

ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL

GATOR GAZETTE

SEPTEMBER 2019

WELCOME TO ANOTHER GREAT SCHOOL YEAR AT ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL!

WE HOPE YOU HAD RESTFUL SUMMER AND YOU ARE READY TO TACKLE WHAT PROMISES TO BE AN OUTSTANDING YEAR. WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL OF OUR NEW FAMILIES TO THE GATOR COMMUNITY.

Each student has received a copy of Rainbow Schools handbook, a document published by the Rainbow District School Board. This handbook contains a wealth of information regarding programs and services offered, as well as a board directory with contact numbers and Board policies. Please keep these documents for reference all year. We thank you for ensuring you return the enclosed parent/guardian consent forms pertaining to publicity releases and school council.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

This year, "School Cash Online" is in full effect. Alexander Public School will no longer be accepting cash as a form of payment. This new method of payment will be used for paying for fundraisers, excursions and other school-related items. Furthermore, School Cash online is also where you will give authorization for your child to participate in field trips/excursions. This method will be also be used for all excursions with or without fees.

Please ensure that you've signed up!

If you do not have internet at home, you are welcome to use the chrome book provided in the school office to complete the process and make your purchases.

Please copy and paste the link below.

<https://rainbowschools.schoolcashionline.com/Registration/ProfileTabs> to complete the process.

PUFFERS EPI PENS AND MEDS

For the Safety of all children in the school, it is required that parents inform the school if their child has an allergy or suffers from asthma.

If your child needs to take medication, please contact the school to get the forms that need to be completed by your physician.

Any over the counter medication needs to be sent to the office with a note from the parents with detailed information indicating the dose and time the child needs to take the medication.

If your child has any life threatening allergies, asthma, diabetes or epilepsy, it is important to meet with the principal to create a **Plan of Care** to ensure the safety of your child.

Working together will help us ensure the safety of all children in the school.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parent/Guardians should call the school or email Mme Diane at piazzad@rainbowschools.ca when your child will be late or absent. You may also leave a message on the answering machine. 705-675-5961

DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4	First day of school
Sept 10	Open House 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM
Sept. 23	School Council Meeting (elections) at 6:00 PM staff room upstairs
Sept. 27	PD Day No school for students
Oct 9	Picture Day
Nov 5	Retake Picture day

EXCURSIONS AND FIELD TRIPS

Please make sure to sign up on School Cash Online to complete your child's "Excursion Form" each time one is created. If your child does not have "Excursion permission" by the day of the excursion, your child will be excused from the class trip and welcomed into another classroom until his/her classmates return. Teachers and the Administrative Assistant are very busy in the mornings and do not have time to contact parents. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

THE GATOR GAZETTE

A monthly newsletter will be posted on the school and classroom website. Our Newsletter is available on-line at: [http:// www.rainbow.edu.on.ca/ele/alexander](http://www.rainbow.edu.on.ca/ele/alexander)

Please view the school website for newsletters, school policies and to access your child's classroom website.

Please save this site to your favorites and check the first week of every month.

VISITOR TAGS

In order to maintain maximum safety for your child, and all the children at Alexander PS, we ask that all parents report to the office for a visitors tag when it is urgent to circulate in the school hallways. We want students to identify those that belong in the building and those that don't.

Prior to entering a classroom please make sure you have a scheduled appointment. Teachers are busy getting ready for their day or teaching. Parents are asked to say good-bye to their child at the school entrance door. It is important that your child gets settled in quickly in order for the teacher to start teaching. Every minute is precious.

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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 warnings "may contain nuts" on the labels. Thank you for helping to keep these children's world safe.

Please refer to the brochure sent home by the Rainbow District School Board for "nut free" lunch and snack ideas.

Parents with students with anaphylactic reactions please make sure you notify the classroom teacher and set up an appointment to meet with the principal.

ALEXANDER IS A HEALTHY SCHOOL

We promote healthy eating. We also want to ensure the safety of all students regarding food. Please contact the classroom teacher prior to sending food to share with the students. We only welcome veggie and fruit platters for special occasions. We thank parents for helping students make healthy choices.

ALEXANDER OPEN HOUSE

Alexander's Open House will be held on September 10 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Once you arrive at the school, your child will lead you to their classroom so that you can meet the teacher.

