

Newsletter



Alexander
Elementary School

January 2023

2250 Lobban Road, Abbotsford, BC V2S 2W1
alexander.abbyschools.ca

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Phone: 604-859-3167

A Message from the Principal

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. I am excited to start the new year and am so happy you are part of our school community. Your child's education is so important to us. Our teachers are committed to ongoing professional development because we all know that learning never stops. Our teachers are lifelong learners that hope to inspire the same passion in your children.

Thank you for your continued support. The school is a better place when the staff and families work together. We are excited to really start planning our Fun Fair which is happening May 25. It is going to be such an amazing community event and fundraiser.

Our food programs are such an important part of our school community. We are however struggling to keep up as the cost of food has gone up so much. The breakfast and lunch program are meant for families who struggle with food security. If your financial situation has changed and you are no longer in need of these programs, please let us know so we can remove your children.

Tara Plantinga
Principal



- 3 Welcome Back to School
- 6 Bread Pick Up @ 2:15pm
- 10 **PAC meeting @ 8:45am**
- 13 Bread Pick Up @ 2:15pm
- 16 Kindergarten Registration begins
- 20 Bread Pick Up @ 2:15pm
- 24 Ice Skating at MRC (*don't forget to bring helmets, gloves, and skates*)
- 27 Fun Hair Day
- 27 Bread Pick Up @ 2:15pm

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 *Tuesday, January 10* at
8:45 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.

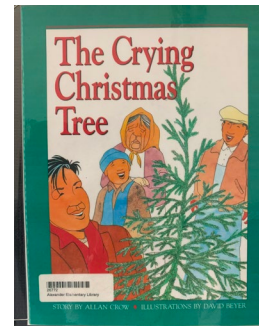
Please make sure they come to school with a warm jacket, appropriate footwear (ie. boots), and/or an umbrella.

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

We only stay inside during heavy rain. Getting fresh air and some physical activity is an important part of the day!



Indigenous
Education



During December, the students learned the Halq'eméylem word for Merry Christmas, Mali Klesmes. Mrs. Baye had a chance to read *The Crying Christmas Tree* to all classes. The activity this month was colouring the tree.

Happy holidays Alexander!

Blue and I hope everyone is staying warm but also having a chance to enjoy the snow.

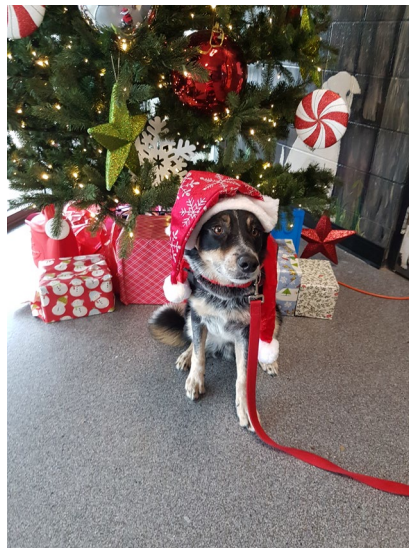
Blue is certainly having fun playing in the snow. He likes to take a tennis ball out in the backyard, throw it up in the air and then play hide and seek with the ball when it lands in the deep snow. He keeps trying to convince me to come out and play with him, but it's a bit too cold for me to stay out as long as he wants to. What's your favorite thing to do in the snow?



Here is a picture of Blue all dressed up for the holidays in front of the Christmas tree at Alexander.

I don't think he liked his Santa hat very much so I didn't make him wear it for very long, but it was fun to see him dressed up, even for a short while.

Everyone seemed to enjoy him in his holiday gear, even if it was for a short while and he's a pretty good sport.



Have a happy and safe holiday and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Blue and I will see you in January when school starts back.

Nancy & Blue.



Registration for children turning 5 during 2023 will open on January 16th at 8am online.

There will be hard copies available at the office at the beginning of January in English, Punjabi, Arabic, Korean, Vietnamese, and Spanish.

Only completed registrations will be accepted.

Check out the link below for more information:

<https://www.abbyschools.ca/kindergarten>

A great big THANK YOU to Heather Brousseau and our amazing PAC for all the work that went in to our Christmas Store. We raised \$3121.60 for the school and students were able to buy some really nice gifts for their families. What a special event!



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.





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://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/k-12-health-check) 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:	8:29 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. **DO NOT PULL U – turns** on Lobban or any other road! Thank you for cooperating to drop off and 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!



School Messenger App

Using your mobile device, download and install.

Safe Arrival website, go to: go.schoolmessenger.ca

Automated phone system, call 1-844-487-3701 to report an absence.

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://cedarrapids.schoolcashonline.com/Registration/ConfirmConfirmationEmail/#2a79469-7202-4a49-b27a-7d6e6d1db411>
Copy the link and paste it into your web browser, if the link doesn't work.
Contact support at 1.866.961.1803 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? ☐ [Help](#)

School Name: Eagle High School [Help](#)

Student Information

Do you have the student number? ☐

Student Number: [Help](#)

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Birth Date: [Help](#)
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.

