



November 2021



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.



For the safety of all ...



We ask that students are not on school property until 9:10 am when our supervision begins. We are not able to attend to any potential injuries or incidents that may occur before this time. We do have some daycare students and teachers that are using the yard prior to the bell, and they are not responsible for the supervision of the school students.

Timing is important!

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?





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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 15-19, 2021—Ontario students, school staff and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being.

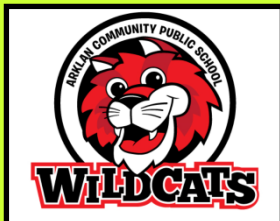
Bullying is defined as a form of **repeated, persistent and aggressive behavior directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation.** Bullying occurs in a context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

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

- **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 cyber-bullying) - spreading rumours and hurtful comments through the use of cellphones, e-mail, text messaging and social media.



Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week



For more information about our Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan for 2021-2022, please click here: http://arklan.ucdsb.on.ca/for_families/handbook/safe_accepting_schools.

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



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REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 11TH, 2021



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 Thursday, November 11th, midmorning.

In the afternoon of the 11th, please take a look at the fence along McNeely Avenue to see how we are demonstrating that we remember in a special way.

Parent Council 2021-2022

School Council is an important part of school life and is based on the foundation of parental involvement. School Council acts in an advisory role to the Principal on educational issues, special event organizing and fundraising ventures.

All meetings are open to Arklan families to attend. Meetings are held virtually via Microsoft Teams, the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30—8:00 pm. Please email Kathleen.osborne@ucdsb.on.ca if you would like the link to attend.

Arklan is pleased to announce the members of Parent Council for 2021-2022.

Co-Chair:	Courtney Valeye
Co-Chair:	Todd Boyce
Treasurer:	Chrysanthe Michaelis
Secretary:	Unfilled

Voting Members: Saousanne Boutarta, Evhen Chernyavskiy, Jason Dupuis, Nicholas Holloway, Patricia Houle, Julia Karrantjas, Neetu Koul, Stephanie Kearns, Shoshana Keller, Josalyn McIver, Johann Ramsaran, Marie-Pier Schaly, Anna Vynnyk

Parent Council

NOTABLE INFORMATION

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Stay informed with our newsletter and our Arklan Parents Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/arklanparents

You can also find it by searching Arklan Parents on Facebook! And if you haven't done so already, be sure to follow the official Arklan School page www.facebook.com/ACPS.ucdsb



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Return to School/Child Care Protocol for Children/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms

*This guidance does not apply to high-risk contacts (HRC). If student/staff is a HRC refer to HRC letter from Public Health for directions.

If the child/staff does not get tested for COVID-19				If the child/staff tests negative for COVID-19	If the child/staff tests positive for COVID-19
<p>Scenario 1: If a child/staff member has symptoms related to other known causes or conditions (e.g., shortness of breath related to asthma, nausea related to anxiety) they can return to school/childcare when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They feel well enough for daily activities. <p>Household members do not need to isolate.</p>	<p>Scenario 2: If a child/staff has symptoms as outlined in the screening tool and chooses not to get tested, they can return to school/childcare when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have isolated for 10 days from symptom onset (despite vaccination status); AND • No fever, and symptoms improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours for gastrointestinal symptoms); AND • Must be able to pass screening tool <p>Household members who are NOT fully vaccinated* must isolate for 10 days from their last contact with the symptomatic individual who was not tested (and be able to pass screening tool) before returning to school/childcare.</p>	<p>Scenario 3: If a health care provider (HCP) has diagnosed the symptomatic child/staff with a condition that isn't related to COVID-19, they can return to school/childcare when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No fever, and symptoms improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours for gastrointestinal symptoms) <p>Household members who are NOT fully vaccinated* can stop isolation and return to school/childcare once HCP has provided alternative diagnosis and are able to pass the screening tool.</p>	<p>Scenario 4: If a child/staff member has symptoms other than the ones listed in the school screening tool (and not related to another known cause), they can return to school/childcare when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No fever, and symptoms improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours for gastrointestinal symptoms). <p>Household members, who are symptom free, do not need to isolate.</p>	<p>Symptomatic child/staff may return to school if all the following are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test results are negative for COVID-19; AND • No fever, and symptoms improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours for gastrointestinal symptoms); AND • Must be able to pass screening tool <p>Note: proof of negative test result not required.</p> <p>Household members who are NOT fully vaccinated* must remain home while symptomatic person is awaiting test results. Once the person with symptoms gets a negative COVID-19 test result, household members may return to work/school/childcare as long as they pass the screening tool.</p>	<p>Symptomatic child/staff who tests positive for COVID-19 must follow directions from Public Health (i.e. self-isolate for 10 days from symptom onset and symptoms improving for 24 hours (and no fever).</p> <p>Household members who are NOT fully vaccinated* must self-isolate for 10 days from last exposure/contact with individual who tested positive.</p> <p>Symptomatic fully vaccinated* members are required to isolate until they receive a negative result.</p> <p>All household members, including fully vaccinated ones, are recommended to go for a COVID-19 test as advised by Public Health.</p>

Note: If a child lives in more than one household and was in both households in the 48 hrs. prior to symptom onset or while experiencing symptoms, then both households must isolate while waiting for test results*.

* Household members who are fully vaccinated and have no symptoms are not required to self-isolate unless otherwise directed by the local public health unit. A person is fully vaccinated when it has been 14 days or more after receiving their second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or their first dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine series.



