



Aberfoyle

Public School

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Welcome to March!

Remember to check out our Twitter feed @AberfoylePS (<https://twitter.com/AberfoylePS>) for school activities. Ongoing information is also available on our website www.udsb.ca/aberfoyle/.

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 (All Fridays): April 27, June 8, June 29.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

DATE	EVENTS
01	Grade 6: circle Lesson on Metis Dot Art
05	Speech Competitions (In-Class)
06	Junior Basketball Tournament AM: Primary Green Legacy Presentation
07	Cardboard Boat Provincial Competition Waterloo (Rim Park)
08	Oratorical Competition (Gr. 6-8)
12-16	March Break (No School)
22	Gr. 7/8 to River Run
23	Colour Day
27	Grad Photos (Gr. 8, SK) Sibling photos too! Optimist Oratorical Contest (Community Centre)
28	Gr. 6 - Aboriginal Elder visit

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.udsb.ca/aberfoyle/](http://www.udsb.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!

School Climate Survey Can Still Be Completed!

We have until March 9th to complete the survey. Your voice matters. The data we receive provides us with information about where to place resources, where we need to improve and what we are doing well at.

UGDSB Gr. 4-12 students, staff & parents please complete our 2018 School Climate Survey at: <http://bit.ly/UGclimatesurvey2018>

Check out this video to understand why your answers are important:

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/1066200581>

Students in grades 4 to 8 and staff at Aberfoyle have had an opportunity to fill out the survey. Please take a moment to help give a clear picture of what is done well and what needs to improve. Thanks!

Thank You!



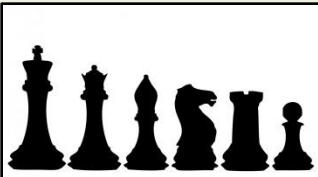
Mr. Klenot and Ms. Singh-Klenot, parents at our school and owners of Tim Horton's Speedvale Avenue at Silvercreek Parkway, have kindly donated to the school enough hand sanitizer and dispensers to service all classrooms and common areas. I know they were responding to the concerns we have all felt this year around flu. Thank you so very much!

Arrival at School ... Timing is Everything!

This is a reminder to everyone that school begins at 8:30 AM. When children arrive late, they are required to obtain a late slip, and that lateness is recorded. When they then enter classes after school has commenced, there is unavoidable disruption of the students who have already begun their work.

This is not directed at those who have occasional appointments, but towards those who arrive after the bell on a regular basis. Thanks very much.

Large Turnout For In-School Chess Tournament



On February 26, 54 students from grades one to eight participated in our annual in-school chess tournament. Local Chess expert Hal Bond presided

as chess master and adjudicator. Students were paired with same-grade partners for a few rounds of chess in the library learning commons section of the school.

Players receiving the top scores, from the highest number of wins in their grade divisions were selected to form our school team. On April 5, we will be sending 12 players, four from each of the primary, junior and intermediate grade divisions, to the Upper Grand ETFO Chess tournament, at the Puslinch Community Center.

A huge thank you to our chess players for your hours of learning through workshops with Hal Bond and from practice at our weekly chess-club meetings since early November. Thank you also to our school council for your financial support and to Hal Bond for your expertise. Good luck to our chess players on April 5!



We are seeking costume donations for Aberfoyle Public School's presentation of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. If you have any of the items listed below and are willing to part with

them for a short time, we would love your help. All labelled items will be returned after the performance in May. If you have an item please let Mrs. Gray or Mrs Moldenhauer know at:

Melissa.Gray1@ugdsb.on.ca or

mia.moldenhauer@ugdsb.on.ca

Willy Wonka - purple top hat, purple opera coat (or tuxedo jacket), bottle green pants

Candy Man - brightly coloured striped jacket, straw hat

Grandma Joesephina, Grandma Georgina, Grandpa

George, Grandpa Joe - neutral or striped

(grey/beige) nightgowns/shirts, night caps or mop caps, 1 tweed jacket/cap

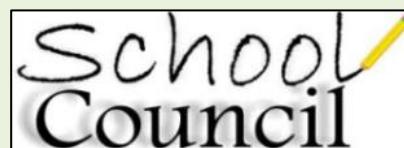
Augustus Gloop - lederhosen and beanie

Veruca Salt- faux pink fur jacket

Mike Teavee - cowboy vest and hat

Ms. Teavea - June Cleaver like dress

Oompa Loompas - 60 lab coats or overalls



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.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 10th at 6:30pm in the Library Learning Commons.

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

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

If you would like to see the most recent minutes, just check out the Facebook page or our website

<http://www.ugdsb.ca/aberfoyle/>

Thanks To All For Your Generous Terry Fox Donations



The Terry Fox Foundation recently sent an update about the total amount raised by the Aberfoyle School Community during our Terry Fox event last September. Collectively, we raised \$729.00! That is

great news. Money raised will allow the Foundation to support the work of the brightest researchers in Canada as we continue to combat cancer. Stay tuned in September for news about our Terry Fox Run / Walk 2018.

Metis Dot Art

Jennifer Parkinson visited Mr. Bertrand's Grade Six class sharing her wisdom and knowledge about Metis dot art.



Aberfoyle Yearbook is on Sale!

We are very excited to offer our 2017-2018 school yearbook. It is in full colour and includes all of the year's best memories. Our yearbook provider is Lifetouch.

