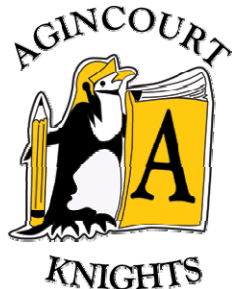


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Mark your calendars!

- Blackwell/Courneya/
McDowell Field Trip to
Ballet
May 28
- E. Q. A. O Testing (Grade 3)
June 1 to 3
- Grade 5 Graduating Photo
1:30PM
June 2
- Volunteer Breakfast
7:30 to 8:15AM
June 3
- Grade 5 Visit to JH Putman
June 4
- Grade 5 Graduation Trip to
Ottawa Athletic Club
June 9
- Track and Field
June 11
- Staff Appreciation
Luncheon
June 11
- Popcorn Sale
June 11
- Agincourt Family BBQ
5:00 to 8:00PM
June 11
- Ottawa Public Library Visit
(to all students)
June 15
- Character Assembly
June 16

Principal's News

It is difficult to believe that we are already in the last week of May. We have done so much this year, and yet there is still so much left to do. The staff has planned many more fun-filled and educational activities for the students before the end of the school year. EQAO testing is just around the corner. If your child is in Grade 3 you will be receiving more information in the next short while. As the warmer weather is upon us, please review the school's dress code with your child.

At the end of next month I will celebrate 41 years as a teacher. My career has been varied - kindergarten to Grade 8 assignments, French and English programming, consultant, Vice-Principal and Principal. I was fortunate to stay home with our daughter for 5 years, travel to Australia on a teacher exchange and attend Carleton U. as a full time mature student. For the past 14 years, I have been in administration. I feel blessed to be finishing my career here at Agincourt.

It's been 5 years of working together as a community to make this school a great school for our students. When anyone walks through the doors they know that this is a welcoming environment where teachers, office staff, custodial staff, and parents work together. There have been many successes. There will be many more... Thank you for providing me your full support during my stay here. It has been a pleasure to have been the Principal at Agincourt. It is time to enjoy my retirement.

Shirley Brackenbury
Principal



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Your child's safety is our number one concern. If your child is going to be absent or late, please call our Safe Arrival Line 613-225-2754



We have many items in our lost and found box. Please encourage your child to check the lost and found box if they are missing anything before they leave for the summer. Mr. Terry Lainge, our Acting Chief Custodian, will be laying items out on Monday, June 21 in the downstairs hallway. Unclaimed items will be bundled up and brought to a local charity on June 24.

Students Leaving Early for Vacation: Ministry of Education Requirement

The last day of school is June 25, 2010. If you will be starting your 'summer holidays' earlier and are withdrawing your child from school, it is the parent's responsibility to provide a note indicating the last day your child will be in class and that he/she will be returning to our school.



Picking up Students

Please send a note with your children if you know that you will be picking them up through the day. This way, they could be waiting for you in the office for you to sign them out, avoiding interruptions to their group's valuable learning time.

It is very difficult for one staff member in the office to track down students at the end of the day and inform them of last minute changes. If possible, arrange pick up plans with your children in advance. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Moving over the Summer?

Please let the school know as soon as possible if you have plans to move out of the Agincourt Road PS attendance area over the summer. A phone call to the office or a note to your child's teacher would be very helpful. This will help us and your child's new school greatly in planning next year's classes.

Also if you know you are changing schools or programs, please let us know immediately as this has a tremendous impact on our planning for next year.

Dress Code

School is considered to be a student's place of work. Students should be dressed appropriately at all times. We respectfully ask that shirts provide adequate coverage (no spaghetti straps, see-through clothing, backless articles or exposed tummies) and that length of skirts/shorts also be appropriate. Adequate coverage for sun safety is advised (hats, sleeves, sunscreen). Remember to slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen and slap on a hat before going outside.

Slogans and sayings must be reasonable and appropriate for school. Snug fitting footwear with adequate coverage is strongly recommended and low heels should be worn at all times. Running shoes are required during Daily Physical Activity and, for safety reasons, shoes or sandals are required while on the play structure (no flip flops). Straps should be worn with crocs. We thank you for respecting and supporting the Agincourt Road PS Dress Code.

Staffing Update


A lot can change between now and the first day of the school year, but we would like to share what we know now about staffing for the up-coming school year.

