

## Armstrong Public School



### September 2018 Newsletter Welcome Back

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year! Summer break is over, and it is time to get back into the daily routine of school. Hopefully everyone had a great summer and is ready for another great school year.

We have a few staffing changes again this year. **Ms. L. Katchen** is our new JK-SK Teacher, **Ms. L. Docimo** is now our Grade 3-4 Teacher, **Ms. J. Bolt** is now our Grade 2 Teacher, **Mr. A. Arndt** is our Grade 5-6 Teacher and **Mr. P. Docimo** is our Grade 7-8 Teacher. Our new FSL/Music Teacher is **Ms. S. Martin-Bird**, and our new Intervention Teacher is **Ms. M. Nelson**, we also have a new Special Education Facilitator, **Ms. C. Frankavitz**, and our new Early Childhood Education is **Ms. N. Kotovich**. **Ms. Maunula** got married this summer, congratulations! and **Ms. Power** has transferred to Thunder Bay, and we all wish her well.

Welcome to **Ms. Katchen**, **Ms. Kotovich** and **Ms. Martin-Bird**!

Our Staff for the 2018-2019 School year is:

Mr. C. Dagenais – Principal  
Ms. L. Katchen – JK/SK  
Ms. L. Maunula – Grade 1  
Ms. J. Bolt – Grade 2  
Ms. L. Docimo – Grade 3-4  
Mr. A. Arndt – Grade 5-6  
Mr. P. Docimo – Grade 7-8  
Ms. C. Frankavitz – Sp. Ed Facilitator  
Ms. M. Nelson – Intervention Teacher  
Ms. S. Martin-Bird – FSL & Music  
Ms. N. Angecone – NSL  
Ms. N. Kotovich – Early Childhood Ed.  
Ms. S. Dupuis – Info. Services Tech.  
Ms. M. Pelto – Secretary  
Ms. P. Bouchard – Gull Bay support  
Ms. A. Kwissisens – Gull Bay support



Our Lunchroom Supervisors for this school year are:

Ms. M. Pelto  
Ms. N. Angecone  
Ms. P. Bouchard  
Ms. A. Kwissisens

Our **School Timetable** has changed this year, we are now running a Balanced Day as follows:

8:30 Breakfast Program  
8:45 Entrance Bell  
8:50 Classes Begin  
10:25 Recess  
10:40 Nutrition Break  
10:50 Classes resume  
**12:30 Lunch Break**  
1:10 Classes Resume  
2:50 Dismissal Grades 5-8  
2:50 Dismissal for all Gull Bay Students  
2:50 Recess JK-Grade 4



3:05 Dismissal Grades JK-4

Also, we will still be having a late bus on **Tuesday and Thursdays** at **4:05pm** for any after school activities.

Our school will once again be providing a **Breakfast Program** for all students attending our school. The Breakfast Program runs every school day **beginning at 8:30am** in our designated breakfast room.



*It is important for parents/ guardians/ caregivers to provide their child(ren) with a nutritious lunch every day. It's a very long day, and children get very hungry, so please remember to pack a full lunch.*

We would also like to remind all parents/ guardians /caregivers that all electronic devices are only to be brought out in classrooms if the classroom teacher permits. Any student using their devices in a distracting and/or inappropriate manner will have their device confiscated until the end of the school day, and a call home about the incident if its is reoccurring. Students are not permitted to take pictures on their devices during the school day.

We are once again lucky enough to have **Dilico** staff in the school this year, providing student support throughout the school day.

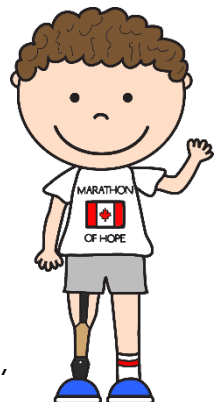
On **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**, Mr.



**Larry Wanakamik** came in before students and smudged the school to start us off in a good way.

Our annual "Back to School BBQ" will be held on **Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** from **4:00pm to 5:00pm** at the **school**. All parents/ guardians and community members are invited to attend. We will be serving hotdogs. This is a great opportunity to come out and meet all our great staff. We will also be holding a **Back to School BBQ** in **Gull Bay** on **Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** from **4:30pm-5:30pm**, so our Gull Bay parents/ guardians and community members have an opportunity to meet the staff too. A bus will be making its way around the community of Armstrong and Whitesand at **3:45pm** for anyone needing a ride to the BBQ. We hope to see **YOU** there!

The students and staff will once again be participating in the **Terry Fox Run** on **Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Parents, guardians and community members are encouraged to come and walk with our students. Starting time for warm up will begin at **1:20pm**,



the run will begin at **1:35pm**. Signs will be posted around the community, including the area we will be using, and reminding everyone to come out. *Please ensure you have returned your children's form allowing us to take them on the trails around the school. It is very important that we have signed forms for everyone to participate.*

Also, in honour of "**Every Child Matters**", all staff and students are asked to wear their **orange** shirts to school for our **Terry Fox Day – Thursday, September 27th**.

We have confirmed our **school picture day** for **Thursday, November 1st**. A note will be sent home with all students closer to the date to remind everyone to be sure to be at school that day as we do not have retakes.



We are looking for parents for our **School Council**. Please contact the school if you are interested. This is a great way to get involved in your child's education and share your ideas on how we can make our school even better! We will be holding our first meeting on **Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:00pm** in the staffroom.



We will also once again be holding our monthly **awards assemblies** to celebrate our appreciation tickets and draw a few lucky winners. Remember to watch our front display case to see all the prior month's tickets issued. You'll be amazed to see all the great things our students do.



**Friday, September 28th** is a **Professional Activity Day** at our school. There is no student attendance.

A **trail Running Club** will begin on **Tuesday, September 11th** from **3:00-4:00pm** with **Mr. Arndt and Ms. Bolt**. Students from Grades 5 to 8 are welcome to attend. We will be training on the nature trails that surround the school. The club will also involve trail work and trail maintenance and discuss safety as well as healthy and active living habits. Students are expected to participate in the training program, wear appropriate running clothes, stay on the selected trail (course) and behave according to after-school club expectations

