

Newsletter



Alexander
Elementary School

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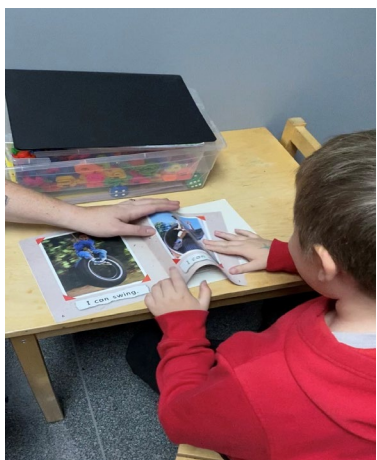
A Principal's Message



Alexander has a strong history of supporting each other. That commitment is exactly what the Holiday season is all about.

With so many of our community members struggling, it is so important for all of us to focus on what matters most. Take some time this holiday season to help a neighbour, family, or friend and show your true community spirit.

We wish you all the best this holiday season and look forward to a happy and healthy New Year.



Every day I have the privilege of walking around our school and seeing the pure joy when students learn to read. The pride they feel is so amazing. Thank you to our awesome staff for inspiring our students. Alexander is a special place!

Tara Plantinga
Principal



- 1 Photo Retakes**
- 1 Neufeld Order Pick up by 2:45**
- 2 Bread Pick up @2:15pm**
- 5 Report Cards Home**
- 6 Christmas Concert @1:30pm & 6:30pm**
- 7 Hamper Pick Up @ 9:30am**
- 7 Christmas Breakfast @ 11:00am**
- 9 Bread Pick Up @ 2:15pm**
- 12-16 Christmas Store**
- 12 Christmas Headwear Day**
- 13 Christmas Colour Day**
- 13 Dental Screening for Kindergarteners**
- 14 Christmas Sweater Day**
- 14 Science World Field Trip for Div 1-3**
- 15 Christmas Sock Day**
- 16 PJ Day**
- 16 Bread pick up @2:15**
- Winter Break Dec 19 – Jan 2**
- Jan. 3 School Reopens**

Every Friday is Falcon Friday.

Wear your falcon shirt to show your school spirit! If your child does not have one see the office. Parents can buy adult sizes too!



Come on out and support our awesome parent group! Check out the Alexander Elementary PAC FaceBook page that has been set up for parents. Meetings are usually the second Tuesday morning at 8:30am. There is also a PAC board in the foyer of the school

***Next Meeting is Monday, December 5th at
8:30 am.
All are welcome.***



Please make sure that your child has appropriate outerwear for the wet and colder weather. Students go outside during recess and lunch time rain or shine.

Please make sure they come to school with a warm jacket, appropriate footwear (ie. Boots), and/or an umbrella.

The colder weather is here! Don't forget to send mitts/gloves and a toque on frosty days!



Indigenous
Education

November was a busy month. Remembrance Day was a time for us to remember all the veterans who fought and continue to fight for our freedom. All our students created beautiful wreaths to show our gratitude.

Also, the students learned about who the Metis people are, as well as their many contributions. They learned about where and how moccasins were made. Lastly, everyone learned about Louis Riel and his leadership role for the Metis people.





Christmas Concerts are happening! There is one at 1:30 for all who can make it. There is another one at 6:30 pm. Each family will be given two tickets to bring family members. If you know you will not be coming to the evening performance please either give the tickets back or let your child's Teacher know.

Concerts are on Tuesday, December 6th. The shows are the same at each time. Each group is singing a couple of songs.

It's the holiday season and PAC has been working hard to put together a **Christmas Store**. Our Christmas Store is organized and run by our amazing PAC so our students can have the opportunity to purchase handmade items for loved ones. The students will come in and shop and then proceed to the checkout where volunteers will wrap and label the presents that the students purchase so that they can take them home and tuck them safely under the tree until its time to open them.

Shopping will take place the week of December 12th-16th 2022.

We are asking parents/guardians to help your son/daughter by filling out the tags that are provided or tags of their own so that they can come to school ready to go. It saves time while we are wrapping the gifts. The items that can be purchased range in price from \$0.25 - @\$20.00.