- ✓ The yearbook will be available to order online from today until May 4, 2018. You can purchase them at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>.
- ✓ The yearbook is available in both soft and hard cover issues. There are only 50 hard cover books available to purchase, so please do not delay.
- ✓ Prices are in Canadian funds. Soft cover issues are \$25.00 and hard cover issues are \$35.00.
- ✓ Our school access code is: 13146018.
- ✓ Finally, the yearbooks will be delivered during the last week of school. Don't miss out on this wonderful keepsake of your yearbook at Aberfoyle Public School. Go online today!

Information from Public Health



March is Nutrition Month! Starting from a young age, inspiring children to shop, cook and prepare food can set them up for a lifetime of healthy eating. A great way to teach kids about food is to let them shop and cook with you. Kids are also much more likely to eat what they make, so cooking at home is a great tip if you have picky eaters.

Here are four tips to get your kids involved in cooking:

1. **Pick a recipe together:** Children need to be part of the plan from the beginning, and it helps if they prepare something that they love to eat. Shop for groceries together too!
2. **Keep it fun!** Imaginative play helps kids get deeply involved. Make a theme night or turn your kitchen into a restaurant or reality cooking show.
3. **Be a role model:** If you're excited, they will be too. Try a new food, describe the flavour and be adventurous to inspire your eaters to do the same. Get other members of the family involved.
4. **Be cool about the mess:** Spills and accidental messes happen, and it's important to remain calm about little mishaps. Keep kitchen towels handy for cleaning up spills.

For more information and fun healthy recipes, visit www.nutritionmonth2018.ca.

Intermediate Basketball Tournament a Success!



On February 22, our girls and boys intermediate basketball teams travelled to Centennial CVI to participate in a great day of competition and teamwork. Mr. Skeoch, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Walkling have all commented upon how well they represented Aberfoyle Public School. Both teams have progressed well in their skill development and the ability to work effectively together. In addition, they displayed ACE behaviour. Well done and thanks to the staff members who made this a possibility!

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.

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.

Monthly environmental activities to help celebrate our planet



March 24th is Earth Hour!

*This Earth Hour, help shine a light on climate change
Switch off your light and switch on your social power!*

**Join the global Movement!
Celebrate Earth Hour on March 24th at 8:30pm.**

Earth Hour's mission is uniting people to protect the planet by raising awareness of about climate change and encouraging positive action.

Earth Hour is more than an event. It is a movement that has achieved massive environmental impact, including legislation changes by harnessing the power of the crowd.

Ideas for your family to do for Earth Hour!

A simple event can be just turning off all non-essential lights on March 24th from 8:30-9:30 pm. For one hour, focus on your commitment to our planet. To celebrate, you can:

- prepare a candle lit dinner
- talk to your neighbours, or invite people over
- stargaze, or go camping in your backyard
- play board games, or charades
- host a concert, or a sing-a-long
- create or join your own community event
- have an Earth Hour every month!

The possibilities are endless!

(Select information taken from www.earthhour.org)



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:

Policy 517 – Service Dogs for Students

This policy is important to students, parents, staff, school councils, community partners and members of the local community because the use of a service dog by a student with a disability in the school requires the cooperation of the entire school community.

You are invited to review the draft documents and submit online feedback at

www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy. **The deadline for public input is March 29, 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: March Activity



Story Time (5 years and under)

Our Story Times are created to help your child get ready for reading. Share stories, songs, rhymes, and activities aimed at developing your child's early literacy skills. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate. Please register.

Thursdays, March 1, 8, 22 and 29, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Ukulele Boot Camp (Family)

Learn the basics of playing a ukulele and a song or two. Bring your own or play one of ours- we'll learn together. Uke can do it! Please register.

Saturday, March 10, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm or

Saturday, March 24, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Create With Paint (Grades JK – 6)

Swirl! Dab! Drip! Whatever your technique, join us to make masterpieces with paint. Please register.

Tuesday, March 13, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Magical Mr. Oh! (All Ages)

Family entertainer Owen Anderson presents a fun-filled magic show featuring funny magic tricks and loads of audience participation. Join us for magic, mirth, and mayhem! Please register.

Thursday, March 15, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Story Building (Grades JK – 6)

Bring your stories to life with games, crafts, and other activities designed to spark your imagination. Please register.

Friday, March 16, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm



Monica North-Gibbons, MLIS

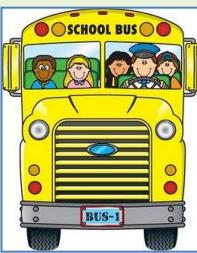
Branch Supervisor

Puslinch Branch – Wellington County Library

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School Bus Safety

Now that the weather has begun to change(again!) it is very important that the driver is allowed to focus on the job of driving children safely to and from school. Most children do sit very well and understand that if the driver is looking in the rear-view mirror to check on noise, he or she is not as focused on the road.



Waste Audit Completed!

Ms. Mullin's and Ms. Campbell's classes carried out a waste audit on February 27. The intent was to evaluate how well we are sorting items and to see how much waste we are generating on a typical day. Certainly one of the goals is to divert as much as possible away from landfill.

We use days like this to reinforce that we are able to take good care of our planet by being aware of how we deal with day-to-day waste reduction.

Thanks to the students and to Ms. Mullin and Ms. Campbell for making this exercise a possibility.



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 - MARCH 2018

March 1	Purim	Judaism
March 2	Holi*	Hinduism
March 8	International Women's and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace	United Nations
March 14	Sikh New Year	Sikhism
March 17	Saint Patrick's Day Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Christianity Hinduism
March 18	Hinduism New Year (Uganda)	Hinduism
March 20	Ostara/Lady's Day (Spring Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations
March 22	World Water Day	United Nations
March 30	Good Friday	Christianity
March 31- April 7	Pesach/Passover	Judaism
April 2	Easter Monday	Christianity