In terms of the total number of students, we are forecasted to have 565. This is up from our current enrollment of 513. Of course, this number is just a projection and we continue to receive new registrations on a daily basis. Going on what we know now, we are assuming we have 27.75 teaching staff. We lost a class on the regular English side and gained a class on the French Immersion side. Our vice-principal allocation continues to be 0.5. Our office assistant allocation has been increased to full-time. With all of this information, we have come up with a tentative school organization that was shared with members of School Council at its last meeting:

Regular English Classes	French Immersion Classes
5 JK	4 SK
1 JK/SK	3 Grade 1
1 Grade 1/2	1 Grade 1/2
1 Grade 2/3	3 Grade 2
1 Grade 3/4	2 Grade 3
1 Grade 4/5	1 Grade 3/4
	1 Grade 4
	1 Grade 4/5
	1 Grade 5
1 Learning Support Teacher	
½ English Language Teacher	
½ Learning Resource Teacher	
½ Educational Assistant	
1 Core French Teacher	
2 English to French Immersion Teachers	

Both the Principal, Shirley Brackenbury, and the Vice-Principal, Elizabeth Doering, have announced their retirements. Our Acting Chief Custodian, Terry Lainge will be returning to his position at Woodroffe High School. We have a new Chief Custodian, Stan Baines, who comes to us from Rideau High School. The following teachers have accepted positions at other schools: Mary Beatty (Meadowlands); Aly Marcotte (Meadowlands); Lynn Sylvestre (Sir Winston Churchill); and Micheline McCarthy (Barrhaven). Martin Paris will be on a year-long leave of absence. Jennifer Zion will begin her maternity leave. These excellent staff members will be greatly missed and we wish them all the best.

Although staffing is still underway, we would like to welcome the following staff members: Beth Rutland (Mary Honeywell); Liliane Kilumba (Parkwood Hills); Martine Chartrand (Parkwood Hills). We will provide a final staffing update in our final June newsletter.



Jump Rope for Heart News

A big "Thank You" to the Agincourt community once again for making this year's Jump Rope for Heart event another huge success. Over 500 students, more than 35 teachers and 60 volunteers, not to mention all of you at home helping to raise funds, participated to raise **\$19 785.41** this year and **\$216 629.47** in 17 years. It was an enjoyable 2 days for everyone for a very worthwhile cause that touches many hearts.

Ecokids

Ecokids have been meeting on Tuesdays at lunch to plan our monthly spirit days and announcements. April was our Earth Month, and it was full of environmental initiatives.

In May, the primary Ecokids planned a "Multicultural Day," that was coupled with our ACCEPTANCE assembly on May 21st. The Ecokids only have a few meetings left, and all Grades 1, 2 and 3 students are invited to attend.

Ottawa 67's Adopt A School



Students and staff at Agincourt Road PS. would like to thank our sponsors in this program. The Ottawa Citizen has been supporting our school this season by providing our students with tickets to all the Ottawa 67's games, including the playoffs.

School Supplies 2010-2011

The School supply list is now available in the office. Write-on Stationery Supplies Company is offering pre-packaged school supplies for purchase for the upcoming school year. As always for this year, we have consulted with teachers to update and improve supply lists. Last year, approximately 50% of the returning school population bought packages through this endeavour. This is not a fundraiser.

If you would like us to provide your school supplies, please complete the order form coming home soon and return it to your son or daughter's teacher no later than June 15th, 2010 along with cash, credit card number or a cheque payable to **WRITE-ON STATIONERY SUPPLIES** for the required amount. All orders received by June 15th will be packaged and returned to the school in the last week of August.

E.Q.A.O. Testing for Grade 3

Our Grade 3 students will be taking part in the EQAO province-wide assessment. In order to ensure timely completion of all components of this assessment parents are asked to avoid scheduling appointments during this time if at all possible and to ensure regular, punctual attendance of their children.

Dates for the assessment are: **June 1,2,3**. Any questions you have regarding EQAO should be directed to the classroom teacher. More information will follow shortly.

Bargain Book Blowout 2010

Thank you to all of the families who supported our Annual Used Book Sale this year. Approximately 15,000 books were donated and given a new life in the hands of a reader.

Thanks to the help of many wonderful parent volunteers, led by Sonia, Jane, and Pam, we were able to raise over \$3,900 this year!

The parents also want to thank Terry and the custodial staff for setting up the tables and delivering books to the gymnasium.



