

ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL GATOR GAZETTE FEBRUARY 2019

What's Up and Coming

Parent, please take a look at your child's classroom website for classroom news and up and coming events.

Family Day February 18th

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.

Report Cards

The second report card will be sent home on February 20th. Teachers will set an interview with parents whose child is struggling or not putting forth their best effort. Parents are welcome to set an appointment with the teacher if there are concerns.

Character Trait - Courtesy

Courtesy is seen through the politeness and generosity of others' time and consideration.

It is holding the door open to those behind us. It is waiting to make sure someone is finished speaking before joining a conversation. It is waiting to see if our friend who fell down is okay before moving on to play. It is a character trait that makes a small but important difference to people in our everyday activities.

"Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Alexander's Winter Carnival.

Mme Darlene and Mme Hansen are organizing carnival activities from February 19th to 22nd. Please watch for the detailed letter coming home. We will be needing volunteers.

Up and Coming Events

Feb 1 PD Day

Feb 14 Valentine's Day wear red / white / pink

Feb 18 Family Day no school

Feb 19-22 Carnival Week

Feb 20 Report Cards go home

Feb. 24 – Feb 27 Grade 8's Gone to Quebec

March 11- 15 March Break

April 19 Good Friday no school

April 22 Easter Monday no school

April 8 PD Day no school for students

May 27 – May 31 EQAO test for Grade 3 and 6 students.

June 26 Grade 8 Graduation

June 28 Last day of school / reports go home

Grade 8—St Donat

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

Winter Weather

Please make sure your child is dressed properly for the changes in weather. All students will be going outside when it's -25C or less. As well please listen to the radio every morning to ensure the school is open or if busses are running. If bussing is cancelled, students who take the bus will have to be driven to school and picked up by 3:10 PM. There is no day care service available at the school to take care of your child. You may drop off your child at school no sooner than 8:35 AM.

February 14!!!

On February 14th, students will have an opportunity to exchange valentines. Please do not send sugary treats to the classroom as we are trying to promote healthy eating. Please contact your child's teacher prior to sending treats to the school as we need to respect some dietary needs.

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Things to do instead of watching TV

Make a scrapbook / do a puzzle / visit a friend / read a book / paint a picture / clean the house / repair something / go for a walk / play a sport / join a club / write a letter / start a business / go to a museum or gallery / play an instrument / count the stars / go to a sporting event / cook / volunteer / read the newspaper / do homework / go to the library / look at photo albums / help your parents / fly a kite / telephone a relative ... share any other ideas you have with others!

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

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

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.

Fruit and Vegetable Program

The Fruit and Vegetable Program has started. A special thanks to our parent volunteers Kate Smith, Lauren Oliver, Lauren Foy and Alice Gerhardt. We are still looking for parent volunteers to help with this program. If you can spare one hour of your time per week we would definitely appreciate it.

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)

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 participation during Spark will their names placed in the draw.

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

Check for Lice

Parents are asked to be vigilant and check their children at least 4 times a week for lice. If you have nits in your child's hair, please inform the school. Children have to be nit free prior to returning to school.

Noon Hour Supervisors

We are looking for part time noon hour supervisors. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact the school.

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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.

The band will compete at the Northern Ontario Music Festival on March 1st

Boys Triple Ball.

The following students are on the grade 5/6 boys triple ball team. The team is coached by Mme Gianfrancesco. They have 3 upcoming tournaments in February and March. The team members are as follows:
Ethan O, Grant B, Jonas B, Robbie M, Carson C, Zeb A, Jacob H, Mac Y, Clark M, Jake M, and Brady R

Girls Triple Ball

The following students are on the Girls Triple Ball Team (Grade 5,6)
Lea L, Sarah M, Audrey S, Kiana L, Madison B.-R, Grace K, Misaki D, Hayden M, Izzy L, Kameron T, Barbara C, and Charlotte S. The Girls team is coached by Mme DiMarco

Pro Grant

Great News!! Thanks to our School Council, Alexander PS has been awarded \$800.00 from the "Parents Reaching Out Grant".

Alexander PS has been awarded \$800.00 towards "Diversity in Books Campaign"!

This project was spear headed by Jessica Grillanda and Karla Gharthey and Jenny Martindale and supported by the Alexander School Council. Well done School Council!

EQAO Testing Grades 3 and 6

EQAO testing is scheduled from May 27 to 31st for Grade 3 and 6 students. It is important for students to be in attendance that week. If possible, please try to book appointments outside that week. EQAO results helps educators understand where more emphasis is needed to help your child meet the Ontario Curriculum. As well with on-going data collected it helps us understand your child's learning patterns and how we can meet their learning needs.

Rainbow Schools turn down the heat for Sweater Day on February 7

Rainbow District School Board is turning down the heat and inviting all students and staff to wear a sweater on Thursday, February 7, 2019.

“Sweater Day is intended to raise awareness about renewable energy and change behaviour around energy consumption,” says Director of Education Norm Blaseg. “It’s a fun way for everyone to get involved in the conversation about climate change, as students learn the significance of how wearing a sweater promotes sustainability.”

As part of Sweater Day, schools have been given some cozy ideas to educate students, including the following question: “Canada’s Arctic is warming faster than anywhere else on the planet. How does the temperature of your home affect the temperature of the polar bear’s Arctic habitat?”

“We want students to make the connection between their thermostat, greenhouse gas emissions, climate change, melting sea ice and Arctic wildlife,” says

Director Blaseg. “We also want students to recognize that fashion has an environmental footprint that recycling clothes helps to reduce.”

To reduce their fashion footprint, students are encouraged to begin a clothing drive by donating unused clothing to a local charity or trading clothes with a classmate.

Staff and students are also invited to stay warm by selling hot chocolate or soup. All funds raised can be donated to help support the fight against climate change.