

# Arklan CPS News February 2024



#### Message from the Principal

Thank you for your Pizza orders and popcorn purchases. Our staff is busy preparing for our Kindergarten information evening on Feb. 21st and our students are looking forward to our Winter Fun Day this month. Arklan will be the focus of the Board meeting March 6<sup>th</sup> and the UCDSB Communications Department will be in filming early February. Our junior students are preparing a quilt for Black History month and our Primary students will be listening to the story, More than Peach, by Bellen Woodard. Parent Council will be meeting February 13<sup>th</sup> please feel free to join us.

#### **Sports and Extra-Curriculars at Arklan**

Junior Intramurals have started at Arklan; thanks to our amazing staff for organizing and supervising Junior Intramurals during the second recess. The first sport that students will be playing is basketball. Junior Students also can try out for our Handball and Basketball teams. Please encourage your child/children to listen to the morning announcements for more information.

#### Pizza Lunch

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with pizza lunches on Tuesday. Mrs. Ohlman and Mrs. Naraine are organizing a schedule and will be in contact with our volunteers. Reminder that our first pizza day will be Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>.

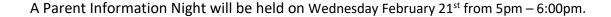
#### **Popcorn Fridays**



Mrs. Hamilton's classroom has been doing a Real-World Learning Project involving popcorn! Students surveyed classes regarding popcorn flavours, tallied results and ordered 34 cases of popcorn! Each Friday, students can purchase a bag of popcorn for \$2 – no need to pre-order! Popcorn sales will go towards purchasing interactive televisions for classrooms.

#### **Kindergarten Registration**

If your child will be 4 years old by December 31, 2024, register your child for Kindergarten at: <a href="https://www.ucdsb.on.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalld=148427&pageId=656186">https://www.ucdsb.on.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalld=148427&pageId=656186</a> or by scanning the QR Code. Our Kindergarten Open House will be in the Spring.





#### PJ Walk in Support of Ronald McDonald House



On Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup>, Arklan students participated in the RMHC PJ Walk. We are please to announce that our Wildcats raised over \$400 in support of Ronald McDonald Children's House Charity. A huge thank you to everyone for their involvement in this event!

#### **Physical Activity Outdoors**

The positive effects of physical activity are increased when it is done outdoors in nature. According to <a href="ParticipACTION">ParticipACTION</a>, being active outside can boost mood, increase energy, decrease stress and anxiety, increase physical activity and more! To enjoy the outdoors this winter and avoid cold injuries, remember to <a href="Moreover the weather">dress for the weather</a> and learn <a href="how to prevent frostbite">how to prevent frostbite and hypothermia</a>.

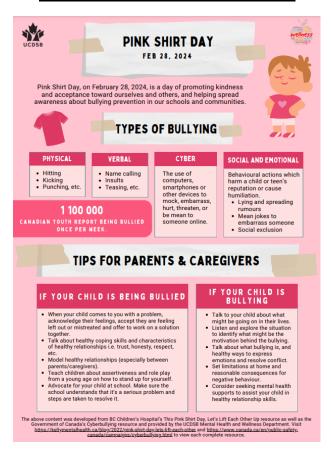
#### **UCDSB Black History Month**

The Upper Canada District School Board is committed to providing and maintaining an educational environment that is free of racism and discrimination. We are also committed to ensuring that our students, staff, and communities are educated about the valuable contributions of all members of our society and have the knowledge and skills to identify and address prejudice, discrimination, and racism.

### February 17<sup>th</sup> is Random Acts of Kindness day.

To celebrate, consider visiting <a href="www.randomactsofkindness.org">www.randomactsofkindness.org</a> for easy, practical ways to help you make kindness the norm at home and in the community. Resources are FREE, including a kindness calendar, quotes, videos, posters, grab and go games and more!

#### Pink Shirt Day - Feb 28, 2024



## February 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Jan 31  RMHC  PJ Walk  bring a toonie	PD Day! No School	Popcorn Day \$2
5	6 PIZZA DAY	7	8	9 Popcorn Day \$2
12	Parent Council 5:30 – 6:30	14 VAVENTIVES VAVENTIVES	Term 1 Reports Sent Home National Flag Day of Canada	Winter Carnival Popcorn Day \$2
19  HAPPY  FAMILY  DAY	20	21	22	Popcorn Day \$2
26	27	PINK SHIRT DAY	29	March 1 Popcorn Day \$2

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Feb 1-29: Black History Month

Feb 15: National Flag Day of Canada

March 11-15: March Break – no school for students

March 22: Term 2 IEP's sent home

March 29: Good Friday – no school for students April 1: Easter Monday – no school for students