

ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL

GATOR GAZETTE

OCTOBER 2018

STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING

The students at Alexander PS showed their unified support and stood up against bullying on **September 13th**. Students wore pink to mark this special day. It was a sea of pink. Character education plays a prominent role at Alexander P.S. each and every day. Throughout the year the students will be learning about various character traits as they learn to become well rounded citizens in our community.

HOW IS YOUR CHILD DOING IN SCHOOL?

A message to parents/guardians about report cards

Sharing information with parents/guardians is an important part of student learning. When parents know how their children are doing in school, they have more opportunities to support their success.

Parent-teacher interviews will be held on November 1st. An invitation will be sent home. Parents are welcome to contact their child's teacher at any time to set up a meeting if you have any concerns prior to the interview. Teachers will contact parents if their child is struggling in school.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Alexander students will be involved in routine fire drill and lockdown practices throughout the school year in order to ensure that safety practices are in place.

Please help us to reassure your child that these are Rainbow District School Board routine safety drills and there is no need to be alarmed.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO COME

Oct. 2	Picture Day
Oct. 3	Larchwood Cross Country race
Oct. 5	World Teacher Day
Oct. 8	Thanksgiving - No school for students
Oct 9	Food orders start
Oct 9	QSP orders Due
Oct 15	School Council 6pm
Oct 16	Adanac Cross Country Race
Oct 26	PD Day
Oct 31	Reports Home
Oct. 31	Halloween Celebration
Nov. 1	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov 30	PD Day

Fundraising Due Dates

Magazine QSP due Oct. 9 Fresh from the Farm Oct. 12

Christmas Concert Dec 18th- 2pm, Dec 19th-11:45am
Grade 8 Graduation Wednesday June 26th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Throughout the year, we are always in need of volunteers to assist in the classroom, with sports and excursions. Please remember to obtain a current police check so you will be ready when we need you. Thank you so much for your help and cooperation.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Parents, please view the Monthly Homework calendar and assignments that will assist parents to give students additional support at home. These homework tasks were put together as a request from parents who wanted to do meaningful work with their child. Parents are asked to do these activities when there is no homework assigned from the classroom teacher. In no way is the Homework Policy intended to add extra work or stress to families. It is simply a tool to help parents, help their child.

NUT SUBSTITUTES

The Board's practice is **not to permit** WOW butter, SUN butter, or any other peanut butter substitutes in schools. These peanut butter substitutes look, smell and taste like peanut butter. Although some parents are vigilant at labeling these as peanut butter substitutes, we cannot guarantee an effective system of checking as to whether a product contains nuts or is nut safe.

Should a student bring a peanut butter substitute to school, **the practice followed is the same practice that we follow with a peanut product.**

HEALTHY SCHOOLS

As Alexander supports our community the healthy way, we are requesting that Halloween treats **not** be brought in to share with classmates. Thank you for respecting our rules. Keeping in mind that "it is better to give than to receive", we know the students will be intrinsically rewarded by that great feeling of helping others in our community. We are looking forward to a day of festive school spirit! All students are invited to wear their Halloween costume to school or to dress in black and orange if they prefer on October 31st. We will have a spirit parade on October 31st.

TERRY FOX RUN

All students at Alexander participated in the Terry Fox Run. It is an opportunity to keep Terry's dream alive. Students had an opportunity to donate to a good cause. Everyone knows someone who has suffered from cancer. The battle will not end until a cure is found. Thank-you Mme Hanson for organizing this important event.

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ORANGE DAY

Staff and students at Alexander were invited to wear orange on Thursday, September 27th to show support for residential school survivors.

Orange Shirt Day recognizes the effects and intergenerational impacts of the residential school system on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children in Canada.

It provides an opportunity for teachers to open up the conversation about residential schools with students. It shows students and the Alexander community that every child matters."

Orange Shirt Day began in Williams Lake, British Columbia by the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration project. Phyllis Webstad, a young girl from the Dog Creek reserve, attended the Mission in 1973, where her clothes were removed, including her brand new orange shirt.

Phyllis' story inspired the Mission to declare September 30th Orange Shirt Day, as this was the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to attend residential schools.

COAT DRIVE

Mme Lisette is spear heading the winter clothing drive. We are encouraging all students to bring in a gently used piece of winter clothing (coats, hats, mitts, scarves, etc.). The winter clothing will help keep many Sudburians warm this winter. The class that brings in the most clothing will win a prize.

FRESH FROM THE FARM

A reminder that our fundraiser closes October 12th and that all order forms need to be in by that date. Thank you for supporting our Grade 8 students and their fundraising efforts for their trip to St-Donat.

ALEXANDER FACEBOOK

Please check our school Facebook site for daily news!
Alexander Public School Home of the Gators.

CO-ED SOCCER

The following students will be representing Alexander Public School at the Intermediate Co-Ed Soccer tournament at the Jerome James Complex on October 10th:

Jack Anderson, Alex F, William M, Elsie S, Liam B Kalle G, Brooke G, Callum B Alissa D, Zachary M, Rory G, Atom T, Matthias S, James T. Go gators! Thanks to our soccer coach Mme Spadafore.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The intermediate boys volleyball team has been working hard in practice and will begin their tournament season on October 9th! Team members: Alex F., Jack A, Jake H, Zach M, Atom T., Liam B, Matthias S, Joe F, James T, Callum B. Thanks to our coach Mme Gianfrancesco.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

The Alexander Team has been practicing after school with M. Leblanc, Mme Spadafore, Mme Laframboise and. They will be entering the many runs to be held around Sudbury. Good luck Gators!

RH Murray Sept. 27th race results:

Junior Girls:

Misaki Diavolitsis 1st place

Barbara Ceccon 3rd place

Intermediate Girls:

Alissa Diavolitsis 2nd place

Intermediate Boys:

Liam Binks 1st

COSTUME EXCHANGE

Alexander Public School excitedly announces a 'spooktacular' event hosted by our 'Club Arc-en- Ciel' ('Nature's Rainbow Kids).

The group will be hosting a costume exchange in order to reuse and recycle Halloween costumes. During the week of October 17th, a costume exchange evening will take place. Stay tuned for exciting details on this first time event. La planète vous remercie! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!