

September 10, 2018

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Sept 13th Mad Science Show @ 11:30 a.m.
- Friday, Sept 14 Early Release Day
- Sept 26th Rowan's Law Day—Wear Purple
- Tuesday, Sept 18th Welcome Back BBQ - Meet the staff from 4:30pm - 6:30pm
- School Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 25th, @ 6:00 in the Library Learning Commons
- Thursday, September 20th—Terry Fox School Run Day
- World Teachers' Day October 5th
- October 5th PA Day
- October 8th Thanksgiving Day

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M. Zwolak - Principal

# AK WIGG PUBLIC SCHOOL

1337 Haist Street, Fonthill, Ontario, L0S 1E0



## 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.

Mrs. Bedard worked tirelessly in the heat of the summer to make sure the school was clean. I love walking in to find the floors shining and the classrooms so thoroughly cleaned! Thanks to Mrs. Bedard and all the staff for their hard work in getting the school ready for our students.

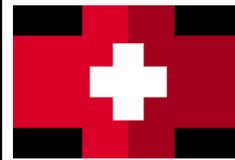
Information will soon be coming home shortly about our Back to School BBQ, the Mad Science program and our Terry Fox School Run. Our Pizza Day is up and running and more information will be coming to you about the School Milk program shortly.

Welcome back to another great year!

Sincerely,

*Ms. M. Zwolak*

### Keeping our School Safe & Healthy



If you have a child with a Prevalent Medical

Condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child.

The Plan of Care form is a new document that replaces the Emergency Action Plan. All parents of children with Prevalent Medical Conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school.

You can download the forms here [dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions](http://dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions).

For more information, please contact the school.

## MEET THE A.K. WIGG TEAM

Staffing requirements are dictated by the enrolment of the school. As our enrolments are finalized during the next week, adjustments in staffing and classes may be made if necessary. However, until further notice, the following is our 2018/2019 staffing based on current numbers:

Mrs. B. Bradley—Kindergarten	Mrs. T. Iannizzi—Kindergarten
Mrs. T. Murray—DECE	Mrs. L. Sawatzky—DECE
Ms. S. Hotham—Grade 1	Mrs. B. Cunningham—Grade 1 /2
Mrs. S. Breadner—Grade 2 / 3	Mrs. J. Young—Grade 3
Mr. G. Eliopoulos—Grade 4	Mrs. E. Stefaniuk—Grade 5
Mrs. M. Brown—Grade 5 / 6	Mr. M. Triano—Grade 6/7
Ms. M. Shepard—Grade 7	Mr. R. Hildebrandt—Grade 7 / 8
Ms. M. Tennier—Grade 8	Ms. L. Fucile—Learning Resource
Mr. M. Arseneau—Core French	Mlle. Raso—Core French (LTO)
Mr. S. Kurland—Prep Coverage	Ms. E. Abraham—Music
Mr. T. Droppert—Library /Prep Coverage	Mrs. M. Hillicker—Instructional Coach
Ms. V. Schoonings—Educational Assistant	Ms. S. Robins—Educational Assistant
Mrs. T. Hofland—Youth Counsellor	Mrs. L. Bedard—Custodian
Mrs. Labriciosa—Lunch Supervisor	Ms. C. Sommerville—Night Custodian
TBD—Lunch Supervisor	Mrs. D. Nicholas—Secretary
Ms. M. Zwolak –Principal	

## ATTENDANCE

Your child's safety and whereabouts are very important to us. Because of this, it is essential for us to know when your child is absent from school. Please call the school (905) 892-2605 to report your child's absence. After school hours, we have an answering machine to take your message. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Any unexplained absence will be checked using our callback system. This means, with any unexplained absence, we will be calling home/work to find out where your child is. **Being on time for school is an important habit to teach your child. We stress the need for every student to be at school on time in order to not miss important lessons or information being shared.** Students who are late must report to the office to obtain a late slip for their teacher. Students who may need to leave the school during school hours must be signed out by a parent or guardian at the office.

Parents are being reminded to make every effort to make plans for after school arrangements with their children prior to the school day. This will help us keep interruptions during valuable learning time to a minimum. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE

For the safety and well being of our students all guests of AK Wigg Public School, including parents, are asked to check in at the office. Visitors will be asked to sign in and wear a visitor sticker.

