



Arklan CPS News

December 2023



Message from the Principal

Hello, my name is Sue Byers. I am happy to be back at Arklan as Principal. It feels like coming home. I taught here for many years and was Vice Principal for two. I look forward to working with your children and meeting all of you. The wonderful staff at Arklan have a very busy December planned. Please have a careful look at the calendar.

Arklan Spirit Wear

We are excited to announce the arrival of Arklan Spirit Wear. Please click the link below to order your Arklan Spirit Wear. **Deadline to order is December 12th.** A bulk order will arrive to the school hopefully in mid-January. Click the link or scan the QR code to place your order. <https://arklan-community-ps.secure-decoration.com/>



Sports and Extra-Curriculars at Arklan



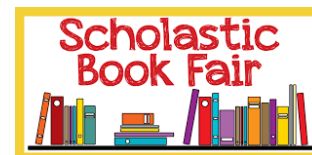
Arklan has been busy with many extracurriculars happening. Grade 4-6 students have been busy practicing for volleyball tournaments coming up later this month. The Choir has been getting ready to perform at our Holiday Concert and Sing-Along at the end of December. The Student Council has some exciting activities lined up for the month of December, including “Festive Fridays”. Please refer to the school calendar and Arklan Facebook group for reminders about Festive Fridays.

We’ve seen an increase in students using our Games Club during recess. If you have games, puzzles or colouring books that are gently used and are willing to donate, please let us know.

School Council Fundraisers

Thank you to our Wildcat Families for their support in our Purdy’s Fundraiser. Together, we raised over \$1100 to put towards supporting student learning, activities, and initiatives in the school. Order’s will be available for pick up during the 1st full week of December; more information to come.

School Council is excited to announce from Dec. 5th – Dec 7th, Arklan will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the learning commons. Students will have the opportunity to visit the book fair to purchase books with their class during the day: this is a cash only event.



Holiday Concerts

Teachers and students have already started planning for our Holiday Concerts. This year the organization will be a little different. To accommodate all Arklan families, we will be having two separate concerts; both being held on Tuesday December 19th. The concert for kindergarten to Grade 2 students will be on Tuesday, December 19th @ 10am in the gym, doors open at 9:40am. In the afternoon, students in Grades 3-6 will take the stage in “The Gift Is Right” at 12:45pm, doors open @ 12:35pm. Families are asked to line up at the back doors by the shared parking lot with CP Daycare.



Gratitude: Helping kids show appreciation this holiday season.

We teach our children to say thank you because we want them to appreciate others and not take things for granted, but learning to be grateful can have other significant benefits. Practicing gratitude can help children and youth to empathize with others and build positive relationships. It also contributes to overall happiness! This holiday season, help your child to understand the importance of gratitude and find meaningful ways to express gratitude as a family. Here are some tips:

Show examples of gratitude by offering a genuine “thank you” to others or pointing out acts of generosity. Your children watch and learn from you so be sure to express how these acts of gratitude make you feel.

Let children choose how they want to show their gratitude.

Work with your child to find a way of expressing gratitude that is meaningful to them. It could be linked to a special interest like drawing or baking. Let your child know that you are proud of them for expressing gratitude.

Make gratitude a daily practice by setting time aside for each member of the family to express what they are grateful for. Share verbally as a family or be creative! Write what you are grateful for on a cookie, ornament or decoration or create your own family gratitude tree or wreath!












This content was developed from the Child Mind Institute website. Visit <https://childmind.org/article/10-tips-raising-grateful-kids/> for the full article and for more children’s mental health articles.

Looking for mental health support in your community? Visit the Mental Health and Wellness pages of the Upper Canada District School Website where you will find a [list of community supports and services](#) by community.

Provided by the Upper Canada District School Board, Student Mental Health and Wellness Department.



December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1  Festive Friday Dress like a Snowman Character Assembly and Student Electives in the afternoon
4	5 School Council Meeting 5:30pm	6  Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Beckwith	7  Boys Volleyball Tournament @ Beckwith	8  Festive Friday Channel Your Flannel & Fuzzy Socks
<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Dec. 7 – Dec 15 Happy Hannukah</div>				
<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Grade 4s CCAT</div>				Snow Day Volleyball Tournament
<div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Scholastic Book Fair @ Arklan</div>				
11	12  Last day to order Arklan Spirit Wear	13	14  Mixed Volleyball @ Caldwell	15 Festive Friday Holiday Sweater 
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18 Dress Rehearsal for Holiday Concert	19 Holiday Concert K- Gr. 2: 10:00am Gr. 3 – Gr. 6: 12:45pm	20 Snow Day for Holiday Concert	21 Holiday Sing-along 	22 Festive Friday: PJ Day Movie Day AM: Grades 1-3 PM: Grades 4-6  Last Day of School before Winter Break
25	25	27	28	28
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Winter Holidays: Dec. 22 – Jan 7 – 1st day back Jan 8th </div>				
<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Dec. 26 – Jan 1 Happy Kwanzaa </div>				

Other Important Dates:

Jan 8: First Day of School