Track and Field

The Annual OCDSB Region 2 Track and Field meet is fast approaching. The meet is to be held at Merivale High School this year, due to renovations at the Mooney's Bay complex. The Agincourt Track and Field Team, consisting of 9 and 10 year olds, has been practicing hard in anticipation of this highly regarded event.

Students compete in the following events: 100m, 200m, 800m, 1000m, 1200m, Running Long Jump, Ball Throw and Mixed 4 by 4 relay. This year Mr. Cesario will be taking 36 of Agincourt's top athletes to the meet, to be held on Friday, June 11th. Parents are welcome to attend the event, as volunteers and/or spectators.



VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST

Please mark this date on your calendar. Our Volunteer Breakfast will take place on Thursday June 3, 2010 from 7:30-8:15 a.m. It is our traditional way to say a special thank you to all the parent and community volunteers who have helped us during the school year. If you are one of them, please plan to attend.



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Health and Safety

Now that the warm/hot weather has arrived, please remind your children to wear hats, long sleeved shirts and use sun screen. Ultraviolet rays can be harmful to exposed skin.

Every precaution should be taken to prevent the damaging effects of the sun, which can potentially lead to a variety of illnesses.

AGINCOURT SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2010-2011 (*school closed)

School Office Re-opens	Aug. 30
P.A. Day	Sept. 3*
Labour Day	Sept. 6*
First Day of School	Sept. 7
Thanksgiving	Oct. 11*
Parent/Teacher Interviews	Nov. 12*
P.A. Day	Nov.26*
Christmas Break	Dec. 20-Dec. 31*
P.A. Day	Jan. 14*
P.A. Day	Feb. 18*
Family Day	Feb. 21*
March Break	Mar. 14 - Mar. 18*
Good Friday	Apr. 22*
Easter Monday	Apr. 25*
Victoria Day	May 23*
EQAO Testing	May - Jun.
P.A. Day	Jun. 3*
Last Day of Classes	Jun. 30

Note: Calendar is subject to amendment - consult monthly newsletters for updates.

Agincourt Family BBQ

Friday, June 11 2010
 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Rain or shine!

Food! Music! Fun!

Grill Master will have BBQ
 food for sale or bring your
 own picnic!

Call (613) 274-7042
 to volunteer

Information Evening with the ASD Team and Autism Ontario

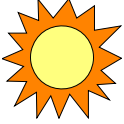
Autism Ontario and the Ottawa Police are launching a new Autism Registry for families of children with ASD. They will be presenting an overview of the initiative and be available to answer any questions that parents/guardians may have. Dr. June Pimm of the ASD Team will also be presenting an overview of the initiatives undertaken this year as well as those continuing for 2010-2011.

Members of the team will be available to answer questions that families may have about accessing services with the OCDSB.

The event will be on June 17th, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Cafeteria at Confederation Education Centre. This invitation is extended to parents and families of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

Summer Program

July 5, 2010 to July 30, 2010



The Continuing Education Department will be offering language classes through its **International Languages Program (ILP)** this summer that are relevant to students interested in learning additional languages or requiring support for first language maintenance.

This program will benefit learners by:

- enhancing the concept of self and heritage
- learning and experiencing a **new** language and culture
- improving communication with parents/guardians, grandparents and others
- strengthening cognitive development through the knowledge of an additional language

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES SUMMER PROGRAM will be offered at the following sites: **Lady Evelyn AS, Cambridge St. PS, Queen Mary St. PS, Bayshore PS, Charles H. Hulse PS** and **Farley Mowat PS**. The language classes will be offered for 2.5 hours from **9:00 am to 11:30 am**. These language classes are open to elementary school-age children who are Ontario residents primarily from the Ottawa Carleton area.

LOS AMIGOS CAMP

In conjunction with International Languages, there will be a Spanish camp this summer for **6 to 12 year olds**. The *Los Amigos Camp* (in the afternoon) will complement the Spanish International Language instruction from the morning, offering an all day program at **Lady Evelyn AS**.

LES AMIS FRENCH PROGRAM

Our *Les Amis French Program* will be offered daily throughout the month of July at **Lady Evelyn AS** for **6 to 12 year olds**. This program is designed to assist Core French students by providing opportunities for them to use their language skills in a fun environment.

For further information on any of these programs, call us at **613-239-2703** or check us out online at internationallanguagesinottawa.com

Fun With Languages