



Ashley Oaks Public School

We make a difference through the 3 R's: Respect, Responsibility and Recognition

January/ February 2023

Principal: J. Hicks

Vice Principal: J. Arndt

Superintendent: P. Skinner

Trustees: S. Polhill and L. A. Pizzolato

Ashley Oaks P.S. Website: <https://ashleyoaks.tvdsb.ca/en/index.aspx>

From the Office...

Happy New Year and Welcome back! My family had a very busy holiday break. We spent some quality time with the family playing board games, watching movies and overeating. I hope that you and your family had a wonderful holiday as well.

I would like to thank Mr. Mills and Ms. Shiell, as well as all of the staff who assisted in preparing for our Holiday Concert. I was truly amazed at the level of talent that our students displayed! The positive feedback I received from our audience members was most appreciated. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us for our performance as well.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Arndt, and all the staff who helped put together our pancake breakfast. It was an amazing event that was enjoyed by all and the food was fabulous! I was especially impressed with the students' behavior and manners. Well done Ashley Oaks!

We appreciate how hard it can be to get your students here and on time during this cold weather. Please know that there is no supervision on the yard until 8:45, so please time your walk to school accordingly. Students are asked to dress for the weather by wearing hats, snow pants, winter coats, extra mittens, socks and winter boots. We do try and send our students out as much as possible but when the temperature dips into negative numbers we do evaluate the current weather conditions, advisories from the health unit and board policies to make a decision as to whether the students go outside for break.

Once again, welcome back and Happy New Year.

Leaving the Property at Lunch

At the beginning of the school year, parents indicated if their child would be staying for lunch or going home for lunch everyday. If you decided that your child was staying at school regularly but need to change those plans on an occasional basis, please send a note to the school indicating the date(s) that your child will be going home at first break. Your child needs to bring this note to the office before leaving the school. Students who go home for lunch should leave at the beginning of first break and return just before the bell at 11:50.

Important Login Information

Student Logins are changing! Please be aware that all logins for Thames Valley students will be changing to their 9-digit student number (123456789@gotvdsb.ca). This will improve privacy and security for all students in Thames Valley. This change will not affect student access to any school resources or programs. Students will still be able to log in to the student portal, access grades and assignments, and participate in online learning activities as usual.

From the ML Team...

Happy New Year from the ML Team (Multilingual Learner)! Many people make resolutions in the New Year, picking something they want to improve or begin doing to focus on. What better time for your child to set reading goals?

It's important your child recognizes how far they have come and sets new goals that are both attainable and challenge them at whatever level they are currently at. Here are some sample reading goals your child could

resolve to achieve this semester. They can pick and choose from this list or come up with their own:

- Read 3 books a week.
- Spend 20 minutes 4 nights a week reading with a family member.
- Pick at least 1 book a week to read that is at a higher level.
- Read for 30 minutes every school night before bed instead of using technology.
- Visit the local library every 2 weeks and find 3 new books to enjoy each trip.
- Find a new series of fiction books and read them all.
- Trade favourite books with a friend or classmate each week.

How can you help?

1) Ask your child to set three goals for this term; 2) Help them monitor their progress; and 3) Encourage your child to share their goals with you and their teachers at school.

Thank you and have fun helping your child hit their reading goals. Maybe you even want to set your own reading resolution!

ML Team at AO

From the Library...

Forest of Reading has started at Ashley Oaks! The Forest of Reading is Canada's largest recreational reading program – more than 250,000 readers participate every year across the entire country. Each program consists of popular Canadian fiction and nonfiction titles. The Forest occupies a major place of prominence in Canada's literary landscape and encourages a love of reading in people of all ages. Here in our LLC we will be reading the 10 nominated Blue Spruce picture books during our Friday Read Alouds over the next couple months. Students will have the opportunity to check out nominated chapter books and graphic novels as well and vote on their

favourite. More information will be shared with students during their LLC visits in January!

Mr. Henderson

Spirit Days

Jan 27- PJ Day

Feb 14-Pink/White/Red Day

March 23-Green Day

April 20-Jersey Day

May 25-Crazy Hair Day

June 21 - Culture Day

Hot Lunch

We are excited to announce that Pizza lunches will be coming back to Ashley Oaks starting Monday, February 6th. This will continue for the first and third Monday of every month. We will be offering cheese pizza slices for \$2.50 per slice. Payments for the pizza slices can be made through School Cash Online. Please remember to set up an account for each Ashley Oak's student that is in your household. Thank you for your support!

Here is a link to set up School Cash Online.
<https://tvdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Kindergarten Registration

It's hard to believe that we are already starting to plan for the next school year. Students eligible for Junior Kindergarten MUST BE FOUR YEARS OF AGE by December 31, 2023. To register for school, parents are required to bring their child's birth certificate and proof of address for verification. If you know of anyone in our area that has a child eligible for Kindergarten, please pass along this information.

Please visit the website below for more information.

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/kindergarten-registration.aspx?mid=338>

School Council News

Parent council is excited to get Pizza lunches started in the month of February. We are confident it will be very successful. We would like to send out a big thank you to all the parents who have offered their volunteer services for Pizza lunches. It is greatly appreciated! We hope to offer more fundraising options in the near future. Parent council will be having their next meeting on Monday, January 16th at 6pm in the school library. We welcome all parents to join.

Sincerely,
Parent council

Parking

Please avoid parking in our bus lanes. This area is designated for specialized transportation that requires curbside pick up.



Dates to Remember

Photo Retakes – January 17th
PD Day – January 20th

