

ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL GATOR GAZETTE MARCH 2019

What's Up and Coming!!

Parents please take a look at your child's classroom website for classroom news and upcoming events.

Early Kindergarten Registration

As we plan for September 2019, we are now accepting registrations for Junior and Senior Kindergarten. Children who will be 4 by December 31st 2019 are eligible to attend JK. The program is a full day, offered every weekday. Please call the office to arrange registration for your child.

St-Donat, Quebec

Our Grade 8's honed their French skills while in Quebec from February 24th to February 27th. Mme Spadafore and Mr. Leblanc chaperoned on this trip.

Many hours of work were spent planning for this excursion. It was well worth the effort, as our students had a wonderful time. Mr. Leblanc, Mme Spadafore and Mme Goodmurphy were very proud of our Grade 8 Gators.

Fundraising with grade 7 students for next year's St Donat trip has already begun. The Grade 7 class will be hosting a Boston Pizza Celebrity Server event on March 27th from 5 - 8pm. We are now accepting the \$100 down payment for the trip.

Up and Coming

March 11-15 March Break
March 29 Crazy Hat Day
April 8 School Council Meeting
April 19 Good Friday
April 22 Easter Monday
April 10 Spring Pictures/Grad Retakes
May 6-10 Education Week
May 20 Victoria Day
May 27-31 EQAO testing for Grade 3 and 6
June 14 Professional development Day
June 26 Grade 8 Graduation @5:30pm
June 28 Last Day of school

Overview of the 2019-2020 School Year

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Labour Day September 2, 2019

First Day of School for Students
September 4, 2019 – No early dismissal

Thanksgiving October 14, 2019
Christmas Break December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020

Family Day	February 17, 2020
Mid-Winter Break	March 16 to 20, 2020
Good Friday	April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	May 18, 2020

Last Day of School for Students June 26, 2020 –
No early dismissal

Professional Activity Days

September 3, 2019
September 27, 2019
October 21, 2019
November 22, 2019
January 31, 2020
April 24, 2020
June 15, 2020

Alexander's Winter Carnival February 19-22

Mme Hansen, Mme Courtney and Mme Darlene organized a fun carnival week for our Alexander Gators. This year's winter carnival was 4 days filled with pure fun! The students enjoyed a pancake breakfast, la tire sur la glace, (maple syrup on ice). The students took part in a play day and other activities. It was a busy week filled with fun winter activities. A huge thank-you to the organizing committee, Mme Darlene, Mme Hansen and Mme Courtney. A thank-you to all the parents and staff who helped out.

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EQAO

EQAO testing this year is fast approaching. Here are the dates:

Grade 3 — May 27 - 31

Grade 6 — May 27 - 31

Please ensure that your child is at school on those dates. If possible, please pre-book any appointments before or after the testing dates.

EQAO testing is a province wide test given to all students in Grade 3 and 6. The results from the test help teachers, Boards and the Province fine tune our teaching practices in order to assist each child reach their full academic potential. More information regarding EQAO will be shared in May.

Spring Photos

Bring your smiles for Spring Photos on April 10. Siblings can take their pictures together. This is also the date for SK and Gr 8 Grad picture retakes.

Education Week

Education Week is May 6h to May 10th. Each classroom will be presenting special activities. More info to come.

Jewelry during Gym Class

Please be aware that teachers must follow the safety guidelines mandated by OPHEA and the Ministry of Education, during gym class and sporting activities.

Part of the guidelines is to remove all jewelry during Phys Ed. Long dangling earrings, rings bracelets and necklaces must be removed. If some facial piercings and stud earrings can't be removed, they must be taped.

These guidelines have been put into place to protect your child. Please discuss the guidelines with your child to help teachers with their task.

Thank you for your support.

Easter

The Easter Holiday this year is April 19-22 Students will return to school on April 23rd. We would like to wish everyone a great Easter long weekend.

Next School Council Meetings

The next school council meeting will be held on April 8th at 6pm in the staff room upstairs. Please use side green doors to enter. Please call the school or email Mme Goodmurphy at goodmud@rainbowschools.ca if daycare is needed. Everyone is welcome.

Welcome to Kindergarten

Our Welcome to Kindergarten will be held May 15th from 5:00 to 6:00pm. All registered JK's and pending registrations are welcome to attend. This evening will provide the parents and the students an opportunity to circulate in different learning centers and to practice skills that are needed for September. At the end of the session students will have all the necessary learning tools to take home. We hope that all 2019 JK students are able to attend.