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## Message from the Admin Team



It is hard to believe, but June is just around the corner. The end of the school year will be here before you know it. Classes are beginning to plan fun year-end activities to celebrate this accomplishment.

We recognize that this has been a difficult year for many of our students and their families. We know there have been many challenges throughout this stage of the pandemic and we realize that many families were directly impacted by COVID over these past few months. We are also seeing the impact that self-isolating and learning model changes have had on our students and their well-being. We continue to support them and guide them with their social interactions and encourage them to always make good choices at school. We need to congratulate them on their resiliency and perseverance. This is the first time since 2019 where we have been able to attend school in-person for April, May and June. We know this “extended” year has been hard for many of our students, but we are grateful that things are slowly returning back to our pre-pandemic “normal”.

At this point in time, we'd also like to thank our parents for their ongoing support. We appreciate

the many ways that you have assisted your child with their learning.

Don't forget that this Friday is a PD Day. There is no school for the students. Staff will be busy marking and assessing assignments for final report cards. There are only 21 more school days left of this year!

Mrs. Squire and Mrs. DeVooght

## Kindergarten Open House

We would like to invite all new JK and SK students and their parents to an



open house on Tuesday, June 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the school library. During this time, families will learn a bit about the kindergarten program, meet some of the kindergarten staff and tour around our kindergarten classrooms. The program will run til approximately 10:30 am. If you know of anyone who has a child who will be 4 or 5 years of age by December 31, 2022, then they are eligible to attend school and are welcome to come and see what it is all about. We are so excited to be able to offer this in-person experience again. Please spread the word to families with new kindergarten students!

## Strong Start



Next year we would like to offer the Strong Start Reading program to our students. This is a program where students in SK-

Grade 2 receive extra support on their literacy skill development. The support is provided by volunteers from our community (e.g., parents, grandparents). We are currently looking for volunteers who are willing to be trained in the fall and can commit to coming into the school for a minimum of 30 minutes a week for 10 weeks. Volunteers will work one-on-one with a child playing games to develop the child's literacy skills. All games and materials are provided. Volunteers would be required to attend two, 2 hour training sessions. If you would like to volunteer for this program, please contact Mrs. Squire. More information about the program is available at [www.strongstart.ca](http://www.strongstart.ca).

## Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them at school during the warmer weather. These can be refilled at our water bottle filling stations. Our fountains continue to be turned off at this time, so it will be important for students to use their own bottles to stay hydrated.



## Before and After School Program

Unfortunately, we have heard that the Crouch program will not be running after school next year. We know that many parents have expressed an interest in child care for before and after school, so we are partnering with LCC (London Children's Connection) to offer this program for the fall. The LCC program will run as early as 7:30 a.m. in the morning until school starts at 9:00 a.m. and again after school from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. While there is a fee for this program, there are subsidies available (and some families may not be required to pay at all depending on income). In order to move forward with this program, we will need to have a minimum number of children enroll in the program. Please see the attachment below with information on how you can register or find out more about this opportunity. Register early!

London Children's Connection will be offering  
**a Before and After School Program**  
at Aberdeen, starting in September of 2022!

Licensed by the Ministry of Education  
Children experience a fun and safe place to build friendships, engage in outdoor and indoor activities, enjoy healthy snacks, and so much more.

**Hours of Operation**  
**Before school:**  
7:30 am until school start  
**After school:**  
school dismissal until 6:00 pm

**Registration**  
If you will require before and after school care, make sure to request the care through the One List. Visit [www.familyinfo.ca/waitlist](http://www.familyinfo.ca/waitlist) for details.

Looking for employment opportunities working with children? Visit [lcc.on.ca/careers](http://lcc.on.ca/careers).



## Graduation

On Thursday, June 23, we will be hosting our grade 8 graduation at Aberdeen. Students will need to be at school for first block for our rehearsal and then may be excused at 10:40 with parent permission to get ready for their big day. All graduates will need to be back at the school at 5:30 for a group photo at the front of the school. Graduates will have dinner in our school library and then parents and other family members are welcome to join us in the gym at 6:30 for the official ceremony. There will be refreshments served for all guests at the end of the ceremony. We look forward to honouring and celebrating our graduating students.



## Freezie Sales

Thank you to all of the families who supported our Friday freezie fundraiser for our graduating class. We truly appreciate your support. Since Freezie Fridays were such a big hit with our students we are going to offer two more of them on June 10 and 17. Don't forget your toonies!

## Bunny Fundraiser

Last month, we raised just over \$508 with our Giant Chocolate Bunny Fundraiser. The money was spent to purchase games and activities for our students to use at recess times. Here are some of the items that were purchased. We are just waiting on our shipment of new balls for our student to use outdoors at recess times.

## Tutoring Program

Recently, we received some additional funding from the government to offer a tutoring program for some of our students after school. This program offers intensive support to help fill learning gaps that have occurred due to the disruptions in learning caused by the COVID pandemic. Many thanks to Mr. Gardiner, Ms. Pyka, Ms. Shyu and Ms. Grant for all of their hard work in putting this program together for helping our students improve their skills in literacy and numeracy.



## Scent- Free Environment



Due to allergies and sensitivities, students are reminded to keep our school scent-free. Body sprays, colognes and perfumes should not be worn at school.

## Important Dates

June is just around the corner. Here are some upcoming dates to make note of:

**June 3-** PD DAY (No school for students)



**June 6-** We Remember  
#OurLondonFamily Day

**June 7-** 9:00-10:30- Kindergarten open house for new students

**June 8-** Superintendent Sheila Builder visits Aberdeen

**June 9-** EQAO pizza party for Gr. 5/6, 6/7

**June 10-** 9:15- School Council meeting (All parents welcome)



**June 10** 10:00 (approx.). Gr. 6/7, 7/8 to Pearson School of the Arts for Performance

**June 10-** Freezies for sale

**June 14-** Gr. 4/5 Special Activity

**June 15-** Arrival of MacMillan Fundraising Products (to be sent home with students at the end of the day)

**June 17-** Freezies for sale

**June 20-** Primary Year End trip to Children's Museum

**June 21-** Aberdeen's Got Talent- Talent Show during middle block



**June 21-** National Indigenous Peoples Day

**June 22-** 10:00- Gr. 5/6, 6/7, 7/8 to Palasad for Year End Trip

**June 23-** Grade 8 Graduation

**June 24-** Kindergarten trip to Kustermans

**June 27-** Special event (more info to come)

**June 28-** Special event (more info to come)

**June 29-** Last Day for Students



## Home Connections in Mathematics

### Math Trail!



Now that the warm weather is here, it is a great time to go for a walk or a bike ride and explore the environment around you. While exploring, stop at different spots and find the math along the way. Get outside and enjoy some physical activity, cooperate, and learn in a fun way that helps students see how math is everywhere around them. Try these activities to get you started!

#### Activities



Estimate how many hands tall a fence is. Now measure how many hands. Do you get a different number with kid hands and adult hands? Why are these numbers different?



Run and JUMP! Who jumped the farthest/shortest?



Look for shapes- how many different shapes can you find on your walk? Name them, talk about what makes a triangle a triangle, for example.



Make a collection of sticks from the yard. Order the sticks from shortest to longest. Can you find a stick that is half the size of another stick? How do you know it's half?



Can you find 6 different rectangles?  
How many sides does a stop sign have?  
What about a yield sign?



How many steps does it take to walk around the playground?



Find 5 rocks and line them up in order from lightest to heaviest.



Time how long it takes to run from lamp post to lamp post.

How many times can you go down the slide in 1 minute?

Math is all around us so get out and explore!

