



# Aberfoyle

## Public School

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Dear A.C.E. Families,

Another year has passed and a new one is in the offing. Welcome to 2017! In this newsletter you will see some of the many activities and accomplishments enjoyed by your children. In addition you will also see some of the activities available during the December break. Enjoy!

All the best,

Paul Tribe, Acting Principal

### Safe Arrival Reminder

If your child is going to be late or absent, please call the school at [519-763-7040](tel: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.

Thanks very much!

### 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.**

### PA Days 2016-2017

Please note for babysitting purposes that there is no school for students on the following days:

- January 27th,
- April 28th,
- June 9<sup>th</sup>, and
- June 30th.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY	EVENT
09	<b><i>Welcome Back to the First School Day in 2017!</i></b>
11	6:30 PM School Council
13	10:10 AM – DASH
17	Beach Day!
20	Intermediate Ski Trip
23	Colour Day
27	PD Day – No classes for children today.

### Get ready!

#### Kindergarten Registration is from January 9-26

Kindergarten Registration is from January 9 to 26, 2017, at all elementary schools in the UGDSB.

Parents and guardians may register their child at their local school from Monday to Friday during regular school hours (stat holidays excluded).

If you are unable to attend registration during the day, evening sessions will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- January 11, Parkinson Centennial PS (Orangeville)
- January 16, Harris Mill PS (Rockwood)
- January 19, Westwood PS (Guelph)
- January 19, Centennial Hyland ES (Shelburne)

- January 24, Arthur PS (Arthur)
- January 25, William C. Winegard PS (Guelph)

Please bring the following documents to registration:

1. Birth certificate or Immigration papers
2. Immunization Record card
3. Proof of address (e.g. driver's license)

Anyone wishing to enrol their child in French Immersion (FI) should be aware that the Junior Kindergarten FI registration and selection process has changed. For more information, please visit [www.ugdsb.on.ca/jkfi](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/jkfi). For more information on Kindergarten Registration in general, please go to [www.ugdsb.on.ca/jkregistration](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/jkregistration).

### **Before and After School Survey**

Another important piece is the Before and After School Program surveys. These are very important to fill out if you might be in need of child care. The purpose of this survey is to determine viability of such programs in our schools.

Completion of this survey does not guarantee space in a Before/After School program or place your child's name on a wait list. If sufficient interest exists within a school community, UGDSB will engage childcare providers to offer this service.

\*\*\* Programs being offered for 2017/2018 school year will be posted on the board website by May 1st, 2017.

Please contact operators directly to check for availability or to register your child/ren.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

### **Important changes to Junior Kindergarten French Immersion registration and selection process**

The Junior Kindergarten registration process for the upcoming 2017-18 school year has changed, including changes to how students register and are selected for the UGDSB French Immersion program.

Every UGDSB school that offers FI at the JK level will have a cap on the number of students who can enrol in FI, starting Sept. 2017. JK is the only access point to FI as of Sept. 2017. Parents and guardians must register their

children in FI between Jan. 9 and Jan. 26, 2016 for their application to be considered 'on-time.' Please note that registration will take place in person, and that registration is NOT prioritized on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information on JK registration and the FI registration and selection process, please visit [www.ugdsb.on.ca/jkfi](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/jkfi)

### **Volunteers are Awesome!**



Aberfoyle considers its parent and community volunteers a special resource. Parents and community members are encouraged to help in the classroom, on school trips, assist in the library or with extra-curricular activities and to participate on School Council. Being a volunteer is a wonderful way of participating in your child's education! Contact your child's teacher to find out how you can help.

### **Reading Tutor Volunteers Needed**



If you would like to help with this program, realize you will be making a huge difference in a child's life. We are looking for moms, dads, uncles, grandparents and others to help support more than 70 children. Give us a call!

### **Medical Concerns**

If your child has a serious medical condition, please contact the child's teacher and the office. We need to be provided with up-to-date information and medication. A Life Threatening Management Form must be completed by the parent and the doctor. This information will be kept on file and shared so that all staff will be knowledgeable of emergency procedures. Parents should administer medication at home whenever possible. When medication must be administered by school personnel, it will be kept in the office. Non-prescription oral medication as well as prescription medication requires the completion of an authorization form before medication can be administered. This form is available at the school office.

## 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 peanuts and nuts. 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!

## Y Activities for PA Days 2016/17

Check out these links for terrific things to do at the Y and Puslinch Centre. They have attached what the YMCA currently has on their website regarding their sign up brochure for camp and also their link to their website.

<http://www.guelph.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/PD-Day-and-School-Break-Camp-2016-2017-FINAL.pdf>

<http://www.guelph.org/camp/pd-day-camps/>



Thank you so very much for signing on to this new approach to handling money in our school. Ms. Warden has been working very hard to help you through the inevitable issues that do crop up when starting a new process.

We are pleased to note that as of Monday, January 9, that 86% of our school populations has signed up. This is wonderful!

1. If you have not yet had an opportunity get involved, just do the following: Register by going to [ugdsb.schoolcashonline](http://ugdsb.schoolcashonline) and select "Get Started Today". Complete the three registration steps, remembering to make the password 8 characters, which includes one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.
2. A registration email will be sent to you. Click on the link inside the email that confirms both your email and School Cash Online account. This link will open the site and prompt you to sign into your account. You use your email address and the password you just created.
3. This next "Find Student" step will connect your children to your account. You enter the School Board name, the school name and your child's name and birth date. Leave student number BLANK. Then select "Continue". On the next page confirm you are related and select "Continue". Your child will have then been added to your Account.
4. If you have more children, just follow the above steps after selecting "Add Another Student". Five children can be added to one account. After all are added, select "View Items for Students". A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Thanks again for your part in reducing the handling of cash in our school!



