

Newsletter



Alexander
Elementary School

June 2022

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Calendar of Events

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| June 2 | K/1's to Eco Dairy |
| June 3 | Run for Water- Mini run at school |
| June 3 | Bread pick up |
| June 8 | Xa:ytem Longhouse Field Trip – Div. 4/5 |
| June 14 | Grade 4/5 Track Meet - need volunteers |
| June 16 | Swimming – Div. 3/4/5/7 |
| June 17 | Splash Day K/1 |
| June 17 | Bread Pick Up at 1:30pm |
| June 21 | Indigenous Peoples Day |
| June 21 | Sports Day |
| June 23 | Swimming – Div. 1/2/6 |
| June 27 | K/1 Family Picnic |
| June 28 | Grade 5 Celebration |
| June 29 | Last Day for Students |
| June 29 | Report Cards Home |
| June 30 | Last Day for Teachers |

Every Friday is Falcon Friday.

Wear your falcon shirt to show your school spirit!

June!! I am still so surprised that it is June already. I want to thank all of the parents, staff and students for making my first year as a principal so memorable. I am so lucky to be surrounded by such supportive people and I look forward to many years together! There is so much happening this month please see the dates to the right. We have also started planning next year already. We are currently working on our school goals and plans, if you have anything that you would like to bring forward, please do not hesitate to call me. It is so important that you know you have a voice as parents. We want to make Alexander a safe and caring place for all!

It would be a great help to us, if you know your child will not be returning to Alexander in September, to please let Miss Amanda in the office know.

Have a wonderful summer with your friends and family. We look forward to seeing you all rested up and ready to learn in September!

Tara Plantinga
Principal

Way to Go H2O

As a part of our Healthy Schools initiative, we participated in our **Way to Go H2O** campaign for the month of May. Students were encouraged to drink lots of water and won healthy prizes, such as extra swing time, giant Jenga etc. This initiative was so fun and created such a positive atmosphere at the school. Thanks so much to Mrs. Kennaley for all of her hard work on this. Please make sure that your child has a reusable water bottle at school to continue this healthy habit.



School Supplies 2022/2023

Please purchase your school supplies now (for next year) on school cash online. Supplies will be delivered to the school in August! There is also an option to purchase an additional kit for a family in need. If you feel you are able to contribute to our school community in this way, we thank you! If you are a family struggling to purchase school supplies, please do not hesitate to speak to Amanda in the office where you can set up a payment plan or register to be a recipient of a paid kit.



Indigenous
Education

Students learned about Coast Salish House Posts. All the students made a Coast Salish House Post, see the beautiful example below. Our students along with Ms. Baye presented the Talking Sticks they made this year to new Indigenous Support Workers in our school district.

We had a lovely ceremony at school where students honoured these new members of the district. Thank you to Ms. Baye for such a wonderful idea and teaching our students the importance of giving!



Active School Travel Survey

Thank you so much for filling in the active school travel surveys. We learned very valuable information such as the catwalk between Mayfair and Lincoln is a safety issue for many of you. We also learned that bike and road safety information is something you would value. The third concern was traffic danger around the school. I want to let you know that we are looking into all of these concerns. I have a team doing a walk thru of the catwalk on June 8 to assess the issue and find ways to communicate this to the city. We would not have this information without your input so thank you! We want to make it as safe and easy as possible to walk or bike to school!



Run for Water

We had a school goal of raising \$1000.00 for the Run for Water campaign. Thanks to Ms. Brock for her great fundraising idea. Three fundraising days were set aside where students were able to bring change to contribute to the campaign. The three options were to bring a stuffy day, crazy hair day and break a rule day. These fun days were so well received we raised over \$1900.00!!

Nancy (& Blue)



Summer vacation is almost here, and Blue is looking forward to some time at our cabin where he can do some swimming and chasing sticks, two of his FAVORITE things to do. He is really going to miss coming to Alexander and seeing everyone at school, but he will be back in September!

If you miss Blue, you might find him or one of his St. John Ambulance Therapy dog friends at the Abbotsford Community Library, every 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. where they will be reading with any of the kids who stop in to visit. That way, Blue won't get too lonely or forget how to do his job over the summer.

We hope everyone has a great summer. Here's a picture of Blue jumping off our dock chasing a stick. See, he can be kind of a silly boy when he's not working.

Enjoy your summer and we'll see you in September!

Nancy & Blue

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.



SchoolMessenger App

Using your mobile device, download and install.

SafeArrival 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.schoolcashionline.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://dordamrghds.schoolcashionline.com/Registration/ConfirmConfirmationEmail/2a75463-7202-4ea9-b27e-706e0d1d8111>
Copy the link and paste it into your web browser, if the link doesn't work.
Contact support at 1.866.961.1903 or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.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: Eagle High School

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.



May 25, 2022

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The Abbotsford School District is delighted to offer a back-to-school event for families that may require additional support for their school-aged child to be ready for the 2022/23 school year. Thanks to partnerships with the City Dream Centre, the Salvation Army, Archway Food Bank, Abbotsford Community Foundation, Relate Church, Raymond James, Walmart, and other community-minded organizations, this event is possible for another year.

Each student will receive a backpack with essential school supplies and hygiene products. Additionally, each family will receive a hamper with food items (both perishable and non-perishable) and a gift card to a local grocer. *If this program can support your family, please complete the registration form below.*

2022/23 Back-to-School Drive

Date: Saturday August 27th, 2022

Location: Abbotsford Middle School, 33231 Bevan Ave, Abbotsford, BC V2S 0A9

Type of event: Drive-thru

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/CuVLJUF9TX>

Registration Maximum: 4 Children (If you have more than four school-aged children in your care, please complete a 2nd registration form.)

We encourage you to save or print a copy of your PDF submission response for your records. To ensure appropriate supplies can be collected and prepared, please register by Friday, August 5th at midnight. We will accept registration up until this date or until we are at capacity. Should you require any assistance, please contact backtoschool@abbyschools.ca or call 778-880-8554.

Sincerely,

Andrea Senft

Manager of Community Partnerships and Early Learning
Abbotsford School District