/Community-Guide.aspx>

<http://wellington-north.com/government/departments/recreation>

Hope you have a wonderful, relaxing, fun summer. However, if you find mental health challenges to be increasing or causing more difficulties over the summer, seek out mental health or addiction supports for your child/youth, you and your family.

Summer resources for Mental Health and Addiction supports:

Your family physician and family health teams in Guelph, Wellington, and Dufferin are excellent resources.

Canadian Mental Health Association WWD (CMHAWWD):

Tuesday Walk In - 1:30-7:00, 485 Silvercreek Parkway, Guelph.

To access services for Children, Youth and Adults in Guelph/Wellington: : 1 844 HERE 247 (1 844 437 3247)
<http://here247.ca/>

Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS):

Tuesday Talk In – 1:00-7:00 pm, 655 Riddell Road, Orangeville.

To access services for Children and Youth in Dufferin: 519 941 1530.
<http://dcafs.on.ca/>

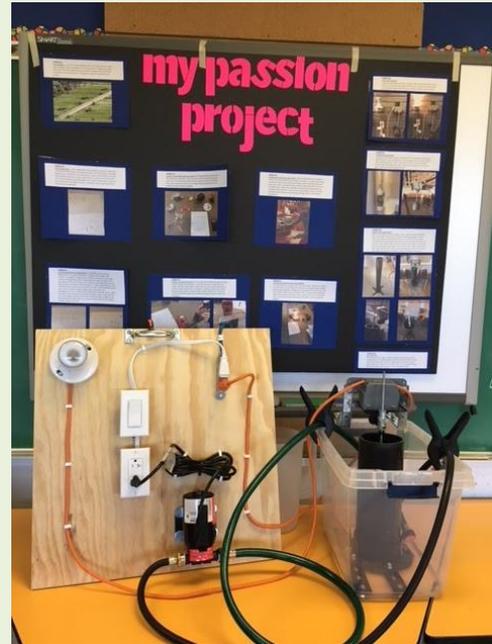
Family Counselling and Support Services:

Walk-in, Wednesday, 1-7, sliding scale, based on ability to pay, but will not turn anyone away. 109 Surrey St E, 519 824-2431.
<http://familyserviceguelph.on.ca/>

KidsHelpPhone 1 800 668 6868.

<http://www.kidshelpphone.ca/>

*Jenny Marino is the Mental Health and Addiction Lead for Upper Grand District School Board
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Feedback Welcome on Draft Board Policies

The Upper Grand District School Board is welcoming public input on draft policies. Currently under review is the following draft policy:

104 – Access to School Premises

This policy is important for students, staff, school councils, parents and community members because everyone plays a role in maintaining a safe learning and working environment in and around our schools. You are invited to review the draft documents and submit online feedback at www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy. **The deadline for public input is June 21, 2018** at 4 p.m. EST. Persons without internet access may call 519-822-4420 (or toll-free 1-800-321-4025) ext. 723 to request a printed copy of the draft documents.

Explicit Consent

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) came into force on July 1, 2014. As a result, the Upper Grand District School Board, would like to ensure that we have your consent to receive newsletters, school and Board updates, announcements, event invitations, and other electronic messages.

Some of these messages may contain advertising or promotions regarding school fundraisers, field

trips, the sale of yearbooks, student pictures, or similar events.

If you wish to receive the above communications from us, please visit our CASL registration website at:

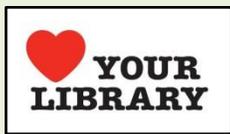
www.ugdsb.on.ca/CASL

If you have any questions or if you wish to withdraw your consent at any time, please click the link at the bottom of email messages you receive from the school, or visit the same site and click on “Unsubscribe” to remove your name from our contact list.

For additional information on Canada’s Anti-Spam Legislation you may visit our board’s website at www.ugdsb.on.ca.



Puslinch Library: June Activity



Safe Kids Week: Brainy Make-and-Take (JK - Gr 6)

Brain safety and creativity go hand in hand! Drop in for crafts and

other activities in support of Safe Kids Week.

Tuesday, June 5 to Saturday, June 9, during branch hours

STEAM Story Time (5 years and under)

Bring your preschoolers to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math using stories and hands-on activities. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate. Please register.

Thursday, June 7, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

PA Day programme: Textiles! (Grades JK – 6)

Textiles are everywhere in our world. Explore new ways of using them!

Friday, June 8, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Get Your Summer Read On (All Ages)

Join the fun, wherever your summer takes you! Drop in and register for the TD Summer Reading Club, Teen Summer Reading Challenge, or our second annual Adult Summer Reading Challenge.

Saturday, June 23, during branch hours

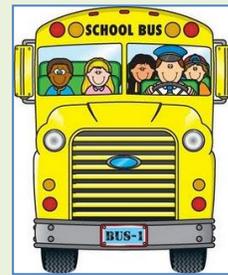
Monica North-Gibbons, MLIS

Branch Supervisor

Puslinch Branch – Wellington County Library

29 Brock Road South, Puslinch ON NOB 2J0

School Bus Information



This summer, the routes will be determined. In late August go into the website www.stwdsts.ca and go to student login to check. If you want the notification service, you will need to subscribe again. It is not carried over year to year.