### **Babysitting Course Ages 11+ - 9-4:30 pm 1 Day**

This **Canadian Red Cross course** targets youth aged 11 years of age & up who are planning to start babysitting. Learn basic first aid and how to respond to emergency situations, basic baby and childcare and advice on becoming a responsible babysitter. Develop confidence, create a safe environment and find out tips for getting babysitting jobs.

Upon completion of the course, students are given a Red Cross Babysitter's participatory certificate. Must be 11 years old within 2 months of course date.

#### **\* are PD Days or Holidays.**

- Friday, January 6/17
- \*Friday, January 27/17
- \*Friday, March 17/17
- \*Friday, April 28/17
- Saturday, May 6/17
- \* Friday, June 9/17
- Friday, July 7/17



Wellington Centre for Continuing Education  
1428 Gordon Street  
Fee: \$60

### **Home Alone Ages 10-12**

- Monday January 30, 4:30-6pm, 2 Wks
- Thursday March 16, 9-1pm, 1 Day
- Monday, May 1, 4:30-6pm, 2 Wks

Wellington Centre for Continuing Education  
1428 Gordon Street  
Fee: \$35

To register online, go to:

<http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/coned> or

<http://www.learningforyou.ca>

Call: 519-836-7280



### **Donate to Free to Achieve!**

Please consider making a donation to the Upper Grand Learning Foundation **Free to Achieve Fund**. Funds provide for student needs such as winter coats and boots, running shoes, eye glasses, hearing aids, field trips and programs that are outside of school hours.

You can also direct your donation to Aberfoyle Public School and specify to what programs within the school you would like to assign the benefit. Tax Receipts are provided for donations of \$20 or more.

For more information visit the [UGLF website](http://www.uppergrandlearningfoundation.com) at [www.uppergrandlearningfoundation.com](http://www.uppergrandlearningfoundation.com)

### **Aberfoyle Public School has a New Address!**

Canada Post has recently changed the school address to the following:

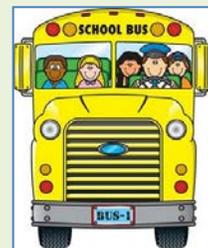
Aberfoyle Public School,  
16 Old Brock Road,  
PUSLINCH, ON NOB 2J0



The phone number remains unchanged, 519-763-7040.

### **School Bus Safety**

Now that the weather has begun to change 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.



## Creations!

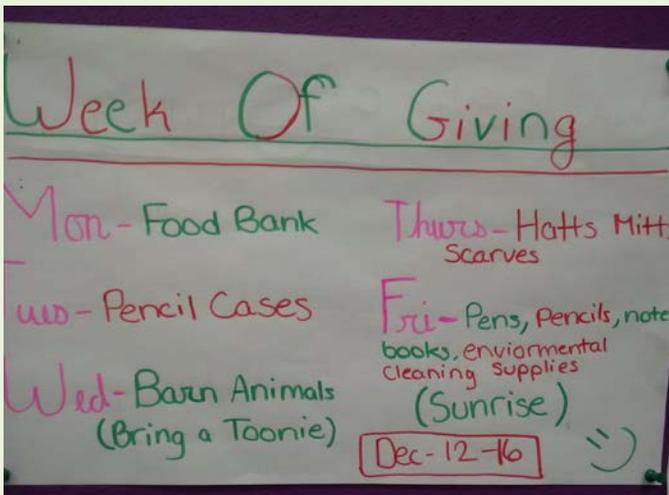
December was a most enjoyable month of creating, learning and giving to others.



Not only were children painting and riding in their creations, they decorated their classrooms, participated in Santa's Workshop and even more.

## A Week of Giving!

Children and families brought in items that would help children keep warm.



As I have mentioned in the past, children belong to very important organizations; Community Builders and Me2We that support understanding each other and the world around them. What is so impressive is that they also understand that they can make a difference in many people's lives by acting upon initiatives. Very quickly, it became clear that this community believes in supporting each other. Bins destined for the food bank filled, the tree became overflowing with winter hats,

mitten and scarves, school equipment arrived and money was collected for farm animals far in excess of what was expected.



Thank you so very much for supporting their efforts and a vote of gratitude also goes to the staff who encourage this development of a population of world citizens.

## Bollywood!

Our students had the benefit of being taught how to dance Bollywood-style, thanks to Suneetha Kalyanaraman. As you can tell, everyone had a great time along with learning some excellent new steps.





Here is the link to our Aberfoyle Public School Facebook group. It will give you access to what is happening with our School Council.

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

As is usual, we had an excellent meeting on January 10. The next one will be on **Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 PM**. We would love to see you. Come out and get to know an excellent group of people making a difference in their school.

### **Snow is Here!**

As you can imagine, we do remind children to 'dress for the weather' now that snow has officially visited the yard. It becomes increasingly important to wear warm enough clothes in order to allow them to fully enjoy the benefits of winter.



### **Zumba!**

You will have heard about Mrs. Hauwert leading your children in this energetic activity. Students (and adults) need to follow her moves and keep time to the music. It is fun!

