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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. It was wonderful to see so many families at Curriculum Night on September 28th!

October has 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 they are 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



October Happenings

- Oct 2** ~ School Council Meeting & Elections
- Oct 4** ~ Terry Fox Run/Walk
- Oct 9** ~ Thanksgiving Day
- Oct 12** ~ Cross Country- Area Meet
- Oct 17** ~ Brooks Farm Trip (Gr. 2)
- Oct 20** ~ PA Day
- Oct 31** - Halloween

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 of \$1500 and collected \$2100! Way to go ACPS! This Thanksgiving, as you connect with family and friends, you too can share Terry's message of hope. Please share and donate to our school's fundraising efforts by October 13th at :

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/AdrienneClarksonPSRichmondHill>

#terryfoxschoolrun
@theterryfoxfoundation



Halloween @ ACPS

Tuesday, October 31st

Costumes: We ask that students wear their costume to school or have a costume that they can easily put it over their clothes..

A reminder that:

- Costumes should not interfere with mobility and learning;
- Students should not wear masks as this restricts visibility;
- Students cannot 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.

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, it is important that costumes do not trivialize and devalue the lives of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs, should not be worn as another person's costume, nor should costumes that caricature social identities through stereotyping.

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/>

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 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 560 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.



Order on School CashOnline Today!

Popcorn Orders
due Oct. 9



Milk Orders
due Oct. 12



Halloween Cookie Orders
due Oct. 19



Help support our fundraising efforts! Funds raised will support Grade 8 Graduation & Trip as well as other student activities in the school.



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](https://bit.ly/edsbyabsence) at 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.

ACPS School Council

2023-2024

The ACPS School Council Elections were held on Monday, October 2, 2023. We are sharing the results with you.

Co-Chairs: Nika D. & Lisa D.

Secretaries: Jolyn C. & Trisha T.

Pizza Committee Chair: Pedram M.

Fundraising Chair: Elnaz G.

Community Representative: Roxanne L

Members at Large:

Trina H-S, Erika G, Dragan S, Minran L, Cathy H, Apple L, Sophia S, Ying T, Maryam R, Julie C, Shandy H











Treasurers: Abbas A. & Yoonie K.

Communications Chair: Alanna M-T.

BBQ Committee Chair: Aileen G.

Programs Chair: Jennifer I. & Jane P.

October Holidays and Observances

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|  Bahá'í Faith | <p>16 'Ilm</p> <p>16 Birth of The Báb</p> <p>17 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh</p> |
|  Buddhism | <p>5 Bodhidharma Memorial</p> <p>13 Nichiren Shonin Memorial</p> <p>29 Pavarana Day</p> <p>30 Kathina begins</p> |
|  Christianity | <p>1 World Communion Sunday</p> |
|  Hinduism | <p>15 Navaratri begins</p> <p>21 Saraswati Puja</p> <p>23 Navaratri ends</p> <p>24 Dassehra</p> |
|  Indigenous Spirituality | <p>1 Storing Food Moon (local Oneida)</p> <p>1 Giving Thanks Moon (local Oneida)</p> |
|  Jainism | <p>21 Aymbil Ori (Second Half) begins</p> <p>29 Atmasiddhi Rachna Divas</p> |
|  Judaism | <p>1 Second Day of Sukkot</p> <p>6 Last Day of Sukkot</p> <p>6 Eve of Shmini Atzeret</p> <p>7 Shmini Atzeret</p> <p>7 Eve of Simḥat Torah</p> <p>8 Simḥat Torah</p> |
|  Sikhism | <p>20 Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji</p> |
|  Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) | <p>2 Mehragan</p> <p>12 Ghambar Ayathrem begins</p> <p>16 Ghambar Ayathrem ends</p> |
|  Wicca | <p>31 Samhain</p> |
| Other Events This Month | <p>Islamic Heritage Month</p> <p>LGBT History Month</p> <p>9 Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>14 Annular Solar Eclipse</p> <p>14 New Moon</p> <p>28 Partial Lunar Eclipse</p> <p>28 Full Moon</p> <p>31 Halloween</p> |