



The A.V.G. Griffin

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Dear A.V. Graham Community:

The AVG staff and students would like to thank our School Council for organizing this year's school fundraiser. Just last week, a number of parent volunteers were here tallying orders. Purchases will be delivered on November 29. More information will follow.

Code Lockdown Drill and Student Parliament drawing and pumpkin carving contests.

November 15th, from 4:00 - 6:50 PM. Please call the school to schedule an appointment.

In November, report cards go home on the 12th and staff/parent interviews will be held on the evening of

Sincerely,
A. Dibbs, Principal
and
T. Rilett, Vice Principal

November

- 1st: Immunization Clinic Gr. 7 & 8
- 5th: Dental Screening Gr. 4&8
- 6th: Photo Retakes
- 7th: Bullying Prevention Gr. 5
- 9th: Random Acts of Kindness
- 12th: My Daughter Vera Gr. 7
- 13th: Ropes 8G
- 14th: Ropes 8A & 8V
- 14th: Pizza Day
- 15th: Staff/Parent Interviews
- 16th: P.A. Day
- 19th-30th: We Care, We Can Food Drive
- 29th: Fundraiser Purchases Arriving

October was a busy month, with a Bus Evacuation Drill, a

Images...





Inclement Weather

When wondering whether the buses are running, please remember to visit

<http://www.buskids.ca> where bus cancellations are posted.

Fog Days: Buses do not run in the AM but will in the PM.

Snow Days: Buses do not run in the AM or the PM.

ECO School News

We conducted a secret garbage audit on Oct. 12. The results indicated 16.65 kg of garbage is contributed each year/person. It is our hope to improve these results with our litterless, healthy lunch initiative and soon to be active composting initiative.

We are also looking forward to a presentation by Heather Taylor,

ASD Room News

Our ASD classroom has been busy out and about this month.

A special thank you to Tecumseh Fire Hall for allowing us to tour the department and mostly for the ride back to school on your trucks!

This past Friday we visited the BOO Halloween farm where the students were able to experience a spooky time wandering about the grounds.

Attendance

Please call our 24 attendance line when your child will be absent from school.

It is also helpful to call, even if you write a note about the absence in your child's agenda.

Thank you for understanding.

from the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority. She will be reviewing recycling tips and teaching us about composting.

Sincerely,
The ECO School Team

Fall Fun!



And the ECO School Trophy goes to 4M for the month of October!



Thank you to High Jinx for providing a fun filled time at their facility.

Then off to bowling at the Superbowl.

A big thank you to everyone in the community who have allowed and continue to allow our students to experience these wonderful opportunities!

September Caught You Coupon Monthly Winners:

Cassandra 4G

Rebecca 4M

Paige 5D

Evan 7M

September Newsletter Monthly Winner:

Carley 6V

Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

Although it might seem strange to think of tobacco use as being related to school, it has been shown that youth are influenced by their peers, when it comes to using tobacco products. According to the Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey (CTUMS), 85% of smokers started before the age of 18.

This fall The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* School Blitz will be rolled out to schools across southwestern Ontario as a means to educate young people about the law related to smoking on school property. The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* was implemented on May

31st, 2006 to protect the health of all Ontarians, especially young people. The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* prohibits smoking on school property, the sale or supply of tobacco products to a minor, and smoking in a vehicle with a passenger less than 16 years old. These laws apply to all staff, students and visitors on school property regardless of age, time of day, or time of year.

The tobacco industry spends an outrageous amount of money marketing their products and young people tend to engage in risk-taking behaviours. Unfortunately, experimenting with tobacco or other

substances is often a part of adolescence. As a parent/guardian, if you find your child using tobacco, the best thing you can do is to support your child through a quit attempt and help them understand that nicotine is addictive. For more information about quitting tobacco contact the Windsor Essex County Health Unit at 519-258-2146 ext. 3100 or visit smokershelpline.ca.

A.V.G.'s School Council Fundraiser

Cookie Dough, Food for Thought and Santa's Helper Fall Fundraiser

Top sellers—gift card of their choice:

- 1) \$100 gift card - Alexia S.
- 2) \$75 gift card - Alanah S.
- 3) \$50 gift card - Samantha K.

Random Draw - \$25 gift card of their choice:

- 1) Alanah S.
- 2) Megan M.
- 3) Thomas K.
- 4) Alex C.

Lakeshore Cinema:

- 1) Alexa J.
- 2) Alexa J.

Windsor Spitfire tickets:

- 1) Luca P.

McDonalds Lunch Voucher:

- 1) Rebecca C.
- 2) Madeline H.
- 3) Maja C.

The top selling class to win a free pizza party:
8G - Mrs. Groulx

The School Council recognizes the pressures we are all under to support various community fundraisers. All are important. Please know that 100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to our students via classroom resources, field trips, athletic equipment, et cetera.

**Thank you, Wayne Samwell
School Council Chairperson**

Zehrs' Tapes

Please remember to save your ZEHRS' tapes and send them to school with your child. Saving grocery tapes is an easy way to raise funds for our school and success can only be achieved if everyone participates. In the

past few years we have raised over \$1000.00. The funds are administered by School Council and go directly toward classrooms to assist in your child's education. We encourage everyone to save up their ZEHRS' grocery

receipts and send them to school with your child. There is a drop off box in the office.

FYI: Sobey's is no longer participating in the fundraising activity.

Student Parliament News



Our drawing contest and pumpkin carving contests were quite a success, with overwhelming student participation. Congratulations to Ally 4G and Olivia 8G for winning the drawing contest and to 6V and 7F winning the pumpkin carving contest. Below are the results. We hope you enjoyed October and are looking forward to more exciting days ahead.

Sincerely,
Ameen, A.V.G. Prime Minister



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SPECIAL NOTICE: The newsletter may be found at www.publicboard.ca under Schools > A.V. Graham. If you do not have access to the internet, please have your child go to the office to pick up a printed copy.

Sincerely,
The ECO School Team

We Value Your Input - Feedback Form

If you have any comments, please feel free to write us a note in the space provided and send it with your child to school. Homeroom teachers will collect these and send them to the office.

*Note—All returned feedback forms will be entered into a monthly draw for a prize. In order to stick to our ECO Friendly Goal, this feedback form will only be given to the youngest child in each family. With that being said, please print the names of your children attending A.V. Graham below.

Name of Student: _____ Class: _____
 Name of Student: _____ Class: _____
 Name of Student: _____ Class: _____



Please sign: Parent/Guardian: _____

The October Newsletter Draw
winner was Carley (6V).