



Ashley Oaks Public School

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From the Office...

Welcome to an amazing year at Ashley Oaks! The start of this school year has felt very close to "normal" and we are so happy to see all of our new and returning families. The smiling faces, laughter and positive energy filling the school yard and building are certainly welcomed.

We are excited to share that we will be able to hold an in-person "Meet the Staff" event this fall on October 11th. It will be very nice to physically meet each other and re-establish our Aces community! More information regarding this event can be found in this newsletter.

Mrs. Gonser and I want to thank all the staff, students, and parents for the awesome start to the school year. We are looking forward to a fantastic year at Ashley Oaks!

Mr. Hicks, Principal

Safety Reminders

Due to the large volume of students on the yard in the morning we respectfully request that **parents say their good-byes at the edge of our yard before 8:45**. This will help to decrease the number of people on the yard in the morning allowing staff to better monitor the playground and keep our students safe. A reminder that if you need to pick up a child early, please call the office and we will arrange to meet parents at the front door.

Please do not sign out your student between 3:10 and 3:30 as we may not be able to accommodate this request at the end of the day.

Playground

Staff supervision helps to ensure a safe play time before school, at noon and during recesses. Teachers and support staff are on the yard from 8:45 - 9:00 a.m., during the recesses and at dismissal time. There is no supervision prior to 8:45 a.m. and after school and as a result, the climbers are closed during this time. Please do not send students to school before supervised times.

Meet the Staff... Save the date!

Ashley Oaks is pleased to be able to return to an in-person meet the staff event on October 11th. Classrooms will be open from 4:30-6:30 and food trucks will be on-site from 5:00-7:00. The following food trucks will be available:

Grill Em
Tikka Tomato
The Grilled Cheezery
Mr. Cool Ice Cream
Big Daddy Bacon

For more information regarding the food trucks, please visit <https://www.lfta.ca/>

Outdoor Breaks

All students are expected to go outside for recess. Parents should be certain their children come to school dressed properly for the weather.

Attendance Reporting

If your child is going to be late or absent you may report this to the school by calling 1-844-305-3756 or by using the App on your smart phone or online.

Medication

If it becomes necessary for your child to take prescription medicine at school, please call the school in advance. The office provides a form requiring you to outline the details of the administration of the medication. This form must be completed and signed by a doctor before the school can administer any medications.

Allergies

As you know, within our school community we have students who may have a life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts and tree nuts (e.g., almond, cashew, hazelnut, pistachio, etc.). We would ask respectfully that families enjoy peanut/tree nut-containing products at home only (please do not send to school in snacks or lunches). This includes peanut butter or products with peanuts/nuts listed in the ingredients.

IPOCs

Does your child have a potentially life-threatening medical condition? All students with asthma, epilepsy, anaphylaxis, diabetes or any other life-threatening condition are required to have an IPOC (Individual Plan of Care) outlining their condition and the necessary steps that need to be followed in the case of an emergency. This year all

IPOCs need to be completed online through the parent portal. It is crucial that this information is completed ASAP. If you do not have internet access to complete the forms, please contact the school and we can help you with it on one of our computers. If your child had an IPOC last year, please ensure that you review it and re-submit it online for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have any questions about the process at all, please call Mrs. Gonser in the office.

Personal Items

Please be advised that students bring personal items to school at their own risk. Toys, electronics, items of clothing etc. are at risk to be lost, damaged or stolen. All items including clothing should be clearly marked with the student's name. Students are encouraged to check the Lost and Found regularly.

School Council News

Elections for members of the School Council will take place at our first meeting on Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Arabic translation will be available. School topics such as E.Q.A.O. results, School Improvement Planning, Code of Conduct, etc. are reviewed. We will also be discussing fundraising options for our new primary climbers.

Please consider joining this worthwhile organization. If you are interested in one of our executive positions, Chair, Treasurer, or Secretary, please fill out a nomination form attached to this email and return it to the office.

Emergency Procedures

Fire Safety

We will be reviewing many of the emergency procedures here at Ashley Oaks. Students have participated in 2 "walkthrough" fire drills and will have 1 more before the end of the

fall. Please review proper fire safety procedures with your family in case of a fire at home.

Tornado Drill

We are required to practice how to respond in the event of a tornado. Students gather in the halls in the safety position, 2 deep against the wall. Students are to be away from doors or windows with glass. We have practiced this drill so that students are comfortable and aware of the procedures.

Hold and Secure/ Lockdown

We have completed our Hold and Secure/ Lockdown drill. This drill simply involved students immediately returning to the closest classroom while teachers lock the door and await information from the office. At this time the Emergency Response Team would assess the situation and make any further calls or recommendations for either cancelling the Code Red, calling the police, or evacuating the school. In the case of an evacuation our evacuation location is **Sir Arthur Carty**.

Planners

All students have been supplied with a school planner this year. Please ensure you are utilizing this very important communication tool.

Lunchroom

We have supervised lunchroom facilities for those students who must stay for lunch. Students who stay for lunch may not leave the school property without prior written notice from their parent. During rainy days or extremely cold winter days the students will be supervised indoors during the lunch period. If your child comes home for lunch



during first break, please have them return before 11:50.

Parking Lots

Please do not park in bus lanes, drop off zones, or accessible parking spots without authorization. Further, double or triple parking is also not permitted in the Ashley Oaks parking lot. The city does send out bylaw officers from time to time to enforce these parking rules and ticketing may occur. Thank you for helping us keep our parking lot safe.

Adults on the Property

Parents and visitors are reminded that they should not be out on the yard during the school day after drop-off has occurred. All parents and visitors are required to check in at the office using the buzzer located at the front door.

School Messenger

School Messenger allows parents/guardians to communicate with teachers. If you have already signed up for attendance, then you will not be required to sign up again. Go to www.tvdsb.ca/schoolmessenger

Snack Program Help

The Ashley Oaks snack program needs volunteers to wash, sort and bag fresh produce. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please call the office at 519-452-8040.

News for the ESL Dept.

Welcome back and happy new school year! We support our Multilingual Learners (MLs) and their families at Ashley Oaks. Our goal is to support students to bridge the gap between language and learning. In Canada, students are expected to learn English in order to access grade level programming. However,

we view multilingualism as a strength and students may use multiple languages to integrate and express their meaning. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out and request to speak with a member of the ML team.

Dates to Remember

Meet the Staff- October 11

School Council Meeting- October 12

