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# Adrienne Clarkson News

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## Administrators' Message

With September under our belts, we have all settled into the new school year. Students have become accustomed to the routines of coming to school and the rules of the classroom.

The cool fall breezes have also brought thoughts of thankfulness to ACPS. It is often said that the happiest people are those who show appreciation for the many positive people or things in their lives. We can be appreciative by using words and actions to recognize all the great things that surround us: people and their actions, nature and its beauty, important events and simple pleasures. Why not start a new family tradition at dinner time? Each family member could take a turn to explain why he or she is thankful or appreciative. You may be surprised at what your children will share. Taking the time to verbalize what or who you appreciate can help us all to be more positive and resilient when things don't seem to be going the way we had hoped.

Let's all try to be more mindful of showing appreciation, every day. You never know how a small "thank you" or "I appreciate your kindness" could change someone's day.

Sincerely,

*Mme Russiello et M Gerson*



**Oct 5** ~ Yom Kippur

**Oct 6** ~ School Council Meeting & Elections

**Oct 10** ~ Thanksgiving Day

**Oct 11** ~ Grade 7, 8 leadership day

**Oct 13** ~ Cross Country Area Meet

**Oct 21** ~ PA Day (no school)

**Oct 24** ~ Diwali

**Oct 28** ~ Brooks Farm Trip (Gr. 2&3)

**Oct 31** ~ Halloween

**Oct 31** ~ Holocaust Education Week

Visit our [website](#) to view the full calendar.

## **Terry Fox Walk/Run**

Once again  
ACPS took part  
in this year's

Terry Fox School Run. To date we have surpassed our goal and raised nearly \$1500. This Thanksgiving, as you connect with family and friends, you too can share Terry's message of hope. Thank you! #terryfoxschoolruns @terryfoxfoundation



## Halloween @ ACP5

Monday, October 31st

**Costumes:** This year we ask that students wear their costume to school or have a costume that they can easily put over their clothes..

A reminder that:

- Costumes should not interfere with mobility and learning;
- Students should not wear masks;
- Students should not bring weapon replicas to school.
- Students can choose to wear a costume, Hallowe'en colours or autumn colours.



**Candy & Hallowe'en Treats:** Remember that HEALTHY SNACKS are always preferred at school.

Students should refrain from sharing Hallowe'en treats with friends / classmates at school.

**Please do not send your child with treats to share with his/her class due to the different allergies students have**

## TRANSPORTATION ROUTINES

Students in Grades JK-3 must live more than 1.2 km. from the school to qualify for bussing.

Students in Grades 4 – 8 must live more than 1.6 km. from the school to qualify for bussing.

This means that a student may have qualified in grade 3 but no longer qualifies in grade 4.

It also means that one sibling may qualify and the other may not.

Please check the website at [schoolbuscity.com](http://schoolbuscity.com) to verify bussing for your child(ren).

STSYR works closely with school bus operators to help ensure safe, reliable transportation is provided to students. Occasionally service times may be disrupted for various reasons. As a result, parents and students are encouraged to review the Late Bus Report at <http://net.schoolbuscity.com/latebus>

### **Last-minute, end-of-day, arrangements**

In a school of over 530 students, it can be **very difficult**, to deliver end-of-day messages to students regarding changes to their regular mode of transportation home. While we understand that occasionally, emergencies arise, **please let your child know the night before if there will be a different end-of-day routine**. Please also send a note for the teacher and/or inform the office by 1:30 p.m. This ensures the safety of all our students.

**Remember: Bus passes are not permitted! Students are to only ride their designated bus.**



## October is Islamic History Month

In 2007, the Parliament of Canada officially declared October as Islamic History Month in Canada. This is intended to be a time for Canadians to celebrate and focus on Muslim cultural heritage and the over 1000 years of Muslim contribution to world history and knowledge in order to build bridges between Canadian Muslims and other Canadians.

The month employs dialogue and awareness and finds opportunities to embed information in curriculum and school-daily practice related to the rich Islamic History. For additional information, see: <http://bit.ly/2miSwZl>

## October is 2SLGBTQ+ History Month

2SLGBTQ+ History Month celebrates the achievements of 31 lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender Icons. Each day in October, a new 2SLGBTQ+ Icon is featured with a video, bio, bibliography, downloadable images and other resources.

See: <https://lgbthistorymonth.com/>

## GAPPS Profile Images

Between October 11-14, 2022, students may customize their YRDSB Google Apps (GAPPS) profile pictures [within parameters established by the YRDSB](#). This will enable students to express or represent themselves in their profile images, while prioritizing safe and inclusive learning and working environments for all of our students and staff.

### What does this mean for my child?

- Students will have an opportunity to select a customized profile picture that meets [YRDSB guidelines](#).
- Students will receive guidelines and considerations based on their grade level to support them in selecting and/or creating an appropriate profile picture.
- This is optional. Students who do not select an image will continue to have their first initial as their GAPPS profile image.
- Students will have two opportunities each year, during the fall and again in the spring, to change their images.

YRDSB does not tolerate any forms of hate or discrimination. In the past, it came to the Board's attention that YRDSB Google Apps (GAPPS) profile pictures were being used to spread online hate through racist imagery shared and uploaded to GAPPS accounts. These images cause pain and can make other students and staff members feel unsafe, marginalized and unwelcome in our learning environments.

Appropriate actions were taken to address this issue, including a mandatory learning series for all students, mandatory training for all YRDSB staff, and temporarily removing access to customizing profile images. YRDSB will be continuing to implement measures that support student safety over the course of this school year. These measures include providing teachers with ongoing access to resources and support for addressing issues of hate.

