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Message from the Admin Team



We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing March Break! Spring is here (even though there is still snow on the ground) and we know that these next few months of school will go by very quickly!

We are anticipating many changes as we move closer to the next school year. First of all, we anticipate some construction to start over the summer which will make our school more accessible for everyone (e.g., additional lifts, ramps, accessible washrooms, and an elevator). Also, we are expecting an addition to our staff parking lot (that is greatly needed). We are also going to have some new students join us from St. George's P.S. for the 2023-2024 school year as the boundaries south of Dufferin are changing. Some students currently attending St. George's will be transitioning to Aberdeen in the fall. We look forward to having these new families join us and will be planning some special activities later this spring to help them become more familiar with the Aberdeen community. We want to extend a big welcome to these students and their families!

March also signifies the beginning of the staffing process for the 2023-2024 school year. If you know of any new kindergarten students planning to start JK or

SK, please ensure that they contact the school to register ASAP if they haven't already. Also, if you know that your family will be moving and changing schools, please let us know as soon as possible as all of these changes impact our class sizes and staffing. The earlier that we have this information, the easier it is for us to determine our class projections and any hiring that we may need to do for the fall.

Here are some staffing updates that have happened over the past few weeks. Welcome back to Mrs. Lutchin and Mrs. Hughson who have both returned from their maternity leaves. We are happy to have them back in the school. Welcome back to Mrs. Etemad too who has moved from teaching in our grade 1/2 class to teaching in our grade 4/5 virtual class while Ms. Rivas is off. Also, we have a new Educational Assistant, Stephanie Kourtesis, who has just joined our Aberdeen staff too bringing us up to 7 EAs who are supporting our students with special education needs. We also welcome Harley Anderson as our new School Support Counsellor! Ms. Anderson takes over from Mr. TeBrinke who retired at the end of January!



We appreciate your ongoing support as we continue to work with our students on improving their reading and writing skills, and numeracy skills, and helping to make Aberdeen a safe and inclusive environment for everyone!

Mrs. Squire and Mrs. DeVooght

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Kindergarten Registration

Children who are turning 4 by December 31, 2023, are eligible for Junior-Kindergarten (K1), and children who are turning 5 by December 31, 2023, are eligible for Senior-Kindergarten (K2) for this upcoming school year. It is important that families register their children ASAP if they want them to attend school in the fall. Information about Kindergarten registration can be found online at:

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/kindergarten-registration.aspx>

You can also contact Mrs. McNorgan in our office to assist you. Registrations need to include proof of your child's birth (e.g., birth certificate, passport) and proof of address (e.g., rental agreement, current utility bill). We will be hosting an open house for our new kindergarten families later in the spring! More info to come!

Popcorn Fundraiser



Our school council is currently running its annual spring fundraiser. This year, we are selling popcorn from Snack City Pop Notch Fundraising. There are a variety of different flavours available in small bags for \$4 each or large bags for \$9 each. Proceeds from each bag sold will go toward special events and trips for our students. Orders can be placed through School Cash Online or by sending the order form and money to the school. All orders are due by **Wednesday, March 22**, and will be arriving at the school just before Easter. Thank you for your support!

London Lightning Game



We had so much fun recently at the London Knights game, that we decided to do it again but this time we are going to be singing the anthem at the London Lightning Basketball Game. All Aberdeen students and their families are invited to participate in this event on Friday, April 21. Students wishing to sing will meet at Gate 1 at 6:00. All students must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for the game cost \$10 each and can be purchased through school cash online until April 13!

School Council



School Council is a group for parents in the Aberdeen School Community. Once every 4-8 weeks, we meet together as a group. Parents receive updates about school issues and initiatives. Council meetings are also places where parents can bring up concerns or ideas for our school. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings. We have switched back to doing them in person, but if you'd like to join in virtually, please email Mrs. Squire (d.squire@tvdsb.ca) and she can send you a link on TEAMS for a hybrid meeting. Our next meeting is on **Friday, March 24 at 9:15 am**. We hope that you can join us!

Grad Photos



Grad photos will be taken on **Tuesday, March 28**. Students will have 4 poses taken. Students are welcome to wear a white collared shirt if they wish for their photos. Approximately two weeks after the photos have been taken, parents will receive proofs and can order through the photo company if they wish at that time.

