

Gator Tracks

AVPS May Update

April Highlights:

Respect Assembly: Congratulations to all students who participated in our respect assembly. Mme Hilton's grade 5/6 class presented poems about respect and many students received certificates to recognize their contributions to our school community.

Bayridge Road Race: Congratulations to all of our AVPS cross-country runners who participated in the Bayridge Road Race. Students did a great job representing our school. Hats off to Ocean F, Madelyn C., Zach T, Liam G. and Angus S. for their top 10 finishes. Good luck to all of our runners who are participating in the LCVI Road Race on May 3rd. Go Gators!

Student Council: Student Council representatives attended our Parent Council Meeting on April 17th to present student requests for funding for items for our school. Our parents were very impressed by their well-researched pitches and approved funding for visual arts supplies, soccer nets, large fans, and theatre microphones. Amazing student leadership!



Fire Safety Presentations: Thank-you to the Loyalist Township Fire Department for their wonderful fire prevention and safety presentations to grades 2, 4, 6 and 8 this month!

Staffing Update: Welcome to Mme Jennifer Ducharme who has joined our kindergarten team until the end of the school year.

Coming Up:

- May 1st –AVPS Speakers' Festival
- May 3rd –LCVI Road Race
- May 8th –Celebration of Dance West –Wear Green & Gold!
- May 11th – Boys' & Girls' Junior Basketball Tournament at St. Lawrence College
- May 11th -AVPS & Fairfield Speak-Off at AVPS Library at 6:30pm
- May 15th –Track & Field Day
- May 16th –Volunteer Breakfast
- May 17th –Poetry Café 5:30 pm
- May 18th –Colour House Day Discovering Kindergarten 5:30pm
- May 19th PA Day –no classes
- May 22nd –Victoria Day
- May 23rd –June 1-EQAO Testing

Moving Out of Area?

If you are moving, PLEASE notify Mrs. Rolfe. This helps us to plan for next year and assures that your child's records go to the right place for September. If you are planning to start your holidays prior to June 29th, please notify the office. Out of area applications for next year need to be completed or updated for consideration for next year. A wait list is created and will not be approved until actual enrollment numbers are verified in September. Out of area students are not eligible for transportation.

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.



Square Dancing fun in Mme MacKay's class!

Parents as Partners

Our next AVPS parent council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 23rd 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. We are currently in need of volunteer help in the library. Please let us know if you have an hour to spare to help us catch up on re-shelving and cataloguing.

Piano Lessons

Dear Parents & Students,
I am pleased to announce, that in September I will be continuing to offer piano/music lessons, during school hours, at Amherstview Public School. If you are interested in this service, please contact me at 613 388-9247, in order to discuss my policy, books, and availability.
Thank you, Dan De Santis

2017-18 School Organization

We have begun to plan for next year's school organization. Based on our projected enrollment numbers we will be organizing for 8 classes on our English side and 14 classes on our French Immersion side. This is a drop of one French Immersion class. Teaching assignments have not been confirmed.

We will be working on building classes for next year. Please keep in mind that we consider all factors carefully in determining a classroom placement to ensure that classes are balanced and students are set up for success.

In recent years, our numbers have changed with new enrollments late in the summer, and we have had to reorganize in September. Due to this uncertainty, we will not share classroom placements until September unless we are supporting a student with a specific transition plan or special education need.



Go Gators!

Save the Date!

AVPS Live Well, Eat Well Revolution:

June 6th 4:30-6:00 pm

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 or who are new to SK are 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 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.

Volunteer Breakfast

Thank-you to all of our wonderful volunteers. We will be hosting a volunteer breakfast on Thursday, May 16th in appreciation for all you do for our school community. Please RSVP to Mrs. Rolfe at the school if you are able to attend.

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



Measuring Up



Measurement is a math concept children learn about at home and school. Measurement includes understanding length, mass, volume, perimeter, area, temperature, time and speed.

you can help preschool and school age children understand measurement by helping them learn to use measurement vocabulary. Words such as short/long, heavy/light, full/empty, big/small, hot/cold, early/late, fast/slow help them compare things in their everyday world.



Create one-of-a-kind rulers by helping your children trace and cut out their handprint. Help them use their hand rulers to find other hands that are bigger, smaller, and the same size as their own.

Can your children use their hand rulers to count how many hands their pet or stuffed animal is high or long?

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