

Gator Tracks

AVPS March Update

February Highlights:

Students are busy with a variety of activities at AVPS including Ultimate Frisbee Club, boys' and girls' basketball, and intramural games. Many thanks to the staff and student leaders who help run these activities. Good luck to the boys' and girls' basketball teams who wrap up their seasons next week at their respective tournaments. Go Gators!

AVPS Trips: Students in grade 3 participated in Swim to Survive to learn important basics of floating/swimming, and water safety. Students in grades 5-8 travelled to Calabogie Peaks to experience skiing. Students in grades four and five enjoyed performances at the Grand Theatre and many of our students continued to participate in our Swim Skate program.

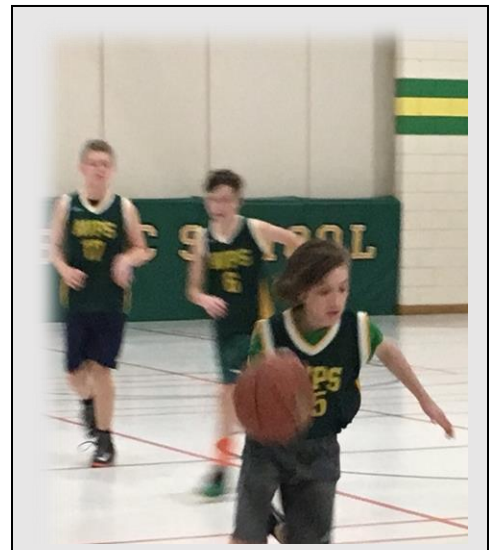


Students in our junior grades 3-6 enjoyed a visit by two players on the Kingston Frontenacs team. They spoke to students about their experiences as players and the importance of working hard and practising. They also answered questions and signed lots of autographs. Students were very excited to meet them.



Coming Up:

- March 3rd –PA Day
- March 6th –Senior Girls' Basketball Team-LSS
- March 7th – Senior Boys' Basketball Team –KCVI
- AVPS Parent Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- March 9th –Citizenship Assembly
- **March 13th – 17th March Break**
- March 24th –AVPS Earth Day
- March 25th –Earth Hour 8:30 pm-9:30 pm
- March 29th-Colour



Go Gators!



Play is good for the brain!



Did you know that the brain is the organ that learns and that play is our brain's favourite way of learning? That makes play a necessity, not a luxury for our growing children!

"Play is often talked about as if it was a relief from serious learning, but for children play is serious learning. When children pretend in play, they are using their imagination to move beyond the bounds of reality. A stick can be a magic wand; a sock can be a puppet; a child can be a superhero!" (Fred Rogers)

- What kind of play does your child seem to enjoy?
- Does he/she have enough uninterrupted time to play?
- Are there opportunities to play actively outdoors every day?



Check out the books by Antoinette Portis 😊

Provided by: *Ontario Early Years Literacy Specialists*

Report Cards

Term 1 report cards went home on February 27th. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss your child's progress.

Leadership Matters

Harleigh and Madelyn raised \$220 for shelter animals at the Humane Society by selling slime. Citizenship in action!



PARKING AND DROP-OFF

We all play a role in student safety! Thank you for your cooperation during drop-off and pick-up times. As you know these are very busy times for vehicle and pedestrian traffic around the school—in the parking lot, near the bus loading zone as well as at the front of the school on Fairfield Blvd. It is imperative that motorists be diligent in following the posted parking signs and in watching for students.

We have crossing guards on Fairfield Blvd. near the front of the school as well as at the corner of Amherst Drive and Fairfield Blvd. They cross students before school, during both breaks and at the end of the school day.

Currently there are several short-term parking spots on the west side of Fairfield Blvd. near the front of the school, but there are No Parking signs on the east side. **Please do not park in the No Parking areas directly in front of the school.** At our next parent council meeting, we will share our recent discussions with the board about creating a safe drop-off zone in front of the school. Please join us to add your input on March 7th at 6:15 pm.

Lost & Found

Our Lost and Found boxes are overflowing! We have items placed out on tables for classes to check in hopes that students will find their lost articles of clothing. Parents are welcome to check the Lost and Found boxes when they are at the school. We will donate un-claimed items to the Sharing Centre in Amherstview during March Break.

Parents as Partners

Our next parent council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7th at 6:15 pm. This is a great opportunity to get involved and find out about school happenings. Some items for discussion next meeting: district review feedback, parent council projects, parking options, security cameras, school happenings. Please join us!

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Website: <http://amherstview.ps.limestone.on.ca/>

REGISTRATIONS FOR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Registration for 2017/18 Full Day Kindergarten is now open.

Children eligible for the kindergarten program must be four or five years old by December 31, 2017 and reside within the catchment area of the Amherstview Public School. Out of area applications will be placed on a waiting list and are subject to actual enrolment numbers in September.

To be able to plan effectively for the 2017/18 school year, we are encouraging our families to register new JK and SK students at their earliest convenience. Families may register in person at the school during school hours (8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.). Please bring the following documents at the time of registration:

- Proof of your child's age (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport, etc.)
- Documentation identifying your home address (driver's license, phone bill, etc.)
- Your child's immunization record
- Your child's Ontario Health Card

Use Your WITS!

As a part of our continuing effort to provide a safe and healthy school environment, Amherstview Public School continues to implement the WITS/LEADS Program.

The WITS Primary Program teaches children in Kindergarten to Grade 3 to make safe and positive choices when faced with peer conflict. The WITS acronym - **W**alk away, **I**gnore, **T**alk it out and **S**eek help - provides a common language that children and the adults in their environment can use to talk about and respond to peer conflicts.

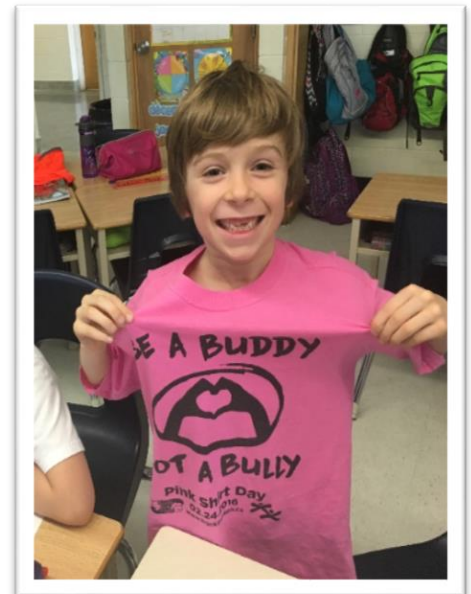
For older students, the LEADS Program teaches five problem-solving strategies to help children deal with conflict and keep safe: **L**ook and listen, **E**xplore points of view, **A**ct, **D**id it work? and **S**eek help. Both WITS and LEADS are literature based programs (in English and French) with activities that may be integrated throughout a variety of subject areas.

Choices at Seven

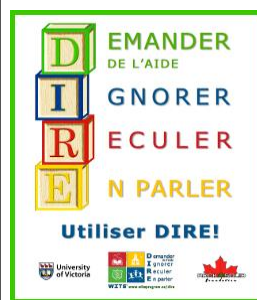
The Limestone District School Board offers four speciality programs for students in grades 7 and 8. These unique LDSB programs provide students with new learning challenges that are enriched, hands-on, and focussed.

Maybe your child will be interested in the Challenge Program, Limestone Education through the Arts Program (LEAP), Applying Technology for Learning, Aptitude and Success (ATLAS) or Extended French Immersion.

Parents can find out more about these programs and where they are offered in our district by visiting the [LDSB website](#).



Pink Shirt Day at AVPS #Kindness Matters!



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.