

Aberfoyle P.S.—February 2012



"Where Children Come First"

Aberfoyle Public School Newsletter

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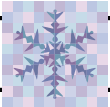
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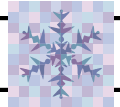
We are looking forward to the Read-A-Thon that School Council has spearheaded with the kick-off on January 31st. Organizers have done an incredible amount of work lining up authors, entertainers and community members and in obtaining items for prizes. It should be a very exciting day! Thank you School Council for your support in motivating our students to read!

Ms Rosairus is also motivating many students to read through our Forest of Reading. Many readers are in the library during recess conferencing and discussing the books they have read. We have 73 students enrolled to enjoy the festivities in Toronto at the end of the Forest of Reading Campaign.

Thank you Ms Partlow and Mrs. Hauwert for organizing the winter carnival. Although the weather didn't cooperate a lot of time and effort went into the organization. Instead we had an indoor colour activity and we can only hope that next year will bring us more cooperative winter weather!



INCLEMENT WEATHER



During inclement weather, if you hear on the radio the announcement "All school taxis and buses in **South Wellington and the City of Guelph** will not be operating today" then Aberfoyle's buses are cancelled and school is closed to students. During times of inclement weather, please listen to: either 1460 CJOY, 106.1 Magic FM, 900 AM CHML, 107.9 FM, 105.3 Kool FM, News Talk 570 AM, 96.7 FM, 1150 AM CKOC, or CKOC-TV. You could also check the board website (www.ugdsb.on.ca) by clicking on the yellow school bus on the home page. For further information on bus delays, click on the clock. Information is posted by 6:30am.



OUTDOOR RECESS



The weather has been fairly inconsistent this year and we never know when it will snow, be cold or wet. Please remember to assist your child in wearing the proper clothing to school. Running shoes are not warm enough when worn outside for 40 minutes. All students are expected to participate in outdoor recess, as this important, active break aids concentration and success in the classroom.

To help ensure the safety of all students, please remind your child(ren) that snowball throwing and sliding on ice is not allowed at school.

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Registration for all new junior and senior kindergarten students starting school in September 2012 will take place the week of February 6-10th. If you know of anyone who was born in 2007 or 2008 please encourage them to register. We need to know our kindergarten numbers in February in order to effectively assign teachers to classrooms in September. The date for the Annual Kindergarten Ride Program is Tuesday, August 28, 2012. More information will be available in June.



READ-A-THON



Are you excited to read with your child? Do they have a goal in mind about how many books they can read in a month? We are excited about encouraging reading here at school. The kick off for our Read-A-Thon will be January 31st. Not only do we have some great entertainers/authors to get us started we also have some community members who will read or talk with students. Each class will have the opportunity to hear 3 or 4 different community members.



DESCRIPTIVE FEEDBACK



Our staff continues to be focused on providing immediate feedback to our students. This is a shift in thinking about assessing student work. Research has shown that feedback is most valuable when given as constructive comments that provide information about what the learner did and what they could do next time. Simply showing a child a mark or grade (eg. 3/5 or C+) will not improve their learning. Learners need to hear specifics on what they did well and what they need to do in order to improve. Throughout the learning and assessment process, teachers are asking: Where is the learner now? Where is the learner going? What does the learner need to get there? (Growing Success, 2010.) These questions and providing immediate feedback are asking students to think critically about what they are doing.

You can view a short video clip to explain the importance of immediate feedback @ <http://db.tt/6VLd6Rp>

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to all members of our junior boys' and girls' volleyball teams. Our players enjoyed challenging games at the inter-school tournament for B Division on Thursday, January 19th. Both teams worked hard in their practices and represented the school well at the tournament. Our girls' team placed 3rd overall and our boys' team tied for 4th. We wish to thank our parent volunteer drivers and the boys' wish to thank Mrs. Shantz for helping to coach.

Upper Grand recognizes February as Black History month

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FRONT PAVEMENT



Please help us keep our playground safe by not driving onto the playground during school hours (8:15-3:15). If you need to pick up or drop off your child please park on the roadway and not drive up to our doors. We would like to encourage this for the safety of all students.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Please call the office (519-763-7040 ext.100) before 8:15 am if your child is going to be absent or late. The voice mail can take your messages 24 hours a day. Please supply us with the student name(s), class(es) and reason(s) for absence/lateness. If we do not have a call, note, or message from a parent or guardian concerning the absence/lateness, then phone calls have to be made until an adult is reached.

If your child is not taking the bus to school please ensure you have child here on time by 8:25 am, as class starts at 8:30 am. Students entering late disrupt the classroom routine and lessons that are in progress.

ACT OF KINDNESS WEEK

During the week of Feb.13th to Feb.17th students will participate in 'Kindness Week', in coordination with 'The Me to We' group. We will be collecting for organizations that are in need of a variety of items. The items will be sent to Chalmers Community Services, 40 Baker St., Guelph General Pediatrics Ward, The Drop in Centre and the Guelph Food Bank. It is our hope that you will help us with the following donations of:

White & Pink group— toothpaste/brushes and floss
 Orange & Blue group— soap, deodorant, shampoo, wash-cloths
 Green & Purple group— socks, mittens, gloves and hats
 Red & Yellow group—pencil crayons, crayons, colouring books
 All Colours— food bank supplies— tuna, peanut butter ce-real, soup, rice etc.

FAMILY DAY

Monday, February 20, 2012.

The Upper Grand District School Board will be observing Family Day on February 20th. Aberfoyle Public School will be closed. Enjoy the day with your family!

Upcoming Events



February	Event
Jan 31	Read-A-Thon Kick-Off
Feb 1	Alt K Read-A-Thon Kick-Off
Feb 2	Intermediate Basketball
Feb 6-10	JK-SK Registration
Feb 7	School Council 6:45pm
Feb 9	Report Cards Home
Feb 16	Cross-Country Skiing Gr. 8
Feb 17	Intermediate Dance
Feb 20	Family Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Feb 21	Colour Group
Feb 23	Cross-Country Skiing Gr. 7
Feb 27	KA/KC Grad Photos
Feb 28	Gr. 8 and KB Grad Photos
Feb 29	Pink Shirt Day