



November 2020



ARKLAN COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL



Important Reminder



Though Halloween has been scaled back, there is quite often a spike in the quantity of treats that make it to school during the first week of November. We'd like to remind all of our families that:

Arklan School is a nut-aware environment.

There are a number of severe food allergies in the school. Your child's classroom teacher will make you aware of any serious allergies in their room. In addition, we'd also like to remind everyone that **Arklan is a scent-free building.** Thank you for your understanding.

November 20th!



National Child Day was first established in Canada in 1993 after Canada signed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child in 1959. It guarantees that all children have the right to survive, develop, and live.

Don't forget to dress for the weather!

Please continue to send your children dressed for outdoor play every day with rain pants, (rain)boots, mitts and hats. A change of clothes in a Ziploc bag in case of wet socks or trousers are a good idea too! We do stay indoors when it is raining but often it clears up in the afternoon and the children go out for recess. And who can resist puddles and mud pies?



Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week



Ontario has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday of November as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment.

During Bullying and Prevention Week—November 15-21, 2020—Ontario students, school staff and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being.

Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behavior directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

Schools are encouraged to use this opportunity to explain the different forms bullying can take.

These include:

- **Physical**—hitting, shoving, stealing or damaging property.
- **Verbal**—name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist or homophobic comments.
- **Social**—excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them.
- **Electronic** (commonly known as cyberbullying) - spreading rumours and hurtful comments through the use of cellphones, e-mail, text messaging and through social media.



For more information about our Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan for 2020-2021, please visit: http://arklan.ucdsb.on.ca/for_families/handbook/safe_accepting_schools.

Additionally, another great resource is: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/bullying.html#schools>

Reporting Absences....

We, as educators, and you as parents/guardians, all have a duty to ensure the safety of our students. Safe Arrival procedures are a legislated requirement for elementary students in Ontario.

If your child is absent, or you know of a future absence, it is your responsibility to notify the school. Here are some options for contacting the school:

- Call the school at **613-257-8113** and leave a message. This option is available 24/7
- Report the absence via **My Family Room**
- **Tell Mrs. Osborne** in person
- Email Mrs. Osborne at :

Kathleen.osborne@ucdsb.on.ca

- Send a message via **Facebook**. It's completely private....only office staff see these messages.

If we are unable to contact you through the phone numbers you provide, we will attempt to phone your emergency contacts. If we are unsuccessful in reaching any contact, the board protocol is to report unknown absences to the OPP.



Please help us make dismissal time run smoothly. If you plan to pick up your child (ren) from school early, please write a notify the school **before 2:00 PM** the day of, or the day before. We really appreciate your help in this matter.

Timing is Important!

REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 11TH, 2020



Students and staff of Arklan School will show their respect and gratitude to those who stood up for our country and our way of life on Wednesday, November 11th, midmorning



The Ministry of Indigenous Affairs (MIA) has designated the first week of November (November 2—6, 2020) as Treaties Recognition Week to promote public education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships.

All students, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, are enriched by learning about the histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people in Canada.

What are treaties? Treaties are legally binding agreements that set out the rights, responsibilities and relationships of Indigenous peoples and the federal and provincial governments. They are agreements between Nations. Historically, and from the perspective of Indigenous People, treaties were to be agreements of peace and friendship.

Quick Facts

- Ontario is covered by 46 treaties and other agreements, such as land purchases by the Crown signed between 1781 and 1930.
- Treaties are the legally binding agreements that set out the rights, responsibilities and relationships of First Nations and the federal and provincial governments.
- This legislation supports Premier Wynne's Apology and Statement of Ontario's Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples made in the Legislature 2016.
- A political Accord was signed with the Chiefs of Ontario in August 2015 to guide the relationship between First Nations and the province.

Taken from: <https://news.ontario.ca/mirr/en/2016/05/ontario-proclaims-first-week-of-november-treaties-recognition-week.html>.

Important Inclement Weather Information

Winter is fast approaching and there may be times when the weather or road conditions will disrupt school bus and special vehicle transportation. The Upper Canada District School Board is working cooperatively with Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario (STEO), local bus companies, and with the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario with whom we share transportation services to ensure that our approach to transportation during times of inclement weather is planned, coordinated and communicated with the safety of students in mind.

STEO receives up-to-date information regarding regional weather and road conditions from MeteoGroup – a global weather advisor. Decisions concerning the cancellation of school bus and special vehicle transportation are made cooperatively based upon this information and on the input of a team of weather captains located across the region of service. Unless otherwise announced, schools remain open for our students and staff, even if transportation is cancelled. **If transportation services are cancelled in the morning, transportation services will not operate in the afternoon.**

Announcements regarding the cancellation of school bus and special vehicle transportation will be broadcast by local media outlets, starting no later than 6:15 a.m.

Alternatively, parents/guardians and students can verify if buses are cancelled by accessing:

1. STEO's website at www.steo.ca and clicking on the link "Bus Delays or Cancellations."
2. STEO's free Bus Planner App for your Apple or Android device. Use the access code STEO.
3. STEO's Parent Portal for email updates on delays and cancellations specific to your child's transportation. Visit www.steo.ca and scroll down to Parent Portal to create an account.
4. STEO Facebook page or on Twitter @steo_news and @steocancellations
5. STEO's inclement weather hotline at 866-629-0629 (updated by 6:15 a.m.)
6. UCDSB Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/UCDSB> and Twitter feed @UCDSB.
7. Parents registered with "My Family Room" will receive bus cancellations through their preferred communication; email, text message, or telephone. Parents simply need to contact their school(s) to register for a UCDSB "My Family Room" account.



Bus cancellations will also be posted on the Arklan Facebook page

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK	2  Smile Please!	3	4 Parent Council TEAMS Meeting 6:30 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11  Progress Reports go Home	12	13	14
15 Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week	16  STOP BULLYING	17	18	19	20 National Child Day	21
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