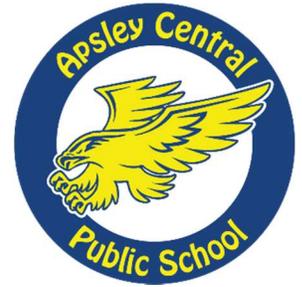




# APSLEY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## February 2, 2021

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### ***So proud of our students!***

It is wonderful to have students back at school. Students have stepped back in to continue their learning without missing a beat. Report cards go home on February 19<sup>th</sup>. This will give families an assessment of the learning that has taken place since September. As always, please contact the school with any questions or concerns.

♥ Ms. Kostuch

### **VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS**

Students who wish to distribute Valentine's cards must bring them to school on or before Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. The bag of cards must be labelled with the student's name and class. We will keep all of the bags isolated in class bins until it's time for students to distribute them on Friday, February 12. Students will sanitize prior to distribution.



Students who bring in Valentine's after the Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> deadline will be allowed to distribute them once the Valentine's cards have been isolated for 72 hours.

### **RED, WHITE & PINK DAY – FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup>**

Apsley Central PS will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 12. Students are encouraged to wear red, white & pink or to "Dress to Impress" to show their school spirit.

### **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards will be sent electronically to families on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office to update your email address if you've recently changed it.



### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

If you know a child who will be four years old by December, 2021, now is the time to register them for Kindergarten, starting September, 2021. Visit [www.kprschools.ca/kindergarten](http://www.kprschools.ca/kindergarten) to register online.

To learn more about the Kindergarten program, families are invited to join KPR's Virtual Kindergarten Information Session on Thursday, Feb. 11 @ 7:00 pm. Register online at [www.kprschools.ca/kindergarten](http://www.kprschools.ca/kindergarten)

### **STAFF UPDATES**

We wish a warm Apsley welcome to two new staff member this month. Mrs. Bolton, Educational Assistant, and Ms. Carveth, Early Childhood Educator, have joined us in Apsley. Congratulations to Sandy Del Mastro, on her retirement, and to Mrs. Lye, who is on parental leave.

### **NATURE NANCY IS COMING!**

On February 23 and February 24<sup>th</sup>, each class will work with Nature Nancy for a 100 minute block to explore the outdoor classroom and experience snowshoeing in our local environment.



Nancy Thompson, the Director of Think Outside, is providing the workshops free of charge, thanks to a grant she received from the Pathways to Stewardship organization. We thank Nature Nancy for her time and for her support of our school!

### **PINK SHIRT DAY – FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>**

We encourage everyone to wear pink on February 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate friendship and kindness. #stopbullying

## KEEP US UP TO DATE

Please notify the office if you have changed phone numbers or email addresses, or if you have moved. If your child or children have developed any allergies, or have any changes in health or medical conditions, please contact the office to keep us up to date.

## THANK YOU!

Local resident, Karen Richardson, has sewn and donated 170 masks for Apsley students in a variety of lively colours and patterns. Thank you, Karen, for helping keep students safe and fashionable during the Covid-19 pandemic.

North Kawartha food bank has passed along a generous donation of individually packaged goldfish crackers. The goldfish crackers will go into the classroom food bins we use for our Student Nutrition Program. Thank you, North Kawartha food bank!

## SCENT FREE, PLEASE!

A reminder that we are a scent free school. Perfumes, colognes, scented hand sanitizer and other scented products are not used or allowed in the school.



## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

To prevent spread of Covid-19, we remind everyone that:

- All staff wear face masks
- Grades 1 – 8 students are required to wear masks
- Kindergarten students are strongly encouraged to wear masks
- Students will wear masks inside at all times, with the exception of eating, drinking or taking medications
- Students can take masks off when they are outdoors (e.g. recess, breaks, outside lessons) and are physically distanced
- Concerns about mask wearing should be directed to Ms. Kostuch in the School Office



## SCHOOL CLOSURE ON SNOW DAYS

A reminder that: If all school buses to a school are cancelled, the school will be CLOSED for the day. Check [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca) for cancellation information.



## BUSING REQUESTS

STSCO's online Daycare/Babysitter and Out of Boundary request is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. Visit the Parent Login on the [stsco.ca](http://stsco.ca) website. You will need the child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) and their birthdate to login to [stsco.ca](http://stsco.ca) to submit your request. The deadline for requests to be considered for the first day of September is May 30.

## HOW WE COMMUNICATE:



We send updates directly to you by phone, email or text through School Messenger



Apsley Central PS web page:  
<https://apsley.kprdsb.ca/>



Follow School Talk on EDSBY  
<https://kpr.edsby.com/>



Follow us on Twitter @ApsleyPS



ACPS School Council maintains a Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ACPSCouncil>



Call our School (705)656-4231

## FUNDS FOR FAMILIES

Your family can apply for one-time provincial funds to offset costs posed by Covid-19. For each child up to Grade 12, families may receive \$200, or \$250 for children with special needs. You must apply separately for each child by February 8<sup>th</sup>. Schools are not involved in this funding, so you must contact the government directly at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-learners> or by calling 1-888-444-3770.

# Happy Valentine's Day

On Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be in the Valentine's Day spirit! Come to school "***Dressed to Impress***" or in the classic "***Red, Pink & White***".



This year, students who wish to hand out Valentine cards, must bring them to school by **February 9<sup>th</sup>** so they can sit for 72 hours before being safely distributed on February 12<sup>th</sup>.



*Due to Covid-19, we will not be hosting a dance and we are not able to distribute treats or candy in classes. Thank you for your understanding!*





## Welcome to Kindergarten in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board!



Join us for a free, online Kindergarten Information Session to learn more about the Kindergarten program, and for tips and tools to help prepare your child for school.

**February 11, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Register online at  
[www.kprschoools.ca/kindergarten](http://www.kprschoools.ca/kindergarten)  
or directly here:

