

ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL

"THE GATOR GAZETTE"

December 2019

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 11th & 12th Concerts

1st concert Dec 11th – 11:40am – 12:40pm

2nd concert Dec 12th – 9:30am – 10:30am

This year's Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday December 11th from 11:40 PM to 12:40 and Dec 12 from 9:30 to 10:30am. Please do not park in the bus loading zone.

Please only attend one concert as our school gym can only accommodate a set number of people. A donation (monetary or food item) towards the Kids Helping Kids Food Drive would be appreciated!

In order to ensure a smooth flow, we respectfully request that you remain for the whole concert and not get up to leave after your child has performed. This can be quite disruptive to the other guests and disappointing to the students performing. Thank you!

WINTER WEATHER IS HERE!

The weather is changing quickly! Students are reminded to dress according to the weather and to assume that they will be outdoors at recesses, unless the temperature becomes unreasonable.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the weather is stormy prior to the start of the school day, please listen to the radio. Every attempt will be made to announce class cancellations on the various radio stations by 7:00 a.m. This information can also be found on www.businfo.ca (Sudbury Student Services Consortium website). 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 it cannot be sooner than 8:35 a.m. as we do not have supervision until then. Also, remember that your child must be picked up by the end of the school day. (3:10 p.m.)

If you choose not to send your child to school on a day when buses are cancelled, please call the school (705) 675-5961 to notify us of your child's absence.

The following discretionary guidelines are followed:

- 15 - 20° below - We normally go out for all recesses
- 20 - 25° below - We go out for recess or a shortened recess
- 25 - 30° below - with wind chill factor - Indoor recesses

UP AND COMING EVENTS AT ALEXANDER P.S.

Monday December 9 – Wear Green /Red Day!
Bring an item or 1 dollar for the Kids Helping Kids Food Drive!

Tuesday December 10 - 9 AM
Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal
No Parents - Students and Staff Only

Wednesday December 11 - 11:40 AM
Christmas Concert (Parents welcome!)

Thursday December 12 - 9:40 AM
Christmas Concert (Parents welcome!)

Friday December 13 - 9:40 AM
Christmas Concert - Make up day in case of Snow Day on Wednesday or Thursday.

Monday December 16
Pyjama Day!
Holiday Breakfast – We will be looking for volunteers

Thursday December 19
School-Wide Holiday Fun Day & Holiday Bingo

Friday December 20
Wear your Christmas sweater/shirt/ or wear Red/Green colours!

Jan 16 – Kindergarten information night
Jan 22 - Grad photos
Feb 17- Family Day
May 27 –31 EQAO testing for Grades 3 and 6
June 26- Grade 8 Graduation

KIDS HELPING KIDS

Our canned food drive officially begins on Thursday December 5th. Thank you to all of the families who are adding a few extra items to their grocery carts each week and sending them to school. The food and funds we raise will help the Sudbury Food Bank to supply food to over 45 programs operated by partnering community service agencies and food pantries throughout the city that serve low income families, senior citizens and other individuals in need. Thank you for your participation in this worthwhile cause.

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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. Parking is available along St. Nicholas, Homewood and neighbouring streets.

HEAD LICE

Parents are asked to be vigilant and to check their child(ren) at least 3 to 4 times a week. Lice like clean hair. With sporting events occurring and travelling especially over the holidays it is easy to get lice.

If you detect lice on your child, please contact the school. A letter will be sent home to all students in the classroom where lice are detected, including the reading buddies classroom. Please keep your child home until they are nit free.

By working together, we are better able to control lice.

STUDENTS MAKING AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

All after school arrangements with classmates need to be made the evening before not during class hours. Please provide a note to the classroom teacher explaining the new after school arrangements.

Students will not be able to leave school property with the new arrangements they've made unless they have a note from their parents or guardians. Students will not be allowed to leave the classroom to call parents to seek permission for after school plans. This will ensure the safety and the whereabouts of all of our students.

Please be aware that your child cannot get on a bus other than their own to go home with a friend. Bus drivers are only permitted to carry their regular passengers.

MORNING ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Arrival

Please be aware there is no supervision at the school until 8:35 AM. Children should not be in the playground prior to that time. Parents are asked to register for daycare if they need to bring their child to school before 8:35 AM.

Walkers

At the school bell all walkers must leave school property. There is no supervision for walkers. The supervisors on duty are focusing on the bussing students. If your child misses their bus, you will be contacted. Parents are encouraged to remind their child that it is important not to wander around the school and to promptly join their bus line in the gymnasium.

End of Day Pick up

All students who get picked up at the end of the day must be picked up at the set of green doors closest to the kindergarten rooms. A supervisor on duty will hand your child off to you as they see you. This might take a few extra minutes but ensuring student safety is our primary concern. All students not picked up by 3:16 PM will be brought up to the office.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next Council meeting is set for January 6th at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the staff room. Please use the side green doors to enter the building.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ON CLASS EXCURSIONS

Parent volunteers are very important on our class excursions. Without our volunteers, students would not be able to enjoy hands on learning activities outside their classroom.

Our volunteers play an important role ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the students in their group. In order to maintain this, siblings/other children are asked NOT to be included on the class trip, as parent volunteers need to focus on the children in their group. Bringing other siblings or children could interfere with the safety of the other children. In order to be a parent volunteer, you must have a recent criminal record check.

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VOLLEYBALL

The Alexander intermediate boys' volleyball team is off to an excellent start this season! In October they won the silver medal in the Lasalle tournament and the gold medal in the Sudbury Secondary tournament. They will continue to represent Alexander with team work and sportsmanship in the November tournaments! Team members: Matthias S, Joe F, Liam B, Callum B, James T, Atom T, Zach M, Zeb A, Grant B, Jacob H, and Ethan O.

FARM FRESH

A big MERCI to Alexander Families for once again supporting the Farm Fresh Fundraiser for the Grade 8 trip to St-Donat.

RECIPES IN A JAR!

What a great turnout! Thank you to all of the families who placed orders with our very first Recipes-In-A-Jar Fundraiser. Alexander Public School has donated 22 packages of Minestrone Soup towards the Kids Helping Kids Food Drive. Thank you to everyone who participated.

BINGO

We are in need of **2 volunteers** for each of our Bingo games (held at Delta Gaming on Notre-Dame).

The bingo dates are:

Sunday, February 9th, at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 16th, at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 23rd, at 6:30 p.m.

Please contact the school at (705)675-5961 if you are available to volunteer.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of participation in our bingos, we are at risk of losing our permit. This fundraiser is our largest fundraiser of all. Funds from our bingos are used to offset the cost of school trips (does not include St-Donat), bussing, activities for our students, sports activities, and/or replacing out-dated technology.

We would truly appreciate your help to maintain good status with Delta Gaming by becoming a volunteer for in Bingos being held for our school!

To qualify as a volunteer, participants must have received training.

FREE TRAINING TO BECOME AN ALEXANDER P.S. BINGO VOLUNTEER

The next training date is: MONDAY JANUARY 6th, 2020 at 6PM.

The training will be offered at the Food Bank on Webbwood Drive and is free of charge.

We would truly appreciate your help!