

ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL

GATOR GAZETTE

JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year

A new year brings new challenges and new adventures to each and every one of us at Alexander P.S.

As we begin another calendar year, it is that time to reflect on our accomplishments thus far and to revise our goals to ensure a successful future. Success comes in a variety of packages. To some, success means improving their grades. To others it means being a reliable member of a team. To someone else, it may mean to simply improve their rate of attendance and to arrive at school on time, ready to learn.

On behalf of the Alexander staff, we hope you had a wonderful, relaxing holiday.

We wish you all the best in 2019!

Christmas Concert

Thank-you Mme Gemmel for putting together a memorable Christmas Concert. Many hours of dedication went into this year's performance. Thanks to all the teachers who practiced and ensured their students were ready.

Character Trait

Integrity is the character trait for January. It is a complex trait, and something all of us work on throughout our lives. To live with integrity means we live by our own high standards. We treat each other as we hope to be treated. Having integrity does not mean we don't make mistakes but it does mean we take responsibility for our mistakes and work to make things better; not because we have to but because we believe it is right to do so.

"What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lives within us."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Let's Keep Our Children Safe

Please note that the bus loading zone in front of the school is a no stopping/no parking area. This includes the opposite side of the street on St. Brendan as well.

Parents are required to drop off or pick up students at the lower playground (at the corner of St. Nicholas and Edmund Street) A teacher will be on duty at entry and dismissal times to greet the students. Although we realize this is not necessarily convenient, these rules will be strictly enforced for **student safety**. Crossing between parked busses is just too dangerous. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

ALEXANDER'S FACEBOOK PAGE @ ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL HOME OF THE GATORS SUDBURY

Please join the group and get daily updated news and events.

Up and Coming Events

Jan.22 Grad Photos

Jan.17 Kindergarten Registration 5:30 to 6:30pm

Jan 25 Gr. 8 skiing Adanac

Feb 1st PD Day NO school for students

Feb 14 Spirit Day Wear red and White for Valentines

Feb. 14 Gr 7 & 8 Adanac

Feb. 18 Family Day- No School

Feb. 19-22-Carnaval Week

March 11-15 March Break – No School

Apr19-Apr 22 Easter Holiday – No School

May 27 - 31 – EQAO Grades 3 and 6

June 27 –Grade 8 Graduation 5:30 p.m.

Alexander PS hosts

Kindergarten Information Night- January 17

Is your child starting school this fall?

Information Night will take place from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm on **Thursday, January 17, 2019 at Alexander PS**. For enrolment in Kindergarten, your child must be four years of age by the end of the calendar year.

When registering your child, please bring his/her identification documents including birth certificate, birth registry/baptismal certificate, proof of residency, Ontario Health Card and immunization record.

French Immersion immerses children in the French language, including cultural experiences, when they begin school. English language instruction is introduced in Grade 3 and gradually builds to an equal balance of French and English instruction by Grade 5. This ensures that students gain effective bilingual skills. This program is designed for English speaking parents/guardians so they may support their children to become bilingual.

Please contact the school at 705-675-5961 to confirm your attendance.

Grade 8—St Donat

Our Grade 8's will be honing their French skills in Quebec from February 24th to Feb 27th. Mme Goodmurphy, Mr. Leblanc and Mme Spadafore will be chaperones on this trip.

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Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, please listen to the radio for cancellation of buses and classes.

In the interest of the safety and well-being of staff and students, busses will be cancelled when weather conditions warrant such action.

To find out if schools are closed or buses are operating, please listen to the radio. Every attempt will be made to announce class cancellations on the various radio stations by 7 am.

When buses are cancelled, Rainbow District School Board staff is expected to report to work when it is safe for them to do so. In extreme conditions, there may not be anyone present to receive students upon their arrival. It's important for parents/guardians to note that students will only be admitted to school when accompanied by a teacher or other person authorized by the Principal.

So please listen to the radio in the event of inclement weather. If classes are cancelled, please do not bring your child to school.

If schools are open but buses are cancelled and you drop your child off, please remember that you must pick your child up at the end of the day. For school bus cancellations and school closures, visit rainbowschools.ca and click on Transportation under Highlights.

Tips for Packing Lunches

- Pack foods your child likes (they need to be well-fueled throughout the day) **for both nutrition breaks**
- Children prefer smaller portions and more variety
- Mix and match foods from each of the 4 food groups
- No "nuts / or may contain traces of nuts" products please
- Thank you for not sealing thermoses too tight (sometime even the adults can't open them)
- Please pack forks and spoons if necessary
- No knives please (please cut fruit at home if your child prefers it cut, scoring orange peels makes it easier for the children to peel them)
- Please do not send foods that need to be heated (students **do not** have access to a microwave)

Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home on February 20th, 2019.

Winter Activities

There are many winter activities planned for all grades throughout January and February. Please make sure to check the school calendar and your child's classroom website.

Family Day February 18

The staff at Alexander wishes all the families of Alexander PS a wonderful Family Day. Enjoy the time with your children and relatives and embrace the new memories you make together.

Alexander PS Winter Carnival February 19-22

Mme Hansen, Mme Pepin-Seccaspina and Mme Koskela are organizing a fun carnival week for our Alexander Gators. Outdoor winter activities will be planned. Please make sure your child is dressed warm for the outdoor activities. An agenda will follow

Fruit and Vegetable Program

The Fruit and Vegetable Program has started up again. A special thanks to the parent volunteers who will be helping prepare and distribute the food to our students. We are still looking for additional volunteers.

Winter Weather

Please ensure that your child is properly dressed for outdoor play. Fresh air and active play are required during the day!

The following discretionary guidelines are followed:

- 15 - 20° below - We normally go out for all recesses
- 20 - 25° below - We go out for some recesses or shortened periods depending on wind factor
- 25 - 30° below - Indoor recesses

Gator's Wolves and Bob's Service Center

WE would like to thank Bob's Service Center for partnering with our school and donating a season pass of Wolves tickets. The tickets include 1 adult pass and 2 junior passes. Students who display good character have their names placed in the draw.

Thank-you Bob's Service Center for choosing our school.

Allergen Safe School Environment "Nut Safe Schools"

We have a number of students who have a life threatening allergy to peanuts and all types of nuts. We ask that you keep our students safe by not sending food with peanuts/nuts or "may have come in contact with nuts" warnings on the labels. Thank you for helping to keep these children's world safe.