

October 2022 EAVPS Newsletter

Wednesday, October 5th	World Teacher's Day
Thursday, October 6th	Picture Day
Monday, October 10th	Thanksgiving Holiday No School
October 11-14	Grade 3s write CCAT
Thursday, October 13th	Jr. Cross-Country Meet
Tuesday, October 18th	IEPs go home
	ECE Appreciation Day
Monday, November 17th	IB Information Night at GCVI in the auditorium
Monday, October 24th	PD Day NO School for students
Tuesday, October 25th	Grades 5 & 6 to River Run
Wednesday, October 26th	Virtual IB presentation to Intermediate students
Thursday, October 27th	Junior and Intermediate Soccer Tournaments
Friday, October 28th	Wear Comfy Clothing Day
Monday, October 31	Wear Orange and Black Day



In addition to the above information October is also a month to raise awareness and to honour several important things. Please take the time to read the following information.

October is:

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Islamic Heritage Month - a time to honour and reflect on the contributions of Muslim Canadians and learn about the history of Islam in Canada. Muslims are a diverse group of people who follow Islam, one of the largest and most widespread religions in the world. They have been a part of Canada's history since the 1850s, before Confederation. Today, Islam is the second-largest religion in Canada.

While this month is a time for learning and celebration, it also presents an opportunity to reflect on the issues that Muslims face in Canada and around the world.

Canadian Autism Awareness Month

The month of October is Canadian Autism Awareness Month. Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave. Autism Awareness Month provides Canadians with the opportunity to learn more about this condition and about how we can support people living with autism, their families and their caregivers. It is estimated that 1 in 66 children and youth has been diagnosed with autism in Canada, yet [Autism Spectrum Disorder](#) (ASD) is a condition that remains misunderstood by many people.

Women's History Month

Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society

Learning Disabilities Awareness Month

October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month in Canada. It is recognized in order to reduce the stigma surrounding learning disabilities in children and adults. It is a month to learn more about the challenges that individuals with learning disabilities face and to consider what kind of support your organization can offer.

International Walk to School Month

International Walk to School Month (IWALK) is an annual celebration across the world for active school travel. It is also something that is so good for our bodies AND the environment. Win/Win!

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.

École Arbour Vista Public School's 9th Annual Food Drive

Arbour Vista's 9th annual food drive starts next week!

There will be a couple of special theme days to encourage participation.

Thursday, October 20 - Intermediate Students/Staff Football game

Friday, October 28 - Comfy Clothing Day

Monday, October 31- Wear Orange & Black, School Colours Day or Costumes Day

Guelph Food Bank – Most Needed Items: Canned Meats (e.g., Tuna/Ham/Chicken), Cheese Spread, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Stew & Soups, Mac & Cheese, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Dry Pasta, Rice, Juice, Coffee, Tea, Adult & Children's Toiletries, Baby Formula, Baby Foods, Girls & Boys Pull-ups. Special Diet Foods (e.g., Diabetic Products, Low Salt/Wheat Free Products, Boost or Ensure)

Due to potential allergies, we respectfully request that peanut butter or any other items containing nuts or nut products not come to school.

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.

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.

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.

October 31

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. As a school we would like to model inclusion and respect. 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. Students may choose to wear their regular clothes, they may choose to wear orange and black, they may choose to wear our school colours, which are green and black, or they may choose to wear a costume. 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.

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

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

If students dress up, they will wear costumes all day unless they are able to manage them by themselves. Accessories are to please stay home. Also, due to a variety of allergies in the school and the fact that we are entering flu season, please refrain from sending food items to be shared at school. Pre-packaged items are OK. If you wish to send a "treat", please consider making it a non-food kind.

Mabel's Labels

Our school has an account with Mabel's Labels. We receive 20% back in commission from any labels that parents purchase. They get shipped directly to parents. Parents will need to visit <https://mabelslabels.ca/> and click "SUPPORT A FUNDRAISER". Then type in École Arbour Vista and our school will pop up.



Free Gift Card Fundraising Program in Canada - FundScrip

FundScrip is a free Canadian gift card fundraising program for your school, church, sports team, club, or non-profit. Raise funds using gift cards instead of selling products.

www.fundscrip.com

Fundscrip is an online platform where you can purchase gift cards to make everyday purchases. Gift cards purchased on the website give Arbour Vista a commission, helping us to raise funds for school initiatives and special events. Simply visit the website <https://www.fundscrip.com/> and click "SUPPORT A GROUP" in the top right hand corner. Next, enter code **26B3VS**

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.

Dance Ed

We have booked the dynamic team of Dance Ed once again this year. Last year, they were one of the year's highlights. Dance Ed will be teaching our students a dance (Nov. 15-Dec. 1), one class at a time, of course. This is a fun opportunity for the students to learn dance, exercise and have some fun. We are hoping that our students will be able to showcase their dance in person at an evening performance, if possible. More information will be coming.

Hot Lunch Programs

We have decided to make some changes this year. Although it was originally advertised that the Hot Lunch program orders would be able to start in September, because we needed to switch vendors, things got a little delayed and also there are some changes.

We will now only be offering pizza on Wednesdays and Fridays. The other choices did not generate sufficient interest. You will have received a notification of order on SchoolCashonline. We will do 3 phases of pizza orders. From now until winter break, 2nd one until March break

and 3rd one until end of June. You will not be able to order pizza without the SchoolCash Online account. If you created one in the past few years, you will not need a new one, but if you have never signed up, you can do so [here](#).