

Newsletter



Alexander
Elementary School

November 2022

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We were so happy to welcome families into the school for parent teacher interviews. It is such a valuable time of connection. You know your child best so being able to connect and partner with you to enhance their educational experience is so valuable.

The Halloween parade was a special event shared by many families and students. It is such a joy to watch the students as they go by and see their families at their school.

We hope that Alexander elementary is a welcoming space for you child and you as parents. If it is not, please reach out to me as I would like to know how we could help make it better.

I put a board up at the parent teacher interviews and asked what parents wished for the children at Alexander and these are some of the things that were shared: that their child make a friend, everyone to get along (stop bullying), to get as much support as possible before middle school and to prepare for life. Thank you to the brave parents who took the time to fill in these papers. We appreciate your comments and do our best to address the issues. We are not perfect and ask for your continued support and open dialogue. We can't help fix what we do not know, so thanks so much for sharing!

Tara Plantinga
Principal



Calendar of Events

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| 4-11 | Veteran's Week |
| 4 | Earthquake and Fire Drill 11am |
| | Bread Pick up @2:15pm |
| 8 | PAC Meeting – 8:30am Library |
| 9 | Remembrance Day Ceremony 11am |
| | Parents Welcome |
| 10 | Non-instructional Day |
| 11 | Remembrance Day – No school |
| 13 | World Kindness Day |
| 16 | Louis Riel Day |
| 18 | Bread Pick up @2:15pm |
| 25 | Bread Pick up @2:15pm |
| 29 | Skating @ MRC 9:30-1 |
| | (check your child's schedule with their teacher) |

December

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| 1 | Photo Retake Day |
| 7 | Pancake Breakfast (volunteers needed) |
| 12-15 | Christmas Store (volunteers needed) |
| 18- Jan 3 | Winter Break |

Every Friday is Falcon Friday. Wear your falcon shirt to show your school spirit! If you do not have one see the office.

Nancy & Blue



Eight questions I always get asked about Blue:

How old is Blue? Blue is 3 years old. He will be 4 years old on January 6th

What does Blue like to eat? Blue's favorite food is hot dogs. Those are a special treat we use for training. For dinner every day, Blue eats dog kibble.

What is Blue's favorite game? Blue's favorite thing to play is chasing balls or sticks. He will play that ALL DAY LONG!

Does Blue live with other dogs? Blue lives with 2 other little dogs and a cat.

Where does Blue sleep? Blue sleeps on a special dog mat beside my bed. He likes to be close to "his" people.

Does Blue like to swim? YES!! Blue loves it if you throw a stick into the water so he can swim out to get the stick.

Will Blue bite me? No! Blue had to pass 2 tests to be a therapy dog that works with children. He gets very excited when he knows he is going "to work" because he loves seeing all the children at school.

Can Blue go everywhere you go? No, but that would be fun! Therapy dogs are not like service dogs. They cannot go into stores or restaurants. They are just like a regular dog but have passed a test to make sure they are extra friendly and well behaved.



Indigenous
Education

Students learned about the importance of Sharing Circles and Talking Sticks.

Following the traditional teachings all the classes contributed in making their own beautiful talking stick to use during Circle Time.



Please make sure that your child has appropriate outerwear for our Fall weather. Students go outside in the morning and at recess and lunch time even when it's raining, windy or cold. Please make sure that they come to school with a warm jacket and proper footwear (perhaps boots), and as the weather gets colder remember to send mitts and toques as well. We only stay inside during heavy rain. Getting fresh air and some physical activity is an important part of their day...rain or shine!





Diwali and Halloween Celebrations





Every Wednesday in October staff wore pink in support of Breast Cancer awareness. Cancer has touched many of our lives. We think of the many families who have or are currently struggling with someone battling this disease!



School Safety/Parking

Please use the sidewalk beside the field rather than walking down the middle of the parking lot. Parents please for the safety of all, do not enter the back parking lots with your cars, it is for staff only.





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.

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.



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 always the second Tuesday morning at 8:30am. There is also a PAC board in the foyer of the school. Email Alexanderschoolpac@gmail.com

PAC is hoping to run the **Fun Fair** this year. It is scheduled for May 25.

**Next Meeting is *November 8* at 8:30 am in the library.
All are welcome.**

We are a Nut aware school; we have several children who are anaphylactic to nuts so please check with your child's teacher if nuts are okay in your classroom



View our Gourmet Foods by scanning the QR code below
All of your favorites are just a click away...



Alexander Elementary PAC NEUFELD FARMS FUNDRAISER

Orders In By: November 21 2022, end of day
Pick up: December 1st 2022, 2:30 pm



<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2022-alexander-elementary-pac>

www.neufeldfarms.ca



Please remember to keep
your dogs off school property.



AFFORDABILITY GRANT

During these difficult times, we are aware that many families have struggled financially with a number of unforeseen circumstances (work closures, illness, gas prices etc.). Could your family use any additional supports from our school community such as supports with food, clothing, school supplies, or extra-curricular activities? Please note that the information provided by you will be kept confidential.

If the answer is Yes, we could use additional support. Please call us for more details. 604-859-3167

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.



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.