

AK WIGG PUBLIC SCHOOL

1337 Haist Street, Fonthill, Ontario, L0S 1E0

September 8, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Sept 12th Mad Science Show @ 11:30**
- **Early Release Day Sept 15th**
- **Back to School BBQ - Meet the staff, Wednesday, Sept 20 from 4:30pm - 6:30pm**
- **School Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:00 pm in the school library**
- **Thursday, September 28th—Terry Fox School Run Day at 1:50 pm**
- **Friday, September 29th—School Photo Day**
- **Friday, September 29th—Every Child Matters—Orange Shirt Day**
- **World Teachers' Day October 5th**
- **October 6th PA Day**
- **October 9th Thanksgiving Day**

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M. Zwolak - Principal



NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our returning students, families and staff to AK Wigg for another fabulous year! To our new students, families and staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the AK Wigg community. We are excited about the new school year ahead and look forward to the various experiences we will share with you in the lives of your children.

Each year brings new ideas, challenges and changes as we grow to meet the needs of our students.

I encourage you to read your monthly newsletter thoroughly. You can expect it to be posted on-line on at the beginning of each month (as opposed to being sent home to save trees and the exorbitant cost of copying). The information in each issue can assist you as you help your child plan for the days ahead, including special things happening each month. We also have an updated calendar at all times. You can find our website at: <http://akwigg.dsbny.org/> (or just Google AK Wigg DSBN). We also have a Twitter account. This is a great way to get updated information and see pictures of our AK Wigg kids and staff in action! Please follow us @AKWWildcats.

Thanks to Mrs. Bedard and all the staff for their hard work in getting the school ready for our students. Information will soon be coming home shortly about our Back to School BBQ, the Mad Science program and our Terry Fox School Run and the School Milk program very soon.

Welcome back to another great year!

Sincerely, Ms. M. Zwolak, Principal

Early Release Day

Our Board has recognized the need to provide ongoing professional development to our staff to support continued student success. Part of the P.D. program will involve an Early Release Day to be held on Friday, September 15th. The staff will be involved in School Growth Planning workshops on that afternoon - specifically focused on improving mathematics instruction. Dismissal for "walking" students or those being picked up by parents/designated adults will be at 12:30 p.m.. Students who take the bus will be transported home at approximately 3 hours earlier than usual.

Doing Mathematics with Your Child (Kindergarten to Grade 6)

Today, critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and ability to communicate mathematically are essential skills. These processes are the foundation of mathematics instruction in Ontario schools. "Doing Mathematics with Your Child" is a guide available for parents of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. This guide offers ways to engage their child in thinking and talking about mathematics around the four strands: number sense and numeration, measurement, patterning and algebra, and data management and probability.

Please use the link below to access the guide in English and 13 other languages:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNum.html>

MEET THE A.K. WIGG TEAM (2017-18)

Ms. M. Zwolak –Principal
Ms. B. Bradley–Kindergarten
Mrs. T. Murray–Early Childhood Educator
Ms. S. Hotham– Grade 1
Mrs. T. Iannizzi–Grade 2 /3
Mrs. J. Young –Grade 3 / 4
Mrs. E. Stefaniuk–Grade 5
Mr. M. Triano–Grade 6/7
Mr. R. Hildebrandt–Grade 7/8
Ms. L. Fucile–Learning Resource Teacher
Mme. J. Lisi–French
Ms. E. Abraham–Music
Ms. V. Schoonings –Educational Assistant
Mrs. L. Bedard–Custodian
Ms. J. Jones–Youth Counsellor
Mrs. S. Leppert–Lunch Supervisor

Mrs. D. Nicholas–Secretary
Mrs. J. Lawler–Kindergarten
Mrs. L. Sawatzky–Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. B. Cunningham–Grade 1 /2
Mrs. S. Breadner–Grade 3
Mr. G. Eliopoulos–Grade 4/5
Mrs. M. Brown–Grade 6
Ms. M. Shepard–Grade 7
Ms. M. Tennier–Grade 8
Mrs. T. Rudling–French
Mr. S. Kurland–Prep Coverage
Mr. T. Droppert–Library / Prep Coverage
Ms. L. Duskoff–Educational Assistant
Ms. C. Somerville –Night Custodian
Mrs. Labriciosa–Lunch Supervisor

DOES YOUR CHILD RIDE THE BUS HOME FROM SCHOOL?



This year our school bus is scheduled to depart AK Wigg at 3:35p.m. Due to tight timelines with the bus route, our students must be ready to board the bus immediately at the end of the school day. Please ensure that the school office is informed if your child will not be riding the bus on any given day. Thank you for your consideration and support in keeping our end of day bus routines as smooth and efficient as possible!

