



Principal's Report to School Council

April 21, 2026

School Operations

Grade 8 Update

Following Spring Break, Grade 8 homeroom classes were restructured to create more balanced and supportive learning environments. Since implementing these changes, we have observed improved classroom dynamics and a greater ability to support student learning across the grade. We will continue to monitor, and we are hopeful that what we have observed to date continues, ensuring that all students are learning in environments that are safe, respectful, and conducive to success.

Classroom Complexity Team

I am able to share that Classroom Complexity teacher supports are now in place at Arbour Lake School. These resources are being thoughtfully deployed to support students and classrooms with the greatest needs, and we are actively monitoring their impact on both student learning and overall classroom environments.

In addition to teacher support, we were anticipating the allocation of two Educational Assistant positions. At this time, we have received funding equivalent to one additional position, along with an extra five hours of support added to an existing Educational Assistant role that was established earlier this year to meet the needs of several students with significant complexities, including physical and learning needs. Due to the nature of the funding for our first additional EA, no further funding outside of the 5 hours per week will be provided to the school.

It is important to note that this additional Educational Assistant allocation is not a permanent position. As such, we are currently filling this role through our substitute system, SmartFind Express, on a day-to-day basis. To date, we have experienced challenges in securing consistent support, particularly individuals with the skill set required to meaningfully support students academically.

We will continue to actively work toward securing consistent and qualified support, with a focus on ensuring that the assistance provided is both meaningful and impactful for student learning.

School Planning for 2027-2026

- Feedback from our SDP and Fees engagement from last month is up on the school website. Thank you all for your support and time in providing us with valuable information in respect to planning for the coming school year.
- Enrollment intention forms for next year were posted last week and an email sent out to ensure parents complete these forms by Friday, April 24th. These numbers are yet another tool we will be using to plan for next year in creating homerooms and determining staffing needs.

- The RAM (Resource Allocation Method) is scheduled to be released to us on April 23rd. This is the mechanism that tells us exactly what our budget will be for the coming year. Once this is out, more information around how resources will be distributed for next year, will be available.

School Events, Athletics & Extracurricular

School Events

- This week is Support Staff appreciation week and again, I want to send a heartfelt thank you to our office staff, our facility staff, our educational assistants, behavior support workers, library and lunch staff for all they do every day to support our students and school community.
- Grade 5 tours are taking place this week. This is just one aspect of ensuring an effective and smooth transition for our incoming grade 6 students. Citadel School was in attendance today and Hawkwood School will be visiting tomorrow. Families that missed our Open House are able to call into the school to book a time the last week in June to come tour the building and learn a bit about our school prior to August enrollment.
- Our second Grade 9 sailing trip is scheduled to take place this coming weekend. The first was a huge success and we expect the second to be as well. This year we saw an increase in students interested in attending this milestone event and we are hoping to see this trend continue. I'd like to extend my gratitude to our teachers in charge and supervisors as without them these experiences would not be possible. These are not required activities and not within the teachers' assigned duties. It also means not just time away from families, but significant time away from families meaning that their spouses and significant others are left to manage home life as so we are truly appreciative of their willingness to take these trips on.

Athletics

- Our badminton teams have been diligently practicing twice a week since spring break. We wish them all the best of luck as they prepare to represent our school at the divisional badminton tournaments mid-May. Grade 7 tournaments will be hosted here at Arbour Lake School
- Flag football tryouts are running this week for our Senior and Junior teams with practices to start shortly thereafter for their tournament in June.
- Track and Field tryouts start next week.

Extracurricular Clubs

- Arbour Lake School's version of Frozen Jr. is set to take to the mainstage on May 5th through 7th. Information on ticket sales has been provided in our weekly updates. Again, I want to thank Ms. Danica Caron, Ms. Chadni Paul, Ms. Chelsea Laird, Mr. Jared Eygenraam, Ms. Ali Pedersen and all the teachers supporting this work. Rehearsals have been in full swing daily after school for weeks and there have been many hours spent over weekends and late Friday nights where our team of teachers have been coming in to work on sets and planning. I also want to take this opportunity to thank School Council for sponsoring this event through a



50/50 raffle – your support and time is also greatly appreciated! We are excited to see this event launch next month!

- Principals' Advisory Council is hosting our annual Spring Dance on May 21st. Planning is in the works!