5:00 – 5:30 – Meet the teacher

5:30 – 6:15 - Pizza in the school yard

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Our student enrolment is changing on a daily basis. Your child could be changing classes or your child's class can go from a straight grade to a split or vice-versa. We have to respect the Ministry's primary grade cap of 20 students and 15 or 29 in kindergarten.

Students can be reassigned to different classes up until Oct 31st. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter.

2019-2020 ALEXANDER STAFF

K1	Mme Mastroianni / Mme Venedam
K2	Mme Preen / Mme Lisette/Mme Lalonde-Robichaud
K3	Mme Balson/Mme Josee
Grade 1	Mme St. Pierre
Grade 1/ 2	Mme Beaulieu-Quenneville
Grade 2	Mlle O'Hara
Grade 3	Mme Bassis-Lazure
Grade 3	Mme Pepin-Seccaspina
Grade 4	Mme Laframboise
Grade 5	Mme DiMarco
Grade 6	Mme Gianfrancesco
Grade 7-8 FI	Mme Spadafore
Grade 7-8 English	Mr. Leblanc
Phys Ed/Prep	Mme Hanson
Music/Prep	Mme Gemmell
Music/Prep	Mme Horton
Prep primary pm	Mme Carrocci
Spec Ed/Library	Mme Koskela
Custodian	Mme Hadner
Library Clerk	Mme Heikkila
Admin. Assistant	Mme Piazza
Principal	Mme Carr

ASTHMA- FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

Many children have asthma.

Some asthma attacks can be life threatening. Rainbow District School Board staff receive asthma education and training on recognizing triggers and symptoms.

Please contact your school Principal as soon as possible.

If you are a parent/guardian of a child with asthma, we need your co-operation in providing the school with current medical information and in developing a plan with your child's Principal to protect your child.

Please also contact the Sudbury Student Services Consortium at 705-521-1234 and inform your child's bus driver of your child's condition.

Students under 16 years of age who have parental permission are permitted to carry their own asthma medication with them at school.

Students 16 years of age and older do not require parental permission.

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ST DONAT SKI TRIP

The dates have been set! Grade 8 students will be going to St Donat, Quebec from March 1 to 4, 2020. We invite all parents to join us at the St Donat meeting in Mr. Leblanc's classroom (date to be determined). A deposit of \$100 is due by September 30, 2019. All payments are to Perspectives directly.

ALEXANDER PS SCHOOL COUNCIL WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

LOOKING FOR A CONNECTION TO THE SCHOOL?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING A CHILD READ
OR HELPING WITH OUR HOT DOG DAYS?

A CHANCE TO MEET OTHER PARENTS?

AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE ISSUES?

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENTS?

JOIN THE SCHOOL COUNCIL WHEN WE MEET IN
THE STAFF ROOM UPSTAIRS IN THE SCHOOL
FROM 6:00 PM -7:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST MEETING
SEPTEMBER ? WHERE WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR
MEMBERS TO TAKE ON THE ROLES OF CHAIR,
SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

ALL VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN ARE
REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A VALID POLICE CHECK.
OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL WOULD BE PLEASED TO
RE-IMBURSE THIS FEE, UPON REQUEST.

PIANO LESSONS

While nurturing a love of music and developing creativity, did you know that studying music also makes you smarter? Neuroscientists have demonstrated that learning to play an instrument leads to the following changes in a child's brain: stronger connections between brain regions, more grey matter, better memory and attention, higher IQ. Private piano lessons (\$18 per ½ hr.) continue to be offered at Alexander P.S. Application forms are available at the office. If you have questions, please contact Joanne Leblanc at (705) 929-7422.

CROSS COUNTRY

Students in grades 4 to 8 who are interested in cross country running are invited to train with the Alexander P.S. Team on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:15 to 4:00. Parents who are interested may join us. No running experience is necessary. Volunteers are needed for student supervision, attendance, and as course officials during races. The season runs from the beginning of September until the championship race, usually in mid-October.

Please contact Mr. Leblanc (leblann@rscloud.ca) if you can help out or need further information.

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS

We are always looking for temporary noon hour supervisors.

If you are interested in this position, please make an appointment with the office and have an updated police check ready.