

ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL GATOR GAZETTE OCTOBER 2019

STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING

The students at Alexander Public School demonstrated their unified support and stood up against bullying on **September 12th**. 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 October 30th. 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 drills and lockdown practices throughout the school year in order to ensure that safety practices are in place.

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

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.

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.** Thank you for your understanding,

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 look forward to our spirit parade on October 31st.

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ORANGE DAY

Staff and students at Alexander were invited to wear orange on Thursday, September 30th 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.

FRESH FROM THE FARM

A reminder that orders for Fresh from the Farm are due via School Cash Online Oct 14th. Accompanying order forms must be sent in to the school by October 15th. Thank you for supporting our Grade 8 students and their fundraising efforts for their trip to St-Donat.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Alexander Public School will be participating in an important campaign to help ensure all children and families stay warm this winter.

We will be collecting gently used **winter** clothing (for adults and children) - coats, hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants, etc until the end of October. These donations will then be collected by Cooper Equipment Rentals, laundered by Northern Uniform, if needed, and given to Our Children Our Future who will take care of distribution.

As you clean out your closets and buy new winter wear for your family, please consider sending non-fitting items into school and we will make sure they go to good use!

ALEXANDER FACEBOOK

Please check our school Facebook site for daily news! **Alexander Public School**. To access the proper facebook link, please visit our website and click on the link on the website’s slider.

CO-ED SOCCER

Soccer

The Co-Ed Intermediate Soccer team will be playing in the Board championships next Thursday, October 10th in the competitive Division at James Jerome Field. Good Luck to Rory G, Alissa D, Kalle G, Evelyn P Sarah M., Sofia L, Dryson S, Lea.L, Liam. B, Atom T, Callum B, Matthias S, Zach M, Grant B, Ethan O & Riley L.

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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 15th, a costume exchange at nutrition break will take place. Stay tuned for exciting details on this time event, date TBA on on facebook page. La planète vous remercie! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

LE CLUB ARC-EN-CIEL

Le club arc-en-ciel is working hard to implement recycling in the school. We will also be starting a butterfly/pollinator garden on the hill between the upper and lower playground.

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. This year, with school cash online being our method to donate we've exceeded all past year's donations with almost \$800 collected.

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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OCTOBER CALENDAR ITEMS

- Oct 4 Gr 7 Immunization Clinic
 JK/SK, Gr 2 and Gr 7 Dental Clinic
- Oct. 5 World Teacher Day
- Oct 8 Cross Country Board Champs Race
- Oct. 9 Picture Day
 Volleyball Clinic Grade 7 & 8 Girls
- Oct 10 Co-ed Int Soccer Board Championships
 @James Jerome Field
- Oct 14 Thanksgiving - No school for students
- Oct 14 Fresh from the Farm orders due
- Oct 15 Food orders start (Pasta 15th, Pizza 17th)
 Boys Int Volleyball @ Lasalle SS
- Oct 21 PD Day
- Oct 29 Reports Home
- Oct 30 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Oct 31 Halloween Celebration
- Nov 4 Milk orders start
- Nov 5 Picture retake day
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Nov 22 PD Day