



Bienvenue/ Welcome Package

On behalf of the Parent Outreach Committee, bienvenue a l'École Arbour Vista (EAV)! We hope this Welcome Package assists you with your family's transition into school life at EAV. This package contains useful information to help prepare for the school year ahead.

If you have any questions, please contact us at arbourvista.ps@ugdsb.on.ca.

School Day Schedule

8:00 - 8:20	Supervised yard duty
8:20	Start of day bell
8:20 - 10:00	Instructional block #1
10:00 - 10:15	Recess break
10:15 - 10:45	Snack
10:45 - 12:25	Instructional block #2
12:25 - 12:50	Recess break
12:50 - 1:10	Lunch
1:10 - 2:50	Instructional block #3
2:50	End of day bell
2:50 - 3:05	Supervised yard duty

Extended Day Program

EAV offers an on-site extended day program (before & after school care).

Provider

Montessori School of Wellington

Contact

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Hours

Before school: 7:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.
After school: 2:50 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Student Pick-up and Drop-off Areas

Please use designated pick-up and drop-off zones. There are 2 zones at the school:

1. Parking lot behind the school, off McCann Street. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE KISS AND RIDE DROP OFF AREA.**
2. In front of the school on Zaduk Place (5 minute parking)

Food Programs

Milk - 2% white or chocolate milk offered daily, served during the 2nd nutrition (lunch) break

Booster Juice - Offered weekly on Wednesdays, served during 1st nutrition break

Pizza - Cheese or pepperoni pizza slices from Toppers Pizza offered weekly on the last day of week

Allergies

School and school-related activities are nut-free environments.

No peanuts, tree nuts, nut spreads (including spreads resembling nut butter, i.e. WOW butter).

Teachers will inform you of any other allergies within the class that you need to be aware of.

Electronics

It is strongly suggested that parents/students make a cooperative decision about their child(ren) bringing items of value to school. These items are attractive and the school will not accept responsibility for their safety.

Quick Links

École Arbour Vista Public School	www.ugdsb.on.ca/arbournvita/	Subscribe for automatic email updates!
UGDSB school year calendar	www.ugdsb.on.ca/article.aspx?id=2962	School year calendar, highlighting holidays, PA days and PD days
School bus information	www.stwdsts.ca	Bussing information website
School Cash Online	www.schoolcashionline.com	Online payment system offered by UGDSB, register for future use
Lunch orders	www.lunchboxorders.com	Online ordering for pizza and Booster Juice
Twitter	@ArbourVista	Provides quick school activity updates

Important Dates/Events

Teddy Bear Picnic	August 31, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m.
Bussing Information	Sent to each family from the Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation Services in mid-to-late August
Staggered entry dates for JKs	Included with the Teddy Bear Picnic invitations, mailed in early August
Welcome / Bienvenue BBQ / Open House	September 29, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.
Spirit Wear	Open House will display samples (orders due shortly thereafter)
School Council meetings	Beginning in late September (Future dates decided upon at the first meeting)
PA days	Click here for the school calendar
School photos	Date TBA

Parents /Caregivers as Partners

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are greatly appreciated and help enrich our students' learning environment.

Volunteers must fill out a volunteer form and complete a free police check every school year. Volunteer forms can be picked up in the school office.

Volunteer information sheets are also available for parents, guardians and community members to highlight their skills and talents. Teachers may access this information if they are looking for a specific skill, knowledge base or talent to enrich their learning environment.

Potential parent volunteer opportunities

- School Council
- Fundraising/ School Ground Greening/ Parent Outreach Committee
- Before-school Kindergarten yard supervisor (8:00 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.)
- Field trip supervisors
- Classroom visitors (career days, etc.)

Potential student involvement opportunities

- Numerous sports teams and clubs, Bus Patroller, Milk distributor, Student secretary, choir, band etc.

School Council

The purpose of the School Council is, “through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.”

School councils meet approximately once a month and are responsible for:

- Sharing information and seeking input on matters the School Council is discussing.
- Providing advice to the principal and school board on issues such as school year calendars, strategies to improve school performance, codes of conduct and dress, curriculum priorities, safe arrival programs, community use of schools and community programs provided at the school, selection criteria for principals and board policies that will affect the school.
- Many school councils are also actively involved in organizing social events for the school community and fundraising events.

Council meetings are open to everyone in the community, so you do not have to be a member to attend. It is a great way to keep up with what is happening in the school. You can also contact the School Council if you have questions about how to get involved at the school or if you are looking for information from a parent perspective.

The Ministry of Education has developed a [guide](#) to assist school councils with their work.

We hope to see you at the school!!