

## October 2021 EAVPS



Friday, October 8th	Picture Day
Monday, October 11	Thanksgiving Holiday No School
October 12-15	Grade 3&4 write CCAT
Tuesday, October 12	Gr. 7 & 8 vaccinations
Friday, October 15	Hat Day
Tuesday, October 19	IEPs go home
Thursday, October 21	ECE Appreciation Day
Friday, October 22	Comfy Clothes Day
Monday, October 25	IB presentations for grade 8s
Thursday, October 28	Wear Orange and Black Day
Friday, October 29	PD Day No School for students
November 1-5	Treaty Recognition Week
Tuesday, November 2	Toonie Day
Wednesday, November 3	Grade 8 Tech Day at JF Ross
Friday, November 5	Sports Day

As many of you know, we have had our reorganization, which went as smoothly as can be expected. Things are now settling into a routine with lots of good learning happening in our classrooms. Below are some highlights, events and reminders for the month of October.

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**Tremendous Thank You** to our Arbour Vista Community for raising funds for cancer research on Terry Fox Day. We raised almost \$2000!!!! Way to go!

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**Arbour Vista's 8th Annual Food Drive** starts next week! Our goal is to collect 2500 non-perishable items to support our local Guelph Food Bank. Each week there will be a special theme day to encourage participation. Please see the Spirit Days highlighted in green above.

**Guelph Food Bank Most Needed Items:**

Canned meats, Cheese Spread, Canned fruit, canned vegetables, stews and soups, mac & cheese, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, cereal, dry pasta, rice, juice, coffee, tea, adult and children's toiletries, baby formula, baby foods, pull-ups, special diet foods: diabetic, low sodium, gluten free, Boost and Ensure.

Due to allergies, we respectfully request that peanut butter not come to school.

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Please take a moment to peruse the [school website](#) on the Resources page with updates on Code of Conduct, Dress Code and Parking Map.

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### Communication With Your Child's Teacher

As a reminder, please note that communication with your child's teacher is facilitated through Google Classroom. Each teacher has access to a Google Classroom (the same platform used during last spring's Distance Learning) for home/school communication. The Google Classroom replaces the traditional school agenda, commonly used by teachers and parents for communication purposes.

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### 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. Thank you for your understanding in ensuring an allergy-safe environment for all of our students.

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### Kiss and Ride Area of the Staff Parking Lot

Parents are reminded not to park in the kiss and ride area of the staff parking lot. **PLEASE RESPECT THE POSTED SIGNS ON THE SIDEWALK.** This area is designed for parents to drop their child(ren) off and then vacate the area. This year, there is more traffic in this area. Please respect the expectations associated with the Kiss and Ride area and do not park there. This will help to ensure the safety of our students, your children, and allow for the free flow of traffic. Please do not drop students off in the bus loop at our front door. No vehicles are permitted there at any time. We have students walking there as well as buses.

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### Late Arrivals

**We need your help!** We have had quite a number of students arriving at school after the bell. It is quite disruptive to everyone when students arrive late. Of course, we understand that sometimes things just can't be helped, but we are encountering upwards of 25-30 students late every morning. When students arrive on time, it sends an important message to them that

school is important, being on time is important and respectful to others in the building. We thank you in advance for your anticipated support with this.

Should your child arrive late, they must sign in at the office and get a late slip before proceeding to their classroom. Late arrivals and absences are tracked in our computer system and are reported on the Report Cards. This is a ministry requirement.

Likewise, if parents need to pick up their child early, please let us know in advance and we will have them ready at the requested time. Again, children being picked up early need to be signed out at the Office.

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### October 28

UGDSB is focusing on Equity and Inclusion when planning activities, such as spirit days in our schools. Lenses to Consider: Race, Socio-Economics, Social, Cultural, Mental Health, Gender Identity, Ableism, Religion, Creed & Sexuality. Our Parent Council had approved a Black and Orange Day instead of costumes to respect the Equity and Inclusion initiatives. Halloween is a day that is not observed by all students or staff. With this in mind, it is considered a choice to participate, as are all spirit days. Alternate and supportive accommodations are always provided for students. With this in mind, we strongly encourage our students to wear black and orange on October 28, if they wish to participate. They can also wear our school colours, which are green and black. Should you wish to send your child to school in a costume, please be mindful to avoid using identities and cultures as costumes. This includes appropriative costumes/cultural stereotypes (i.e. cultural garments), black/brown face, transphobic costumes (i.e. man dressed as a woman), body-shaming and objectifying costumes, and costumes that joke about situations that have caused harm (i.e. COVID pandemic). Such costumes perpetuate stereotypes and can cause harm that can further marginalize and oppress community members.

If students wear inappropriate costumes, they will be asked to remove them.

<b>Costume DO's</b>	<b>Costume DON'Ts</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- follow our school code of conduct found on our website</li><li>- wear black and orange</li><li>- appropriate for school</li><li>- dress up as a character from your favourite book or movie</li><li>- use makeup or face paint</li><li>- make sure you can get your costume on independently</li><li>- check that your costume is safe (i.e. not too long)</li><li>- be creative!</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- no costumes that are representative of another culture, religious beliefs, or gender, socioeconomic status</li><li>- any costume related to COVID</li><li>- no dress up masks</li><li>- no toy replica weapons</li><li>- no props</li><li>- no violent references</li><li>- costume contact lenses</li></ul>

Please note that our younger students may be sensitive to scary images.

If students dress up, they will wear costumes all day (this will assist with distancing as often younger students require a significant amount of help)

Accessories are to stay home

**Please understand that we will not have classroom parties where food is brought in from families. Please do not send in any candy or treats for students in your child's class. Students still need to wear their COVID mask.**

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### Video Surveillance

This is a reminder that École Arbour Vista, similar to all schools in the UGDSB, is outfitted with video surveillance cameras, both inside and outside the building. The purpose of the video surveillance cameras is to ensure student/staff safety, and to help reduce vandalism at UGDSB schools. School administration must follow the UGDSB's video surveillance policy, which can be viewed here: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy/policy-203-video-surveillance/> Signage is posted on the outside of the school noting that video cameras are active.

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