YOUTH COUNSELLOR

A Youth Counsellor, Ms. Jessie Jones, has been assigned to our school on a part-time basis, one half day per week. The role of the youth counsellor is to deliver evidence-based/informed programs in both large and small group settings to equip students with skills and strategies to manage their mental health and well-being. These programs provide supports to address the following areas:

- Self-awareness - the ability to accurately recognize one's emotions and thoughts and influence on behaviour.
- Self-regulation - the ability to regulate one's emotions, thoughts and behaviours effectively in different situations.
- Social awareness - the ability to take the perspective of, and empathize with others from diverse backgrounds and cultures, to understand social and ethical norms for behaviour, and to recognize family, school and community resource supports.
- Relationship skills - the ability to establish and maintain healthy and rewarding relationships with diverse individuals and groups.
- Responsible decision-making - the ability to make constructive and respectful choices about personal behaviour and social interactions based on consideration of ethical standards, safety concerns, social norms, the realistic evaluation of consequences of various actions, and the well-being of self and others.

If you have questions about the role of our Youth Counsellor or the referral process, please speak with Ms. Jones, your

Safety and Security

We strive to maintain our school as a safe and secure learning environment for our students and staff. Our school is equipped with a video surveillance and electronic access system. This system enhances our safe school practices already in place. Video surveillance consists of a camera installed at our front entrance and this surveillance video camera is just one of the tools we will use to foster a safe and secure learning environment under the Safe Schools Act. It is in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Access to our school will be through the front door, and visitors will be buzzed in. To ensure student safety, all visitors must: 1. only access the school through the front door, 2. check in at the office before going to a classroom (to volunteer), 3. sign in using the “Visitor Sign In” book located in the main office, 4. wear a visitor’s lanyard during your stay with us. It is our hope that the 30 seconds it takes to sign in will not inconvenience or hinder our wonderful parent volunteers and visitors to the building. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher, please check in at the office or call to schedule an appointment. If you are dropping off an item for your child or picking him/her up for an appointment, you may simply check in at the office as per usual and allow one of our staff members to take care of your request. Thank-you for your support in this matter of student safety.

School Photo Day

Our school photo day is fast approaching! Please remember to mark Friday, September 29th on your calendar, as Edge Imaging will be in the school that day capturing everyone's smiles. Edge provides a variety of photo options to capture your child's true personality, preserving all their school day memories. For more information on photo day, please visit www.edgeimaging.ca for answers to frequently asked questions.

School Council

If you are interested in becoming more actively involved in your child’s education and the inner workings of AK Wigg Public School, we encourage you to join our School Council! This group generally meets throughout the year to discuss current issues, educational trends, and the future of our school as well as to plan events and programs to support the students and school community. We welcome new members! Please consider joining us at our first meeting on Tuesday, September 26th at 6 p.m. We will be electing our executive and establishing our general membership during this meeting. Please join us in saying THANK-YOU to Ms. Kim Reid for serving as your School Council Chair for the past several years. We appreciate all that you’ve done!



NEWSLETTER DRAW

YES, I/WE HAVE READ THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE ENTER OUR NAME(S) IN THE NEWSLETTER DRAW.

Student's Name / Family Name

Parent Signature

Get active...



- Improves physical and mental health
- Improves traffic and safety around your school
Improves air quality and helps the environment
- Students arrive at school alert and ready to learn
Families feel more connected to their community

Our school will continue to work on ways to make it
easier and safer
for your children to walk or bike to school.

If you want to join our school travel planning efforts,
let your principal know!

Join the movement!

STUDENT ILLNESSES

Niagara Region Public Health recommends that you keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms: Fever, Diarrhoea, Rash, Vomiting, Sore Throat, Frequent Coughing or Sneezing, Yellow or Green discharge from the nose, ears or eyes. Contact your family doctor for a diagnosis. He or she will advise you about care and treatment if a communicable disease is diagnosed.



STUDENT AGENDA ORGANIZER

Students in grades 1 to 8 have a planner/agenda. This is an ideal tool for both organization and communication. We are asking that each student pay \$5.00 toward the cost of the organizer as soon as possible. The cost of the agenda has been subsidized by school fundraising. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. Please take a few minutes to discuss the importance of using the agenda faithfully with your son/daughter. Please sign the agenda to show you have read this with your child.

Our School's Public Health Nurse

A.K. Wigg School would like to welcome this year's school nurse, Joanne Germano.

Our school nurse will be working alongside school staff to consult and support on health topics, provide resources and curriculum-based lesson plans, support parent events, and assist with creating a Healthy School environment for all.

If you have any questions, please e-mail: joanne.germano@niagararegion.ca

MAD SCIENCE CLUB

Mad Science, the world's leading provider of educational and entertaining science programs for children is coming to A K Wigg School! They will be getting kids excited about science with fun, entertaining and exciting activities and demonstrations.

Students and teachers will be thrilled on **September 12th, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.** when Mad Science comes to the school to do a Spectacular Science show. The assembly will be educational, entertaining and also the kick off to the Mad Science Club.

The Club is a 4 week science enrichment program offered to the students. Students who join the Science Club will go on a voyage of discovery designed to support the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum. The topics will be different this year than when Mad Science was last at the school.

The Club will take place on:
Thursday, Oct 5, 12, 26, 29
from 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM

Mad Science also performs Birthday Parties, Camps and Special Events. Give them a call at 905-937-1878 and watch out for them in Malls, at Fairs, Festivals and Scouts and Guides.