

Lord Aylmer School



NEWSLETTER #3



November 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please see below, important information that may be of interest in the upcoming month. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the school.

-E. Keon, Principal



STUDENT RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY

We will hold our Student Recognition Assembly on Nov. 5. The school value on which we focused in October was "Inclusion". **Congratulations to all award winners!** We are very proud of our students' efforts in following our school values. The value on which we will focus in November is "Compassion".

TERRY FOX RUN

Our Terry Fox School Run at the end of September and beginning of October went very well again this year, with all students participating in a walk or run with their class. Our online fundraising efforts raised a total \$3565.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation to further the search for cancer treatments – thank you for helping Lord Aylmer make such a significant contribution each year! Although our school campaign is now officially over, you can continue to support cancer research by visiting our school's donation page:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/LordAylmerSchool>

LORD AYLMER READS

Congratulations to our winners of the LA Reads: Summer Sweepstakes! Our winners are Maddie Kelly, Liam McNally, Sadie Kelly, Declan Lawless, Amina Sow, Francis Provencher Crête, Evan Gauthier. Thanks to all participants!!!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lord Aylmer will participate in a Virtual Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov 11. We would like to encourage the students to wear red and to wear a Poppy to show our support for the Armed Forces. To honour veterans, we will have different activities during our Veteran's Week. We are also partnering with the Legion to have a guest speaker join classrooms for virtual presentations.



PRIDE CLUB AT LORD AYLMER

In addition to the existing extra-curricular activities already begun at the school this year (Student Leaders, Running Club, Intra-murals), members of our staff are creating a Pride Club to promote inclusion and safety at Lord Aylmer School. The Pride Club will provide students from grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 an opportunity to drop in at lunch once a week to participate in inclusive team-building activities and to learn more about how they can

become allies to the LGBTQ+ community. Children can decide on a week-by-week basis if they would like to attend, so no long-term commitment is required. Children from different grades will meet separately for age-appropriate discussions and activities. Teachers leading this team will ensure age-appropriate content while building an inclusive and positive environment for all. This will be a safe space for students to ask questions, build their knowledge, show their support, connect with their peers and to raise awareness within the Lord Aylmer community. Pride Club is for students from the LGBTQ+ community as well as for students who are not but who wish to become allies toward inclusion and acceptance of others. Pride Club will also be a place for students to develop friendships with their peers as they raise awareness of inclusion within the greater school community.

There will not be formal lesson plans for this club, but the staff leaders will check in weekly as a group to unify the activities and topics of conversation. Students will also have access to a “Drop Box” in which they will be able to leave questions, comments or ideas that might possibly change the direction of some of our activities. That will give teachers time to review questions and to prepare ways to address them the next week.

Possible topics and activities include but are not limited to colouring PRIDE flags, discussion of past and present flags, dance parties, reading books that teach about LGBTQ community and inclusion, cooperative games, poster creation to raise awareness at school, highlighting LGBTQ+ historical figures and current role models, addressing stereotypes, family diversity, and learning how to stop bullying of members of the LGBTQ+ community.

The members of the staff team who will be working with the PRIDE Club are Ms. Chisholm and Ms. Russell (gr. 3 Leaders), Ms. McIntyre and Ms. Guenette (gr. 4 Leaders), Ms. Luker and Ms. Cobham (gr. 5 Leaders), as well as Mr. Perron, Ms. Hobbs and Ms. Kearns (gr. 6 Leaders). Please feel free to reach out to them or to Mr. Keon if you have any questions.

REMIND NOTIFICATIONS

Please visit our website to find out how to sign up for REMIND if you have not already done so. Important information is shared through this notification system.

ELECTRONIC PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be available for viewing on November 19 through Mozaik Parent Portal. If you are not yet registered to Mozaik, please contact our administrative technician, Corinna Abraham, at cabraham@wqsb.qc.ca.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now due. Statements of accounts are available on your [Mozaik parent portal account](#).

We accept the following methods of payment:

- Online Banking Payments – Please double check to make sure that you are using the correct account number(s) when creating your payee(s) for online banking. [Detailed Instructions](#)
- In Person – At the Sr. Campus – cash only

If you would like to discuss a payment plan, please contact our administrative technician, Corinna Abraham, at cabraham@wqsb.qc.ca.

