

Gator Tracks

AVPS April Update

March Highlights:

Citizenship Assembly: Congratulations to Mr. Richards' class for organizing our Citizenship assembly. Students presented information on how to be a good citizen in our school community and in our global community. Yard expectations and recycling guidelines were reviewed, and several students were recognized for being great citizens of AVPS.

AVPS Clubs: We have had a wonderful variety of clubs at AVPS including Chess Club, Karaoke Club, Ultimate Frisbee Club, Running Club and the Harry Potter Club. Some of these clubs have been student-led proposals. Thanks very much to all of our staff supervisors who supervise and support these activities to enhance the school experience for students beyond the classroom.

Limestone Skills Competition: Congratulations to our AVPS intermediate students who participated in the Limestone Skills Competition on March 24th. Our two teams had to design a remotely controlled hydraulic vehicle that would perform specific challenges. Abby, Josh, and Natalie's "Apple Tart" vehicle earned a gold and Konner, Robbie, Ethan and Shawn won silver for their "Turtle Van". Many thanks to Mr. Perkins for mentoring these students to work as a team and maximize their potential.

Coming Up:

- April 11th Respect Assembly
-Parent Council Meeting at 6:15 pm
- April 14th -17th – Easter Break - No Classes
- April 20th –Spaghetti Dinner & Self-Regulation Presentation
- April 21st –Earth Spirit Day – wear blue & green & pitch in for yard clean-up
- April 25th Colour House Day- Wear your Colours!
- April 25th Graduation Photos
-Fire Safety Presentations
- April 26th –Gr 7 & 8 immunizations
-Fire Safety Presentations
- April 28th –Carlone, Deloughery & Heroux Ottawa trip
- May 1st –AVPS Speakers' Festival



Before & After School Programs Survey

Are you looking for before and after school care for your child in kindergarten to grade 6? The Limestone District School Board, in collaboration with community partners, is conducting a survey to identify the potential need for Before and After School Programs in our elementary schools for September 2017. For further information, please go to the LDSB website at www.limestone.on.ca and follow the links to the survey.

AVPS Speakers' Festival

Amherstview Public School's annual Speakers' Festival will take place on Monday, May 1st. Students in grades 4 to 8 will prepare and deliver speeches in their classes. Each class will then select two class representatives to present their speeches at our Speakers' Festival. The grade 4 & 5 speeches will begin at 11:25 a.m. and the grade 6-8 students will deliver their speeches beginning at 1:45 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

Many thanks to the Amherstview Lions Club for sponsoring this event. Their members provide the prizes as well as the encouragement for students to develop their skills in public speaking.

Celebrating Sunshine with Solar Powered Ovens in Mrs. Blackburn's Class!



Spaghetti Dinner and A Parent's Guide to Self-Regulation -Thursday, April 20, 2017

Dinner: 5:30 -6:15 pm

Information Session 6:15-7:30 pm

AVPS Parent Council and staff will be hosting a spaghetti dinner followed by some great information and tips for supporting your child with self-regulation strategies for home and school. An invitation with details will be sent home soon. We hope you can join us!

Parents as Partners

Our next AVPS parent council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 11th at 6:15 pm**. Thank you to all those parents who have come out this year to find out about school happenings and get involved. It's not too late to join us!



PARENTS, LET'S TALK Opioid/Fentanyl Information Evening April 11, 2017 at LCVI 153 Van Order Drive

Join KFL&A Public Health and community partners to find out, as a parent, what you need to know about opioids to keep children in our community safe.

6:30 p.m. Community partner displays and light refreshments

7:00 p.m. Presentations

KINDERGARTEN 2017—2018

We are currently accepting registrations for Junior and Senior Kindergarten age students for the 2017-2018 school year. Amherstview Public School has full-day, every-day kindergarten for both English and French Immersion children. Families may register in person at the school. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate, Immunization Card, Health Card, and proof of home address. Registration forms and other information for Kindergarten are also available on the Limestone District School Board website at www.limestone.on.ca. Follow Elementary Programs. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

DISCOVER KINDERGARTEN IN LIMESTONE

Parents who register their child for next year's junior kindergarten class will be invited to attend a **Discover Kindergarten in Limestone** evening for parents and students to be held at AVPS on **May 18th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**. Kindergarten teachers and administration will present information and answer questions about the kindergarten program. Students will receive a Discover Kindergarten in Limestone bag with items to start your child on their learning journey. We look forward to meeting our youngest learners!

Allergen Aware

Due to severe anaphylactic reactions, please refrain from bringing or sending products that contain or have come in contact with nuts or peanuts.

Spring Weather

April showers bring flowers, but also a lot of mud. This is a good time to remind children that they should dress properly for rainy days and to ensure that they have indoor shoes for use in classrooms and gymnasium.

AVPS Junior Girls' Basketball Team Battled to 5th Place Finish at Greenwood Classic Tournament. Go Gators!



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