



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## WEEKLY UPDATE

October 21-25, 2019



THE WEEK OF	October 21—25
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATION 8:30—11 AM
FRIDAY	ProD Day—No School

We are in the process of posting our newsletters and other information to our school webpage <https://voyageurelementary.weebly.com/>. As we move farther away from paper copies and the amount of paper used within our school, be sure to check your email and our Facebook page for updates. By the end of October, hard copies should be eliminated.



*Good attendance and punctuality are integral to how well children do at school and how they develop strong friendships. Our school day runs from 8:25 until 2:23. We feel it is very important to honour these times and ask that parents try to minimize the number of interruptions to the day. Many routines are established and those scheduled activities begin as soon as the bell rings. Teachers begin the day with important routines to help students self-regulate. It is important that children arrive at school on time as it supports them to learn good timekeeping and also reduces classroom disruption for the other children and themselves. Our expectation is that students are in their classrooms as soon as the morning bell rings (8:25). We understand there may be the odd time a student may be late or absent. If that is the case, we ask that a 'phone call be made to the school to let us know (we now have an answering machine for you to leave messages). Thank you for supporting your child by ensuring that they are here, at school, on time every day.*



**ERA'S KIDS POSTER COMPETITION!!**

**LET'S GET ARTSY!** CALLING ALL CANADIAN STUDENTS AGED 6 TO 12

Create your best waste reduction poster and incorporate ERA's mission!

**WINNERS RECEIVE A LAPTOP AND AN EXTRA ONE TO DONATE TO A CHARITY OF THEIR CHOICE!**

Starts Oct 21st in celebration of **Waste Reduction Week**

Deadline for entries is Nov. 21st 2019

contact [jessica@era.ca](mailto:jessica@era.ca) for more information

**1 winner per School**



**MARK THE DATE! PLEASE JOIN US!**

**When: October 29 6:30-8:00 Where: QJS Cafeteria  
Parent Information Session**

**"Making the "Wonder years" Wonderful:  
Understanding Our Changing Young Adolescents"**



**Nancy Doda, Ph.D.  
Brookfield, VT.**

Young adolescence, that window in life often called the 'wonder years', is a unique time in human development during which our children experience enormous physical, intellectual and emotional shifts and during which they face many associated adjustments and challenges. As such, it can be helpful to understand more fully what is going on inside the hearts, bodies and minds of our emerging young teens. Join this causal, informative conversation with internationally celebrated middle grades expert, Nancy Doda, who will clarify just what parents and families can expect during these special years.

She will discuss the following:

- ★ The nature of young adolescent development (10-15 year olds)
- ★ What young adolescents need to thrive in and out of school
- ★ Wisdom from research on how best to support young adolescents

**Short Bio**

Dr. Nancy Doda began her career as a middle school teacher. While teaching, she completed her Masters and Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction/Teacher Education at the University of Florida, Gainesville, and began conducting workshops for educators on middle school theory and practice. Since then, she has served as an Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Education at National-Louis University, and has worked as a professional development consultant with middle school educators in all 50 states, Canada, Europe and the Far East. Today, she resides in Brookfield, VT. where she continues to work with middle grades educators especially those here at home.

## PAC—PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

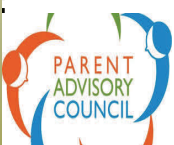


PAC plays an important role in our school. It is an opportunity for parents to share info at the school. PAC plays an important role in fundraising and how to better the time our kids spend at school. . The PAC is able to apply for grants as well as doing fundraising events in the school. The funds raised make it possible for your children to participate in field trips; including recreational activities such as swimming. PAC is looking for new parent volunteers to help support them n their important role in the school.



PAC meetings are held the first Monday of every month.

**Next PAC meeting will be Monday November 4th @ 7:00 pm in the library.**



## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews are Tuesday, October 29th and Wednesday, October 30th. On these dates, school will end at 11:00 and buses will pick up students at 11:25. Students will arrive at their bus stops three hours earlier than usual; e.g., if student usually arrives at 4:00 they will arrive at 1:00!



## Halloween Costume Information

Please remember the following guidelines:

- A. Costumes should be worn to school in the morning so changing will not cause disruptions in the classroom.
- B. All make-up should be done at home.
- C. Masks should allow proper visibility and should not be worn during class time.
- D. Costumes should be culturally respectful.
- E. No replica weapons will be permitted (swords, staffs, knives, axes or guns, etc.).
- F. Staff will not be able to take responsibility for students' costumes so it may be advisable to wear an older costume, or only the part of the costume that may not be damaged.
- G. Students will be outside for the morning and recess and/or lunch so coats should be able to fit over costumes.



## DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

As the temperature continues to drop, we would like to remind students to dress for the weather. Wear layers along with the proper attire; such as warm jackets, mittens, toques and proper footwear.

## PHOTO RETAKES

*Re-takes will be taken  
November 4th.*



## SUPERVISION



*We have no supervision prior to 8:10 a.m. Please do not drop off your children or send them to school prior to that time.*

*Thank you.*