ਸਕੂਲ ਕੈਸ਼ ਓਨਲਾਈਨ

ਮਾਪਿਆਂ/ਸਰਪ੍ਰਸਤਾਂ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਕਦਮ-ਦਰ-ਕਦਮ ਸ਼ੀਟ

ਸਾਡੇ ਸਕੂਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਕੁਸ਼ਲਤਾ ਕਾਰਨਾਂ ਕਰਕੇ, ਐਬਟਸਫੋਰਡ ਸਕੂਲ ਡਿਸਟ੍ਰਿਕਟ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਨਕਦ ਅਤੇ ਚੈੱਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਮਾਤਰਾ ਨੂੰ ਘਟਾਉਣਾ ਚਾਹੇਗਾ। ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੋਵੋ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਪੰਜੀਕਰਨ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਭੁਗਤਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਸਹੂਲਤ ਦਾ ਅਨੰਦ ਲੈ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ 4 ਮਿੰਟ ਤੋਂ ਵੀ ਘੱਟ ਸਮਾਂ ਲੱਗਦਾ ਹੈ। ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਕਦਮ-ਦਰ-ਕਦਮ ਹਿਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਕਰੋ, ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਨਾਲ ਜੁੜੀਆਂ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਈਮੇਲ ਸੂਚਨਾਵਾਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰ ਸਕੋਗੇ।

ਨੋਟ ਕਰੋ ਜੇਕਰ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਸਕਰੀਨ ਦੇ ਉੱਪਰਲੇ ਸੱਜੇ ਹੱਥ ਵਾਲੇ ਕੋਨੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੈਲਪ ਵਿਕਲਪ ਚੁ

ਸਟੇਪ1: ਰਜਿਸਟਰ

- ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਪੰਜੀਕਰਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਕੂਲ ਕੈਸ਼ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਘਰ ਜਾਓ ਪੰਨਾ <https://abbotsford.schoolcashonline.com> ਅਤੇ "ਅੱਜ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰੋ" ਵਿਕਲਪ ਦੀ ਚੋਣ ਕਰੋ।
- ਰਜਿਸਟ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਕਦਮਾਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਹਰੇਕ ਨੂੰ ਪੂਰਾ ਕਰੋ
*ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਕਾਰਨਾਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਪਾਸਵਰਡ ਲਈ, 8 ਅੱਖਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ, ਇੱਕ ਉੱਪਰਲਾ ਪੱਤਰ, ਇੱਕ ਹੇਠਲੇ ਕੇਸ ਦਾ ਪੱਤਰ ਅਤੇ ਇੱਕ ਨੰਬਰ।



ਸਟੇਪ2: ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਈਮੇਲ

ਇੱਕ ਰਜਿਸਟ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੀ ਈਮੇਲ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਭੇਜ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਕਲਿੱਕ ਕਰੋ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਈਮੇਲ ਦੀ ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਈਮੇਲ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਕੀਤੇ ਲਿੰਕ 'ਤੇ ਅਤੇ ਸਕੂਲਕੈਸ਼ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਖਾਤਾਪੁਸ਼ਟੀਕਰਨ ਲਿੰਕ ਸਕੂਲ ਕੈਸ਼ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਸਾਈਟ ਨੂੰ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੋਗਾ।

ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਖਾਤੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰੇਰਿਤ ਕਰਨਾ ਆਪਣੀ ਈਮੇਲ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰੋ ਹੁਣੇ ਹੁਣੇ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਖਾਤੇ ਨਾਲ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਪਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਪਾਸਵਰਡ

ਸਟੇਪ3: ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਲੱਭੋ

ਨੋਟ ਕਰੋ- ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਨੰਬਰ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ

ਇਹ ਕਦਮ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਖਾਤੇ ਨਾਲ ਜੋੜੇਗਾ।

- ਸਕੂਲਬੋਰਡ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਦਾਖਲ ਕਰੋ
- ਸਕੂਲ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਦਾਖਲ ਕਰੋ
- ਆਪਣੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਅਤੇ ਜਨਮ ਮਿਤੀ ਦਾਖਲ ਕਰੋ
- ਜਾਰੀ ਰੱਖੋ
- ਅਗਲੇ ਪੰਨੇ 'ਤੇ ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਕਰੋ ਕਿ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਬੱਚੇ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਿਤ ਹੋ, ਸਹਿਮਤ ਬਾਕਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰੋ ਅਤੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਰੱਖੋ ਦੀ ਚੋਣ ਕਰੋ
- ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਨੂੰ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਖਾਤੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ

ਸਟੇਪ4: ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਦੇਖੋ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਕਰੋ

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਵਧੇਰੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਹਨ, ਤਾਂ "ਇੱਕ ਹੋਰ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਕਰੋ" ਵਿਕਲਪ ਦੀ ਚੋਣ ਕਰੋ ਅਤੇ ਉੱਪਰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਕਦਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੁਹਰਾਓ। 5 ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ ਮਾਪੇ ਖਾਤਾ। ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਵਾਧੂ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ, ਤਾਂ ਚੁਣੋ "ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਦੇਖੋ" ਵਿਕਲਪ। ਉਪਲਬਧ ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਖਰੀਦ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਿਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਨੋਟ- ਸਾਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਰਵਰ 'ਤੇ ਗੁਪਤ ਆਧਾਰ 'ਤੇ ਸਟੋਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

SchoolCashOnline.com
Hello Parent,
Please click the link below to confirm your email address.
<http://jordanapids.schoolcashonline.com/Registration/ConfirmConfirmationEmail/13e754b3-7202-4ea9-b27e-7d6e61db411>
Copy the link and paste it into your web browser, if the link doesn't work.
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Thank you,

Find Student

School Information

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

School Name: Eagle High School

Student Information

Do you have the student number? ☐

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

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



Meet Melvin the Monkey as he visits the students in Mrs. Siganakis's class as a part of the CALM curriculum.



Mrs. Siganakis's class being read a story while on a nature walk to the park.



Students enjoyed hot chocolate, cookies and a story from Santa!



Skating
Session #1