

Newsletter



Alexander
Elementary School

March

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February came and went by so fast! There have been a lot of temporary changes in the school office while Mrs. Plantinga has been off on a leave of absence. I was off last week but am back this week and will continue to be Acting Principal until Spring Break. Mrs. Plantinga is scheduled to be back after the break. I have enjoyed being back in the Principal role even if it is only temporary! Thank you to those of you who have reached out and said 'hello' or chatted with me about your child(ren).

We had some wonderful experiences as a school during the month of February! All the students got to go skating one more time and really enjoyed themselves! They have all improved so much over the 3 sessions.

On Feb. 22nd, our staff and students were encouraged to wear a pink shirt in honor of Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is honored in many communities to bring awareness to anti-bullying efforts. Our classroom teachers and staff spent time teaching students about the importance of why we wear pink shirts.

Thank you to those who came out to our Parent Teacher Conferences on Feb. 15th and 16th! It was so great to have so many families in the school working in collaboration with our staff to support your child(ren)!

Wishing you a wonderful upcoming Spring Break! Feel free to reach me by email at: Jennifer.dyck@abbschools.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Jenn Voth
Acting Principal / LSS Teacher



- 1-3 Book Fair
- 3 Bread Pick Up at 2:15pm
- 10 Report Cards Home
- 10 Bread Pick Up at 2:15pm

13-24



- 27 School Open
- 31 Bread Pick Up at 2:15pm



- 7 Good Friday
- 10 Easter Monday

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!***

"Bring a Stuffy" Fundraiser

On February 15th, students were invited to bring a stuffy in exchange for a donation for earthquake relief for Syria and Türkiye.

Over **\$1550** was raised!

Thank you, Alexander families, for your generosity!



Indigenous
Education

All of our students listened to a beautiful story from Monique Gray Smith about love and encouragement.

Everyone learned the Halq'emeylem word **stl'itl'el**, which means love. Students completed colouring a beautiful heart by Michelle Stoney, Indigenous artist.



For anti-bullying day, I read the story of "The Journey of Dog Salmon" who realized he was hurting his salmon relatives and friends after they had talk to them.

February was an exciting month as our grade 5 Indigenous students learned about the importance of the drum. Following the teachings they made their own special drum from deer hide.



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, March 7* at 8:45
am.**

All are welcome.

Scholastic Book Fair

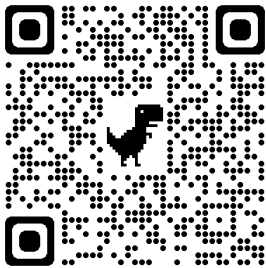
Dear Families,

The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is here!! We want to welcome back **in person shopping** at our book fair.

To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic also has a **Virtual Book Fair** to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together.

Our Scholastic In Person Book Fair will take place Feb 28-March 3. The QR Code and the website will go live on Feb 28th. Happy Reading!

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5174362>



Come on out to check out what is available this week only!

The hours are:

- **Wednesday, March 1**, from 8-9 am & 2-3 pm
- **Thursday, March 2**, from 8-9 am & 2-3 pm
- **Friday, March 3**, from 8 – 9 am



SO WHO IS THIS NANCY & BLUE I KEEP HEARING ABOUT?

I probably should have written this article for the newsletter first to introduce Blue and myself. I'm Nancy, the one doing the typing and who drives Blue to school. Blue is really the star attraction of the team. And we are a team.

I have been interested in animals and working with animals since I was in elementary school. In fact, I wanted to be a veterinarian when I was growing up. Instead, I took some courses to become a nurse, then worked as a paramedic and finally settled in a career in the criminal justice system where I worked for 30 years. Meanwhile, I volunteered for numerous animal rescue organizations and took a number of courses in working with animals.

I had always wanted to have a therapy dog and volunteer so when I retired, I looked into joining St. John Ambulance's therapy dog program. My dog, Mello would be perfect. Yes, Blue is my second therapy dog. Mello was an older dog so I knew at some point she would no longer be up for therapy work so my plan was to find and train a second dog to take over for her.