USED BOOK SALE

Parents of students at the senior campus are invited to support the purchase of used books from our senior library on Wednesday, November 3rd. All books will cost \$1.00 and students will tour the display with their teachers on Wednesday. If you are interested in supporting this project, please send money with your child. (The junior campus held sales two years ago as part of the junior library’s refurbishment project.) All proceeds from this book sale will go toward purchases at the senior library.

UNIVERSITY OF LAVAL SURVEY

As part of the Concerted Action on Academic Persistence and Success of the Fonds de recherche du Québec - Société et Culture (FRQSC; a description is available [here](#)) the university of Laval is conducting a survey of parents' school involvement at the elementary level. We invite all parents of children attending elementary school to participate in the study. Please use the invitation link below.

https://www.fse.ulaval.ca/fichiers/site_psparents_en/documents/invitation.en.pdf

GOVERNING BOARD

The next Lord Aylmer Governing Board meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, November 17 at 6:15 p.m.



PD DAY AND DAYCARE

November 1st and 26th are PD days. Daycare services are available for those who register.

Payments for daycare can be made online or paid by cash at the senior campus. Payments need to be made monthly. For questions about the online payments, please contact our daycare coordinator, Ms. Julie Belisle at 819-684-1494 or email your questions at jbelisle@wqsb.qc.ca.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather as students will continue to be outdoors as much as possible. An extra pair of dry socks and mitts/gloves are recommended. Please label all clothing items.

WQSB Volunteerism Award

Every year, the Western Quebec School Board asks schools to select a member of their community who has gone above and beyond to volunteer for the school. At October's Home and School meeting, Angele Duval-Belanger was honoured with this award for her immeasurable contribution to the school in 2020-2021. Congratulations, Angele and thank you for everything you do for Lord Aylmer!

HOME & SCHOOL

The next home and school meeting will take place virtually on November 25. Please visit the Lord Aylmer Home and School website for more information. <https://www.lordaylmerhs.ca/#/>

HOME & SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Start shopping for yummy, chocolatey bunnies, eggs and even hedgehogs through Lord Aylmer Home & School's Purdy's Fundraiser!

Purdy's chocolates are made in Canada with 100% sustainable cocoa.
Here's how it works:

Step 1- Follow the link to the fundraiser: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1193441-88462>

Step 2 - Join our campaign by entering your email address

Step 3 - Choose "Shop Online" at the top, then "Use Marketplace" to start shopping!

Please note!! Products do sell out quickly, so don't wait too long to order!

Shipping is to the school at a 2% cost of your order. Make sure to Follow us on our H&S Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LordAylmerHS>) to find out about order pick-up!

PIZZA & SUBWAY

Our Upcoming Pizza Dates:

Nov 5 & 19

Dec 3 & 17

Our Upcoming Subway Dates:

Nov 12 & 25

Dec 10 & 22

The 2nd Quarter Pizza & Subway Deadline is approaching quickly! Make sure to get your orders in before Friday, December 17 at midnight on our Home & School Shop at: <https://www.lordaylmerhs.ca/shop>. The 2nd Quarter is for January to March Pizza & Subway Lunches. We cannot accept late orders.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please don't forget to call the school if your child will be absent or late. When leaving a message please include the date and the reason for your child's absence. If you wish to make any changes to your child's after-school routines, you must **contact the office and the daycare before 2:00 pm**. Messages left after 2:00 may not be heard until after dismissal.

Jr. Campus: 819.684.4888

Sr. Campus: 819.684.6801

Daycare: 819.684.1494



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE:	DAY:	EVENT:	LOCATION:
Nov. 1	Monday	PD Day	
Nov. 2	Tuesday	Picture Retakes and Senior Campus Book Sale	
Nov. 5	Friday	Pizza Day	
Nov. 11	Wednesday	Remembrance Day	
Nov. 12	Friday	Subway Day	
Nov. 17	Wednesday	Governing Board	Virtually 6:30 pm
Nov. 19	Friday	Pizza Day	
Nov. 19	Friday	Progress Report Available	MOZAIK Parent Portal
Nov. 23	Tuesday	Kindergarten Vision Screening	Jr. Campus
Nov. 25	Thursday	Subway Day	
Nov. 25	Thursday	Home and School Meeting	Virtually 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	Friday	PD Day	

