



APSLEY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Communicating with you...

I try to share the latest news as it arises. However, I am working to communicate on a more regular, predictable schedule! As always, please contact the school with any questions or concerns.

♥ Ms. Kostuch

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

Apsley Central PS School Council received a Parent Reaching Out grant. See below for an opportunity to participate in a free Virtual Family Science night. The next School Council meeting is Tuesday, March 2nd @ 5:30pm. If you wish to join the meeting, please call the school and we will ensure you get the email invitation.

FREE FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT: MARCH 8

ACPS is pleased to offer families a free, one-hour, Virtual Science Night, presented by Scientists in Schools. The topic is Candy Chemistry. Discover the surprising science hiding in a bag of Skittles! Explore solubility, buoyancy, reactivity and investigate the odds of finding your favourite colour.



The 60 minute, hands-on workshop will be offered online with up to 15 families at once. Multiple people from one family can participate through one connection at home. We will send home one Science Kit per child, with all the necessary material. We are offering the same workshop at two different times (6-7pm and 7:30-8:30pm) to accommodate different schedules. Please sign your family up for one workshop only.

Register online at: <https://forms.gle/PXrNKhAJozxuK6u16>
Or, call us at the school (705) 656-4231.
The deadline to register is: Friday, February 12th

*NEW LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY PICK-UP

Please use the front door of the school for late arrival & early pickup.

Students arriving after the 8:40am bell should be dropped off at the front entrance of the school and enter using the buzzer. We will sign them in at the office and ensure they get to class.

Students leaving early will be dismissed through the front entrance. We will sign them out at the office release them into your care through the front door. Thank you for your cooperation as we implement this new process.

VALENTINE'S DAY REMINDER

Students who wish to distribute Valentine's cards must bring them to school in a bag, labelled with name and class, by Tuesday, February 9th.



The bags will be isolated in class bins until it's time for students to distribute them on Friday, February 12th. If Valentine cards arrive after the Tuesday, February 9th deadline, we will distribute them once the cards have been isolated for 72 hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Send Valentine's cards to school by February 9
- KPR Virtual Kindergarten Info Session – Feb. 11
(registration required, see article in newsletter)
- Red, White & Pink Day – Friday, February 12
- Report Cards go home – Friday, February 19
- Nature Nancy – February 23 & 24
- Virtual Family Science Night – Monday, March 8
(registration required, see article in newsletter)
- Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday, February 24

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration is open for Kindergarten starting in September, 2021. Register online at: www.kprschools.ca/kindergarten. 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

PINK SHIRT DAY – FEBRUARY 24th

We encourage everyone to wear pink on February 24th 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.

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

If all school buses to a school are cancelled, the school will be CLOSED for the day. Check 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 website. You will need the child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) and their birthdate to login to 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 8th. 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.