The money that is raised from this event goes back to the students in the classrooms to help them as they are our future.

We would like to thank you for your continued support.

PAC

Megan, Tammy, Jennifer, and Stefanie



Parent Volunteers

Throughout the school year parent volunteers may be required to help in the school (in classrooms, on field trips, for PAC events etc.).

All volunteers must complete a *criminal record check* before they are allowed to help. This record check is good for 5 years.

If you are interested in volunteering at the school this year, you are strongly encouraged to get a criminal record check as soon as possible.

Current processing times can take up to 6 weeks! Criminal record checks are completed through the School Board Office.

Volunteers will need to show two pieces of I.D. (1 primary & 1 secondary). The School Board Office is located at 2790 Tims Street, V2T 4M7.

Lost & Found

Please check along the walls in the hallway across from the office starting Monday, December 5th for any missing clothing. There are a lot of lost and found items!! Clothing not picked up by Christmas Break will be donated





Stay at Home When Sick

Students **MUST** stay home when they are sick. Students who have cold, flu or COVID-like symptoms must stay home until their symptoms improve. Families can use the following link to determine when it is safe to come back to school: [K-12 Health Check \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://gov.bc.ca) or call 8-1-1.

If Students Become Sick at School

If a student becomes sick while at school, the office will contact the student's parent/caregiver with a request to have their child picked up as soon as possible.



Hand Washing

Hand washing continues to be one of the best ways to stop the spread of germs! Students and staff will continue to follow rigorous hand washing routines, including upon entry into the building, before and after breaks, before and after eating, before and after the bathroom, and before and after using shared materials.

Bell Schedule

Warning Bell:	8:27 am
School Starts:	8:32 am
Recess:	10:35am
Recess Ends:	10:50 am
Lunch Eating:	12:20 pm
Lunch Play:	12:35 pm
Warning Bell:	1:00 pm
School Ends:	2:22 pm

Parking at Alexander

With 252 students, Alexander Elementary's parking gets very busy! When possible, families are encouraged to walk to school. There is a limited Drop Off Zone by the main office of the school. **DO NOT** park and leave your vehicle in a drop off zone. **DO NOT** double park and/or block other vehicles in the parking lot. **DO NOT** park or block the cross walks. **DO NOT** park in the staff lot. Thank you for cooperating to make afternoon pick-up as quick and as safe as possible. There is designated parking for persons with disabilities available at the north end of the drop off zone. These are the only vehicles that should be parked there



Are you getting excited about Christmas? Blue is. He's having a visit with Santa this coming weekend at the Langley Animal Protection Society where he was born. I wonder what he'll ask Santa for Christmas. I'm pretty sure Blue will ask for a ball, maybe a new bone, and a new toy. His favorite toys are the ones that squeak, are soft and small enough he can carry them around.

When it is cold and snowy out, and after a hard day "at work" (I tell Blue he's going to work when we go to Alexander), Blue likes to lie in front of the fire, where it is toasty and warm. He gets so close to the gas fireplace, that we have to watch and make sure he doesn't get TOO hot. Blue LOVES to play in the snow! What do you do to warm up when it's cold and snowy out?

Here's a picture of Blue lying beside the fireplace warming up. We hope everyone has a HAPPY and SAFE holiday season! ❤️

Nancy & Blue.



SchoolCashOnline

Step-by-step sheet for parents/guardians

For safety and efficiency reasons, Abbotsford School District would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://abbotsford.schoolcashonline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase letter**, **one lowercase letter** and a **number**.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.
The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

SchoolCashOnline.com
Hello Parent,
Please click the link below to confirm your email address:
<http://gordamrpbds.schoolcashonline.com/Registration/ConfirmConfirmationEmail/#1679463-7002-4a9-b27e-7d6e01d4111>
Copy the link and paste it into your web browser, if the link doesn't work.
Contact support at 1.866.951.1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.
Thank you,

Step 3: Find Student

Note: Student Number is Not Required

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board? ☐

School Name:

Student Information

Do you have the student number? ☐

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

Continue (No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Note: all information is stored on a confidential basis on a server in Canada.