## 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!



### 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 14th. The staff will be involved in School Growth Planning workshops on that afternoon - specifically focused on improving student well being and achievement. Dismissal for “walking” students or those being picked up by parents/designated adults will be at 12:30 p.m.. Bussed students will be transported home at approximately 3 hours earlier than usual. We appreciate your support in this matter ... it is a great benefit to our students!

## Community Open House

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

**6 pm to 8 pm**

**Hear our stories at 6:30 pm**

**Meridian Community Centre, Accursi Room**

**55 Wellspring Way, Fonthill**

**Drop in to meet our team**

**Hear some firsthand experiences from our Bigs and Littles!**

**Learn more about our:**

**Free Programming and Services for Children & Youth in your community**

**How YOU can make a difference as a volunteer**

**Light refreshments provided**



**Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of South Niagara**



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

On September 26, Rowan's Law Day will be observed by our school. This is a day to increase awareness about the danger of concussions, and to positively promote injury prevention.

Rowan's Law was created after Rowan Stringer, a 17-year old student died after sustaining two concussions. Because she did not tell anyone about her injuries or how she was feeling with her family, coaches, or friends her concussions went untreated.

By observing Rowan's Law Day each year and educating our school community about concussions, we hope to promote a culture of safety at our school.

Purple was Rowan's favourite colour, so we are asking students to wear purple to school on September 26 - it could be a purple shirt, socks, a ribbon - something to represent Rowan.

Calling all parents & caregivers

## IT'S TIME TO SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, November 7, 2018  
4pm to 8:15pm at Eden High School  
535 Lake Street, St. Catharines

Join us for an evening of learning & FREE workshops!

**KEEP IN TOUCH  
WITH  
AK WIGG P.S.**

Follow us on our school  
website: [akw.dsbni.org](http://akw.dsbni.org)  
Follow us on Twitter:  
[@AKWWildcats](https://twitter.com/AKWWildcats)

Mark your calendar for the 2018 DSBN Parent Involvement Conference,  
at Eden High School in St. Catharines. Join us for an evening of free  
workshops for parents and caregivers of DSBN students of all ages.

For more information about the event visit [www.dsbni.org/pic](http://www.dsbni.org/pic)



*Early Bird Draw!*  
Register before October 3, 2018  
and you could WIN \$500 of support  
for your School and School Council!



**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**

All students in grades 1 to 8 have a customized 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. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. Please take a few minutes to discuss the importance of using the organizer faithfully with your son/daughter. Look over the “Code of Conduct” information presented in the organizer and talk about it with your child at an age appropriate level. Please sign the agenda to show you have read this with your child.



Getting involved in School Council is an excellent way to be engaged with and to support your child’s educational experience. It is a great way to connect with other parents in our school community. This group

generally meets throughout the year to discuss current issues, educational trends, and the future of our school as well as to plan various initiatives to support our students’ learning experiences (both curricular and extra-curricular). We welcome new members! Please consider joining us at our first meeting on Tuesday, September 25th at 6 p.m. We will be electing our executive and establishing our general membership during this meeting.

**MAD SCIENCE CLUB COMING SOON!**

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 16/Sep/2016 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 6,13,20,27 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.



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## TRY AT HOME ACTIVITY - ZOOM BALL

Materials:

- Two 1 litre plastic pop bottles
- Scissors
- Optional: Coloured construction paper
- Masking tape
- Ribbons
- Two plastic ring six pack holders
- Two 2.4 metre strings • An adult helper

1. Ask your adult helper to cut the bottoms off of the two plastic pop bottles.
2. Fit the bottles together so there is a neck on either end. Tape the bottles together to form a football shape.
3. Cover the bottles with construction paper and ribbon if you want to decorate your zoom ball.
5. Take the six-pack holders and cut the rings apart to make four two-loop handles.
4. Thread the two strings through the bottles. 6. Tie a set of handles to the ends of each string.
7. Get a friend and you are ready to play. Each player holds onto two handles and pulls on the strings until they are tight. Slide the zoom ball to one end. When it is at your end snap your hands apart to send the zoom ball back to your friend. To catch the zoom ball, keep your hands together.

### EXPLANATION:

The pushing action of the strings sets the zoom ball in motion. When the zoom ball reaches the other end of the strings, an opposite pushing action, your friend snapping the strings, stops the ball for a moment and then sends it in the reverse direction.