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Of Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new school year! It was great to see the students and their families as they arrived for the first day of school! You can always feel the excitement in the air!

A quick walk through front doors tells you that our custodian, Mr. DeMaeyer, was very busy this summer as he prepared our school for the new year.

This year, TLDSB is piloting a new approach to agendas. By now, your child should have received an Alexandra Hand Book, A TLDSB calendar and a communication book. Only the communication book needs to travel back forth each day. We encourage you to take time each night to check the communication book for messages from the classroom teacher.

All in all, we are set up for an exceptional year of learning at APS!

Mrs. Leeder

Visit Us on Our Website, Facebook and Twitter

This first newsletter and calendar is being sent home as a paper copy. All future newsletters will be available on our website at <http://aps.tlidsb.on.ca>. Please check out facebook, twitter and the website throughout the week for news and events as we will be sharing most school news through these methods!



Last year Trillium Lakelands District School Board launched a new eflyer distribution system called Peachjar. We are the first school board in Canada to adopt this new and exciting program, which allows approved community flyers to be posted online and emailed directly to parent's inboxes. Each school has its own Peachjar webpage that parents can view by clicking on the Peachjar button on the school website homepage. It's easy to find, view, and share eflyers. They're a great way to pass information along to family and friends – and are shareable via social media! This system will help our schools reduce paper amounts, reduce copy costs, and relieve a significant administrative burden from our teachers, office staff, and volunteers. If you have not signed up, you are encouraged to do so!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 18 - Last day to register to enter in the Arts and Crafts for Lindsay EX (see Mrs. Leeder)

Sept. 21 - Arts and Crafts Commonwell Building at fairgrounds between 3 and 9 PM.

Sept. 22 - Flower, Vegetable and Farm Produce exhibits to the Fairgrounds

Sept. 28 - Fair exhibits to be picked up.

Sept. 25 - Terry Fox Run

Sept. 25 - Magazine Kick Off

Oct. 6 - Cross Country Run (Rain Date Oct. 7)

Oct. 7 - Picture Day

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Ms. MacDonald back to APS. She is continuing to replace Mrs. Scott while she is on leave from APS. We welcome Ms. Bartley and Ms. Black to the Royal family. Each of these ladies will be with us in a .1 position and they are both teaching primary prep.

We are also pleased that APS was able to hire a permanent Library Clerk this year. This is a new position in TLDSB and we were lucky to hire Mrs. Rynard. She is a familiar face at APS and this makes her a perfect fit!

As you probably saw on our social media sites, Mr. DeMaeyer has transferred to the Adult Education Center as the Head Custodian. We are sad to have him go but this is something that he has always hoped to do. We wish him well!

Trillium Lakelands District School Board PUBLIC NOTICE Vacancy – Public School Trustee

Due to a vacancy, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board is seeking a qualified public school board trustee to represent the City of Kawartha Lakes wards 10, 12, and 16 for the remaining term of the Board which ends on November 30, 2018. Please visit the TLDSB website for more information.

Volunteers Are Valued!

Alexandra Public School welcomes volunteers to our school. What a great opportunity to take a special interest in your child's education! This year we require assistance with: Breakfast club, Head Checks (once a month), Book Fair, School Council, and class trips. If you would be able to offer some of your time to helping out at APS please see Mrs. Myers in the office for Volunteer reference check information.

If you have supplied a reference check in the past year, please remember to sign an affidavit, available in the office, to continue volunteering this year.

Breakfast Club Volunteers

We continue to support the Breakfast bins in the classrooms each day. The Breakfast program will begin shortly. Our bins will be filled with nutritious snacks such as fruit, yogurt, cheese, cereal and breads for all students to enjoy once they are in their class. We are once again in need of Breakfast club volunteers. As well, with Lynda Craven's daughter graduating last June, we are in need of a coordinator for our program. Please contact the office if you can help out in any way. 705-324-3313

Dismissal

Students are dismissed at 3:10 each day. Ms. McConnell/Mrs. Cantin's class will dismiss through the main doors. Mrs. Griffith dismisses using the north doors that face Colborne Street. All other students come out the south doors that open up to our playground. Staff will be on duty until 3:20 when the final bell rings. At that time, any students who are normally picked up by family will be brought to the school office and phone calls will be made to make sure the right plan is in place! Please make sure that plans for pick up are communicated in writing in the communication books each morning whenever possible to ensure everyone's safety.

Goal Setting:

Is knowing precisely what you want to achieve, and where you have to concentrate your efforts.



Inform the Office

Please update all of the student information forms that were sent home previously. Throughout the school year please continue to let us know if your **address, phone number or other contact phone numbers change**. We must keep up-to-date records in order to contact you if your child is ill.

Please remember that all visitors to the school are asked to sign in at the office.

Cross Country Club

Cross Country Club started on September 14. The practices will be held every Monday and Wednesday morning from 8:00 – 8:30 and Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. The county meet will be on October 6th at Ken Reid Park.

School Day Schedule:

8:35	Yard supervision begins	11:10 – 12:00	Period 3
8:45	School entry	12:00 – 12:50	Period 4
8:50	Announcements	12:50 – 1:10	Nutrition Break
8:50 – 9:40	Period One	1:10 – 1:30	Recess
9:40 – 10:30	Period Two	1:30 – 2:20	Period 5
10:30 – 10:50	Nutrition Break	2:20 – 3:10	Period 6
10:50 – 11:10	Recess	3:10	Dismissal
	3:20 – Final Bell – Yard no longer supervised by staff		

Milk & Food Orders

The Milk and Food order forms will be sent home soon. If you have any questions contact Mrs. Myers in the office.

Picture Day

Picture Day will be on Monday, October 7th! We are pleased to have Edge Imaging as our photographers once again this year!

Litterless Lunch Tips

<u>YES PLEASE!</u> Reusable Lunch Carrier Reusable containers Reusable drink bottle or thermos Cloth Napkin to wash and reuse Silverware to wash and re-use Healthy snacks!	<u>PLEASE AVOID</u> Avoid paper or plastic bags Avoid plastic wrap, foil, wax, or Styrofoam Avoid single-use cans, bottles, or cartons Avoid paper napkins Avoid plastic forks/spoons Avoid over-packaged snacks
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