1-866-236-0123
www.healthunit.org

1-800-267-7120
www.eohu.ca



Reporting an Absence Due to Illness

- ◆ If possible, please use [My Family Room](#) to report your child(ren)'s absences.
- ◆ Do include the symptoms your child is experiencing in the "Note" section. (Even if they are not COVID-19 related). Every comment saves Office Staff a phone call in the morning.
- ◆ Please update us in My Family Room **every day**.
- ◆ Any information disclosed in My Family Room is always confidential.

THANK YOU ! for completing the [Return to School Web Form](#) every time your child is absent due to an illness or close contact.



Updated Return to School Protocol from Public Health October 26, 2021



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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.



World Kindness Day 2021

World Kindness Day is an international holiday that was formed in 1998, to build a kinder and more compassionate world.

The purpose of World Kindness Day as outlined by the World Kindness Movement is to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness that binds us.

World Kindness Day Activities:

- ◆ Give compliments. Smile at strangers. Hold a door open.
- ◆ Take a few minutes to hug your loved ones and friends.
- ◆ Write a poem highlighting the things you appreciate about yourself and your life. Then read it out loud.



Smile Pouches



Kindness All Around Us

Earlier in October, a fellow teacher reached out to Mrs. Swrjeski to let us know about an incredibly kind gesture that had been organized by her with the support of our thoughtful community.

By being a "Smile Pouch" sponsor, it was made possible for nine of these goody bags to be delivered to our school to give to some of our exceptional teachers. If you would like to nominate one of our teachers for these gifts, please email Mrs. Swrjeski the name and a few reasons why this teacher is deserving of a shout out!

It is always so nice when we can highlight and thank our staff for their hard work. We thank Courtney Baronette for her initiative, for taking the time to find sponsors and for finding the items to fill these Smile Pouches!

Nominations can be sent to Brenda.swrjeski@ucdsb.on.ca



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TREATIES Recognition Week

Arklan is lucky to have the opportunity to access many cultural advisors through the UCDSB Indigenous Programs Department.

In addition to this, we also have the pleasure of welcoming one of Arklan's very own parents, who is an Indigenous Rights lawyer and represents Indigenous Nations on a variety of treaty files from negotiating and implementing modern treaties to advocating for recognition of historic treaty rights.

She will be presenting and chatting with a few of our classes throughout Treaty Week.

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.

Urgent Dental Needs?

Do you have a child 17 and under who is in pain or you think has a cavity?

If it would be a financial hardship to pay for dental care, call today to learn more about the free government-funded [Healthy Smiles Ontario \(HSO\)](#) dental program.

Call the LGLDHU at 1-800-660-5853 or [visit here](#)



Masking for Kindergarten November 1

As a reminder, starting on November 1, Kindergarten students will need to wear a mask while at school. Students will be able to remove their masks for eating, drinking and when they are outside at recess.

Having Kindergarten students wear masks was strongly recommended by both Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Chief Medical Officer of Health with the [Eastern Ontario Health Unit](#), and Dr. Paula Stewart, Chief Medical Officer of Health for the [Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit](#), indicating there are no negative health risks for our youngest students to wear masks and that it will provide them with more protection. Other school boards in our area have taken similar steps.





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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.

Unless otherwise announced, schools remain open for our students and staff, even if transportation is cancelled.

*Synchronous learning will not be available to students learning from home on inclement weather days.

*If transportation services are cancelled in the morning, transportation services will not operate in the afternoon.

*Cancellation announcements will be made no later than 6:15 a.m.



Parents and guardians can verify if buses are cancelled in the following ways:

- ◆ www.steo.ca and clicking on the link "[Bus Delays or Cancellations.](#)"
- ◆ STEO's free [Bus Planner App](#) for your Apple or Android device. Use the access code STEO.
- ◆ [STEO's Parent Portal](#) for email updates on delays and cancellations specific to your child's transportation. Instructions to create a Parent Portal account [here](#).
- ◆ [STEO Facebook page](#) or on Twitter @steo_news and @steocancellations
- ◆ STEO's inclement weather hotline at 866-629-0629 (updated by 6:15 a.m.)
- ◆ UCDSB Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/UCDSB> and Twitter feed @UCDSB.
- ◆ Parents registered with "[My Family Room](#)" will receive bus cancellations by email, text, or phone call.

Please do not call the bus companies directly for cancellation updates, as the STEO website will reflect the most accurate information.



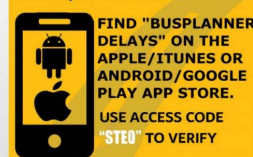
Students who walk to school



On Snow Days, please notify the school through My Family Room or by calling the school, to let us know if your child will NOT be attending.

Bus students do not need to notify the school if buses are cancelled.

DOWNLOAD OUR FREE DELAY/CANCELLATION APP!

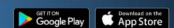


BUSPLANNER APP



- RECEIVE PUSH NOTIFICATIONS FOR DELAYED AND CANCELLED SCHOOL PURPOSE VEHICLES
- MORNING AND AFTERNOON DELAY INFORMATION FOR ROUTES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO BE DELAYED 10 MINUTES OR MORE
- RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD AND/OR SCHOOL

FREE DOWNLOAD ON YOUR APPLE OR ANDROID DEVICE





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Parent Council TEAMS Meeting 6:30	3	4	5	6  Daylight Saving Time
 TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK			7	8	9	10 Progress Reports go Home
11	12	 Remembrance Day	13 World Kindness Day	14 Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week	15 	16
17	18	19	20 National Child Day (link)	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

