



### **Apsley Students Speak Out ...**

At Apsley Central Public School, students are excited about learning. Our goals are purposeful as we continue to improve student achievement. We are incredibly proud of our school! When asked to share their experiences this is what Apsley children had to say ...

“Science Fair is awesome!” “I learned a lot about invasive species.”

- *JerryLin P. Gr. 5*

“I like to go to Trent University to compete in the Science Fair.”

- *Karrigan B. Gr. 5*

“I am excited to improve on my math grades.” “I think math is one of the most important subjects our school has.”

- *Sullivan K. Gr. 5*

“I like gymnastics because it takes practice to build skills.” “It also brings out the best in me.”

- *Valerie H. Gr. 5*

“I enjoy making films.” “We are going to make an anti-bullying film with positive messages.”

- *Logan M. Gr. 6*

“I like to learn French so that I can communicate with my older sister in one of her three languages.”

- *Rosemary F. Gr. 7*

“I like math because you can use multiplication to problem-solve.”

- *Conner S. Gr. 5*

Whether it be mathematics, gym, science or reading, Apsley students are engaged in their learning and proud of it! They are excelling in their learning to succeed in life. At Apsley Central P.S., we pride ourselves on providing students with exceptional educational experiences that prepare them to live, learn and lead in an ever-evolving world. These are just a few of the things we are learning along the way.

Karen Brohart, Principal

### **Education Cuts Announced in Ontario**

On March 15, the Minister of Education announced significant cuts to the province’s \$26 billion budget for schools – effectively to cut \$1 billion with a claim that “Not one teacher will not lose their job.”

People for Education performed simple math on these cuts and came up with the following:

- Elementary Class Size Change: \$100 million + will cut 1,000 teachers
- High Schools: 27% more students per class: \$500 million + will cut 6,000 teachers
- Local Priorities Cut: \$235 million + will cut 875 teachers and 1,600+ education workers
- Early Childhood Educators: \$40 million cut
- E-Learning: A 160% Increase in online learning will cut 500 teaching jobs and save \$40 million

What’s Next? Since maximum class sizes are part of some current teaching contracts, we should expect to see increased labour disruptions this fall. Also, the government is due to release their 2019 budget in early April. Expect more cuts to be announced there affecting everything from health care to municipal funding and everything else funded by the province.



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