Dress Like an Animal Day



For our next spirit day, students can dress like their favourite animal. This special day will be on Friday, March 31.

Soaring Eagle Assembly

Our next assembly will be a little bit later than usual due to the Easter holiday weekend. We will host our next assembly on Friday, April 14 where we will recognize the Soaring Eagle winners for March.

Ramadan

Ramadan begins on Wednesday, March 22. We recognize that during Ramadan, many Muslim students fast during the day and have changes to their sleep routines at night. If we have any students who are fasting throughout Ramadan and would like an alternate space to be in during the lunch break while others are eating, please let the main office know so that we can provide accommodations during this time. Ramadan runs until April 21.

Rocks and Rings

Last month, the Rocks and Rings presentation came to Aberdeen to teach our students about the game of curling. The students listened attentively to the lesson and then had a chance to test out their own skills in our gym. It was a great experience for everyone!



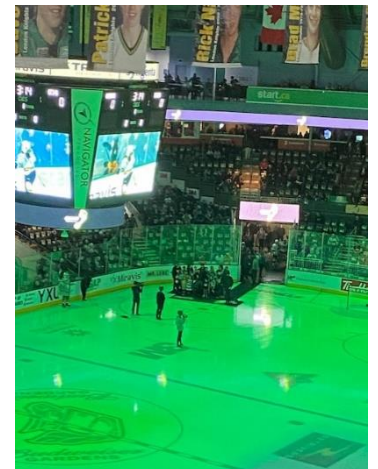
Grade 7/8's visit the Brier

As a special follow-up activity for our intermediate students, our grade 7/8 students had the opportunity to walk down to Bud Gardens and see the Brier in-person. We are very grateful to have been able to offer this opportunity to our students!



London Knights Game

Thank you to the families who were able to make it out to the London Knights game last month. We had almost 100 people in attendance which was awesome! Our students did a great job of singing 'O Canada' before the game! Thanks to Ms. Short for organizing this for us.



Soaring Eagles- January and February



Here are the students who were recognized as soaring eagles over the past two months!

Congratulations on being such a positive role model at our school!

January- William, Wylar, Jaxon, Ann Mary, Janber, Parker, Nevaeh, Jacob, Jesse, Yusuf, Emma-Lee, Seirra, Tanner, Gabe, Liam, Michael, Cienna, Prince-Paul, Avary, Junior, William, Halley, and Taleigha

February- Carley, Debra, Yiah, Miguel, Kierra, Eva, Amir, Marcus, Lincoln, Jukka, Maddy, Amina, Erikgun, Aisha, Ace, Nathan, Mackenzie, Ainslee, Cameron, Joshua, Daliah, Emmitt, Xavier, Malcom, Oliver, and Dorian

Boys Basketball

Our boys' basketball team comprised of students in grades 6, 7, and 8 recently finished their season. The boys displayed great sportsmanship and improved their skills throughout the season. Thank you to Ms. Fradgley, Mrs. Tucker, and Mme Cote for volunteering their time for practices and games. Thank you to the many staff and parents who came out to cheer our boys on.

Caring Cupboard

Our caring cupboard is open and ready to support students and their families. We have received several donations of clothing and personal hygiene products. If your family could benefit from visiting our caring cupboard, please contact us at the school and we will arrange for a time for you to come in and collect some items. Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to support this cause. We are still looking for donations of deodorant, shampoo, Kleenex, and toilet paper.

Here are some of the items currently in our caring cupboard!



Cinderella Project



Last year we collaborated with other schools in our area to establish a TVDSB Cinderella Project. This project is for grade 8 students who might need some assistance with finding formal wear (e.g., dresses, dress pants/shirts etc..) for graduation. We were fortunate to collect several donations for this cause. This year we are expanding our project board-wide and will be offering a day where students can come to the board office to look for clothing for their graduation. We are just finalizing the details and will send further information out soon. If you would like your graduating student to be a part of the Cinderella project, please let your child's grade 8 teacher know so that we can ensure you receive the date and time of when the items will be available for you and your child to look at.





SPRING SOCCER

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FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
AGES 3-15

REGISTER IN PERSON @ BOYLE CC
530 Charlotte St

March 22nd, 6:00-7:30pm

March 25th, 10:00-noon

March 29th, 6:00-7:30pm

April 1st, 10:00-noon

OR ONLINE AT BOYLECOUNCIL.CA

*pending website update



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