



DECEMBER 2020

Arklan Community Public School

Welcome to December 2020—the month we have all been waiting for!

We hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. It is a difficult time of year for some, with the shorter days and colder weather and we know that this year in particular has brought more than enough challenges for many. With that said, we are excited to share that we are currently conducting a food drive at school and having classes collect cans and other non-perishable items for Arklan families in need.

As well, we will be participating in the Angel Tree program and are so excited to be able to come together in a way that will benefit others.

Our staff and students are working hard to follow health protocols and be vigilant in the face of this second wave. We want to thank all of our families once again for your support, your diligence for self-screening, keeping students who are not feeling well at home and for your notes of encouragement—they mean so much to all.

Wishing you a very happy, healthy and quiet holiday season. Embrace the time that we have with our children and spend some time together.

Mrs. Swrjeski

HAPPY HOLYDAYS

JOYEUSES FÊTES

Food Drive & Angel Tree

December 7th–11th

ANGEL TREE

In the spirit of the season, Arklan is sponsoring the Angel Tree program in lieu of teacher gifts again this year. Recipients are Arklan families who could use a little help this year.

We hope to gather new unwrapped donations in gift bags.

Should you wish to donate a monetary gift, a gift card would be appreciated as we are unable to accept cash at this time.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



FOOD DRIVE

Families can donate canned or non-perishable goods to classrooms for the food drive any day next week.

We will need time to organize and distribute the items before the holidays so please do not bring in items after Friday, December 11th.

Grocery vouchers (gift cards) are always appreciated as well. We ask that if you do choose vouchers, that they be from Giant Tiger or the Independent Grocer. We are not able to accept Walmart gift cards.

Thank you or your support and participation!





*** PROCEDURE FOR DROPPING OFF FOOD & GIFTS ***

- If participating in a food/toy drive, the following guidelines are provided from Public Health:
- Look for alternatives to collecting items if possible. For example – grocery store gift cards that can be sent home with students or gift card/money donations to an organization.
 - Currently, there is no evidence of COVID-19 transmission from packaging.
 - The key measures for food/toy drives is limiting close contact with others while dropping off items, ensuring people are well while doing so, and performing hand hygiene before and after dropping off items.
 - Arklan students and school staff are:
 1. Drop box locations in each classroom are in a corner where physical distancing can be implemented (students will drop off their items one at a time).
 2. Students/staff will perform hand hygiene before and after dropping off the item.
 3. We will encourage students (as age appropriate) to wear their masks while walking to drop off the items.
 4. Items will be left outside the front door at designated times for pick up.
 5. For community members who wish to donate, please self-screen before coming and wear a mask when delivering to the window. Items will be accepted at the Welcome Window all week during school hours. (when dropping off please stand at least 2 m apart).



SNOW DAY

At times, during the winter season, it is necessary to cancel school bus transportation due to road conditions. If buses are cancelled, information will be posted to school Facebook pages, all UCDSB social media platforms, shared with local media outlets and emailed to all parents signed up for My Family Room by 6:15 a.m.

IMPORTANT CHANGE ON INCLIMENT WEATHER DAY FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Due to the COVID-19 protocol, for the 2020-2021 school year, **schools are required to be closed to students for Inclement Weather Days**. These days will be designated as Remote Learning Days and staff will provide learning support for all students.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE

If your child is a “walker” or does not ride the bus, please contact the school at your earliest convenience to advise office staff that your child is safe at home.

www.myfamilyroom.ca

kathleen.osborne@ucdsb.on.ca

Call the school at 613-257-8113



LOG INTO YOUR ACCOUNT

MyFamilyRoom

My Family Room is the easiest way to inform your school that your child will be late, absent or has an appointment.

It is also the best way to make sure you receive all communications sent from the school and the UCDSB.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Once you have signed up for an account in My Family Room, please log in and submit a linking request for each child to ensure that your email address is added to classroom distribution lists.

December 14-18

Monday, December 14
Holidays Socks Day



Tuesday, December 15
Holiday Head Gear Day



Wednesday, December 16
Holiday Sweater Day



Thursday, December 17
Pyjamas Day



Friday, December 18
Wear Your Class Colours Day

Wear RED
Mrs Hudson's class
Mrs Belkiouer's class
Mrs Doherty's class

Wear YELLOW
Mrs Thompson's class
Mrs Wood's class
Mrs Powell's

Wear GREEN
Mrs Peters's class
Mrs Johnston's class
Mrs Skillen's class

Wear PURPLE
Mrs Belisle's class
Mrs Pentz's class
Mrs McMunn's class

Wear BLUE
Mrs Trant's class
Mrs McDonell's class
Mrs Loder's class

NEW COVID-19 ASSESSMENT CENTRE

The North Grenville COVID-19 Assessment Centre is a COVID-19 Swab Centre and Physician Assessment Centre.

The purpose of the centre is to provide a safe space for patients with COVID symptoms to be tested and assessed by an MD (if required), while keeping family practices “clean” and safe for our vulnerable patient population.

The centre is located at 15 Campus Drive, Kemptville, Ontario, open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

They offer:

COVID-19 Swab

For individuals six months of age and up who meet provincial eligibility criteria for COVID testing.

Physician Assessment

They offer a full physician assessment for those who are unable to see their family physician in person or for those who are feeling unwell due to COVID-19 symptoms.

Patients do NOT need a referral from a family doctor to be seen.

How it works:





Same-day appointments are given on the spot. When you arrive at the staging area (County Road 44) you will be issued a “time pass” that indicates what time you should present yourself and your pass at 15 Campus Drive (Bell Hall) during your allocated time that same day.

No online or telephone appointment necessary.

Contact :

Dr. Suzanne Rutherford, Medical Director | NGCAC@kdh.on.ca | 613-258-6133 X239 | <https://ngcac.ca>

December 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4	5
6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	7 Angel Tree and Food Drive Collection December 7—11	8	9	10 Human Rights Day	11 Last day for Food and Angel Tree donations	12
13 Spirit Week	14 Seasonal socks day! 	15 Seasonal hat day! 	16 Seasonal sweater day! 	17 Pyjama day! 	18 Classroom colour day!	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
HOLIDAYS... DECEMBER 21, 2020 TO JANUARY 1, 2021						
27	28	29	30	31		

Back to school on
Monday,
January 4, 2021