In addition to this, there will be some bus company changes. In this area, the new company will be Switzer Carty Bus Lines and will be assuming all school bus routes for Aberfoyle.

GPS AND VIDEO CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUS!

GPS and Video Cameras will be equipped on every school bus beginning September 2018. The school bus is an extension of the classroom and camera footage may be accessed by the school to monitor student behaviour. GPS will be used to track bus locations, stop arrival/departure times, speed, and much more. For more information please see our Camera Policy here: <http://stwdsts.ca/home/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/037.pdf>.





This year's theme - *Take action to #BeatPlasticPollution*

On 5 June, spread the message:” ***If you can't reuse it, refuse it!***” Download the informative poster: “[9 Tips for Living with Less Plastic](#)” Make sure you are up-to-date on what can be recycled your local community's blue bin. Better yet, don't use single-use plastics!

Ideas for your family to celebrate World Environment Day!

- **Create an event for family, friends and neighbours** -There is no end of ideas that you could take forward for World Environment Day. Surprise yourself! Think about ideas that we can do to help the planet like fixing a problem in your community.
- **Get out into nature** - World Environment Day is all about appreciating the beautiful planet we inhabit. Why not spend a day in a park, hiking a trail or appreciating a forest on the weekend before World Environment Day.
- **Inspire others** – A great idea will naturally attract others who can take a small idea and make it extraordinary. So, with your powers of persuasion, bring on board the people you think can make your idea awesome. Or ask everyone to make their own personal pledge to change one wasteful or harmful habit for the better. Share what you're doing using the hashtag: #WorldEnvironmentDay
- **Have fun:** Make your event for World Environment Day fun, inspiring and interesting. For example, Google events happening locally that you can attend, or check out Pinterest for fun, recycled crafts ideas.

<http://worldenvironmentday.global/en/toolkits#event-kits>

Math on the Go!

Card Games to Develop Math Skills For All Ages

Are you looking to help your child to develop his or her math skills at home in a meaningful and engaging way, while spending quality family time together? Why not try some card games! Playing a card game can take as little as 5-10 minutes. Next time you find yourself trying to entertain your child while waiting at the dentist office or at a sports practice, why not bring along a deck of cards and play a couple of card games with your child. This is a great way to connect socially with your child, while practicing math skills. As author Marilyn Burns says in her book, Win-Win Math Games: "Games help to lift math off the textbook pages, and they support students' learning about numbers and operations." (Retrieved on May 1, 2018 “Acing Math One Deck At A Time, The Positive Engagement Project” http://www.pepnonprofit.org/uploads/2/7/7/2/2772238/acing_math.pdf)

Monthly Environmental Activities to help celebrate our planet

June 5th is World Environment Day! 
It is vital to teach our children to respect and take care of the environment.
Celebrate World Environment Day on June 5th 2018!

A Platform for Action- *World Environment Day is the United Nations' most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment and is widely celebrated in over 100 countries.*





Celebrating customs and traditions from all around the world is what we love to do!

If you would like to help us celebrate these events or have a day of significance to add, please contact your child's teacher or Mr. Tribe. We welcome any suggestions. It would be great to hear from you!

Days of Significance June 2018

June	LGBT - Pride Month	
03	All Saints Day (J)	Christianity
05	World Environment Day (Wed)	United Nations
08	Jumatual Widha	Islam
08 or 10	Lailat-ul-Qadr	Islam
09	Poson	Buddhism
12	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations
15	Eid ul Fitr*	Islam
16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism
17	World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought	United Nations
18-22	National Aboriginal Week	Aboriginal Spirituality
20	World Refugee Day	United Nations
21	National Aboriginal Day (Canada)	First Nations, Metis, Inuit
21	Litha/Summer Solstice	Wicca/Pagan

21	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union
22	Litha/Summer Solstice	Neopaganism
26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations
26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations

Information from Public Health

On Saturday, June 16th, the Balanced Technology Management committee of Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph will be hosting a *Power Off and Play* event for families of children aged 0-12. Come out to Centennial CVI from 10 am - 2 pm to learn about different ways that you can Power Off and Play as a family! Less screen time means that you and your family can have more time to be active, read, and be creative! This is a FREE event and there will be lots of giveaways and fun activities run by various organizations for children ages 0-12.

POWER OFF AND PLAY!

Come out to learn how your family can **Power Off and Play** this summer! Join us for:

- Tips on balancing screen time
- Activities you can do as a family this summer

Lots of fun activities and giveaways for children ages 0-12

Event Details:

📅 Saturday, June 16th, 2018 ⌚ 10am - 2pm

📍 **Centennial CVI Cafeteria**
289 College Ave W, Guelph

💰 **FREE!**

Who will be at the event?

- Grand River Conservation Authority
- Guelph Quidditch
- Play With Clay
- Let's Talk Science
- Wild Ontario
- ... and more! For a full list visit: energize.guelph.ca

planned by: **Balanced Technology Management Committee**

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