Students are also encouraged to report problematic images that perpetuate hate or cause harm by speaking with a caring adult or by making use of the YRDSB's [ReportIT tool](#).

## Eco Corner

Have your child help at home to clear the dinner dishes so that they can learn about what goes into each bin (compost bins or recycling bins).

A reminder that we encourage litter-less and boomerang lunches at ACPS.



**Litter-less lunches:** Pack snacks and lunches in re-usable containers. This helps reduce the amount of waste left at school.

**Boomerang lunch:** Encourage children to bring home any uneaten food. This helps you to see what they've eaten at school and ensures that food doesn't end up in the garbage or compost.

### Lunch Tips

Here are some tips for getting your kids to eat more fruits and veggies:

- Cut veggies and fruit in bite sizes pieces so kids can easily eat them.
- If it looks good, kids are more likely to eat it. Give them bright, colourful veggies & fruits.
- Let your child help prepare his/her fruits and veggies for school.



**Fruit Ideas:** melon balls, orange slices, berries, grapes, etc.

**Veggie ideas:** sliced peppers, carrot sticks, snap peas, cucumber slices, etc.



## Safe Arrival

Reporting an absence online is available through Edsby. If you have activated your Edsby account, you can login to Edsby and report your child's absence online. You can access an [online video tutorial to learn more](#) at [bit.ly/edsbyabsence](http://bit.ly/edsbyabsence) about how to do this.

If you have not yet created an Edsby account, please contact the school office.

Families can still continue to report absences by phone. Please call the school phone number and select the attendance mailbox. If your child's absence is not reported and we are unable to reach you, we will continue to follow the YRDSB Safe Arrival Protocol and contact York Regional Police.

## Kiss & Ride Agreement

The safety of our students is very important to us; therefore, we ask for your support in following our Kiss & Ride Program at Adrienne Clarkson P.S. The Kiss & Ride program is intended for families who are dropping off or picking up their child(ren). It is not intended for individuals who want to leave their vehicle to walk their child(ren) to the door or to assist their child(ren) to leave the car. If you want to accompany your child to the fence of the playground, you must park your vehicle in a parking space (or in another designated space) and walk your child to the school yard.

In an effort to make drop-off and pick-up as orderly and safe as possible we ask that drivers respect the following rules:












1. Obey the road rules, crosswalks, stop signs and speed limits. **Watch for children!**
2. Have your child(ren) enter and exit the vehicle from the curb side of the loop (exit from the RIGHT side of the vehicle ONLY).
3. The Kiss & Ride area is one way only.
4. Your child(ren) should have their backpack on their lap to enable them to exit the vehicle quickly.
5. Never leave your car parked, idling or unattended.

We realize that drop-off and pick-up can be challenging and therefore we would like to provide some alternative transportation suggestions:

- ❖ Bussing. \*\*\* if your child(ren) is/are eligible for bussing then we **highly recommend** that you make arrangements to use this convenient and valuable service \*\*\*
- ❖ Walking. If you live close to the school, walking rather than driving is a great way to reduce congestion in our Kiss & Ride loop.
- ❖ Discuss pick-up and drop-off routines with your children and be flexible with solutions as change is required.
- ❖ Families with more than one child can help their children to organize a designated pick-up spot.
- ❖ Park a block away and walk the last block to school with your child(ren).

Without your help and cooperation this initiative cannot succeed. Thank you in advance for assisting us to keep all our students safe.

## October Holidays and Observances

 Bahá'í Faith	<p>Oct 16 ~ Ilm            Oct 26 ~ Birth of The Báb            Oct 27 ~ Birth of Bahá'u'lláh</p>
 Buddhism	<p>Oct 5 ~ Bodhidharma Memorial            Oct 9 ~ Pavarana Day            Oct 10 ~ Kathina begins            Oct 13 ~ Nichiren Shonin Memorial</p>
 Christianity	<p>Oct 2 ~ World Communion Day</p>
 Hinduism	<p>Oct 4 ~ Navaratri ends            Oct 5 ~ Dassehra            Oct 13 ~ Karwa Chauth            Oct 24 ~ Diwali            Oct 25 ~ Vikram New Year (2079)</p>
 Jainism	<p>Oct 2 ~ Aymbil Ori            Oct 10 ~ Atmasiddhi Rachna Divas            Oct 24 ~ Mahavira Nirvana            Oct 26 ~ Jain New Year &amp; Day of Enlightenment            New Year Day &amp; Day of Enlightenment of Lord            Gautamswami            Oct 27 ~ Jnana Panchmi</p>
 Judaism	<p>Oct 5 ~ Yom Kippur            Oct 10,11 ~ Sukkot / Ends Oct 16            Oct 17 ~ Shmini Atzeret            Oct 18 ~ Simḥat Torah</p>
 Islam	<p>Oct 8 ~ Mawlid al-Nabīy</p>
 Sikhism	<p>Oct 20 ~ Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji            Oct 24 ~ Bandhi Chhor Divas</p>
 Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism)	<p>Oct 2 ~ Mehreagan            Oct 12 ~ Ghambar Ayathrem begins / Ends Oct 16</p>
 Indigenous Spirituality	<p>Oct 1 - Storing food Moon            Oct 1 - Giving Thanks Moon</p>
 Wicca	<p>Oct 31 ~ Samhain</p>
Other Events This Month	<p>Islamic Heritage Month            LGBT History Month            Oct 9 ~ Full Moon            Oct 10 ~ Thanksgiving Day            Oct 25 ~ New Moon, Partial Solar Eclipse            Oct 31 ~ Halloween</p>