That brings me to Blue. We adopted him from the Langley Animal Protection Society (LAPS) in 2019. The same shelter where I volunteered and where we adopted Mello from. To be honest, the first year we had him, I wasn't quite sure whether Blue was going to make a good therapy dog or not. Mello did an excellent job of mentoring him though and he passed his evaluation with flying colours. Yes, to be a therapy dog for St. John Ambulance (SJA), the dog AND the handler have to pass a test. Then, in order to work with children, SJA therapy dogs have to pass a 2nd evaluation, designed just to test them with children. They are only eligible to take the test with children after they have done a certain number of hours of visits with adults. Blue passed his children's evaluation and here we are.

At 4 years old, Blue has shown his true calling. He LOVES coming to school and visiting with the kids. Whenever he sees the kids in the hallway or in the playground, his tail starts to wag. If a classroom door is open, he thinks he needs to poke his head in and say "hi"!

Blue and I also visit at a number of other places but I think his heart is at Alexander.

Nancy & Blue





Registration for children turning 5 during 2023 has been open since January 16th.

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>

Dogs on School Property

Please clean up after your pooch so our students aren't tracking a mess through the school.



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.





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.

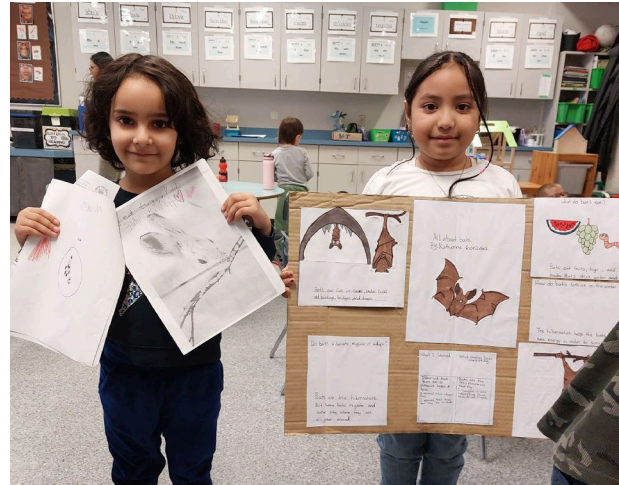
The colder weather is here! Don't forget to send mitts/gloves and a toque on frosty days!

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

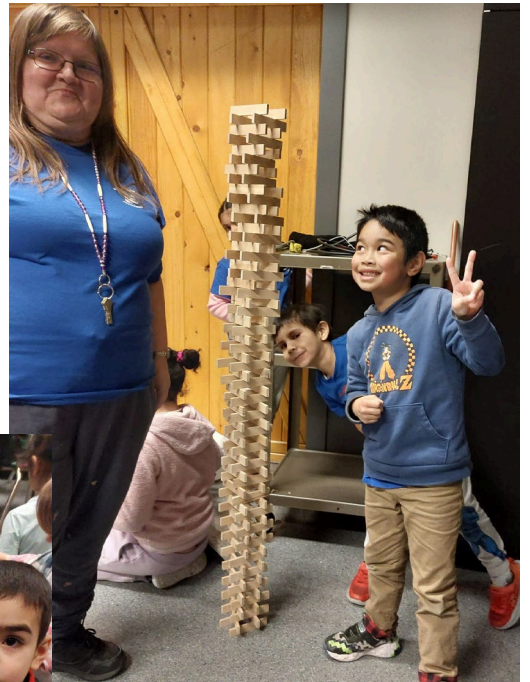
Snow Time Fun Div. 12



Science Project Div. 10



Big Buddies Div. 7 & 10





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://www.health.gov.bc.ca/k12healthcheck) 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

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|-----------------------|----------|
| 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.



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-7d6ed1db411>
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,

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](#))