

# Alwin Holland Elementary School Newsletter

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## Important Dates

Feb. 13 - Family Day -  
No School

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day



Feb. 17 - PAC Meeting

Feb. 21 - School Science Fair

Feb. 22 - Pink Shirt Day

Feb. 24 - Jump Rope for  
Heart

Feb. 27 - NID - No School

Mar. 9 - Cabin Fever Day

Mar. 14 - Report Cards  
Issued

Mar. 17 - Last day before  
Spring Break!

## TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More

**Our Mission: We promote a growth mindset. Everyone is engaged and is working together as a community with unconditional acceptance for all.**

## Reading Challenge Finishes!!



On Thursday we had our Reading Challenge Wind-Up. The assistant superintendent, Mr. Petrucci, read *The Hockey Sweater* by Roch Carrier to the whole school. Certificates were awarded to the top readers in each class. Students then went back to class and enjoyed chocolate milk and cookies. Thank you to Mrs. Hartman for organizing such a great activity. Thank you to those who assisted her with the challenge and the celebration.

Top Kindergarten Class - Mrs. Haynes - also top class overall - Well done!

Top Primary Class - Mrs. Dutchak

Top Primary Reader - Liam Vince

Top Intermediate Class - Mrs. Montgomery/Ms. MacDonald

Top Intermediate Reader - Celine Haw

Congratulations to all students! Keep reading at home. Reading for pleasure improves your fluency, vocabulary and writing skills.

## Science Fair

Many intermediate students have been very busy exploring the scientific method. On Tuesday, February 21st, they will show their learning at our annual science fair. In the morning, students will be judged by 3 separate judges. Public viewing will be in the afternoon from 1 - 2 pm in the gym.



## 100 Day

There will be various activities to celebrate the 100th day of school. For kindergarten students, this day is February 28th. For the rest of the school, the 100th day is February 20th.

## Valentine's Dance



There will be a Valentine's Day dance in the afternoon on Tuesday, February 14th. Primary students may attend the dance from 1:00-1:30 pm. The dance for intermediate students will begin after the primary dance. Watch for more information from your child's teacher about Valentine's Day and 100 Day.

## Valentine's Day

Wear Red, White or Pink to earn points for your colour team!

## Basketball

We have six basketball teams! Our staff and students are busy practicing and traveling to different schools to play games. Recently teams have played against Robert Ogilvie, Upper Pine, Taylor, and Ecole Central.



## Coding Continues!

Mrs. Petrucci from Technology Services was in Mrs. Turner-London's class recently to do some 'unplugged' coding. Mrs. Dutchak's class is one of the classes that participated in the Hour of Code and continues to work with coding. For more information about coding and Hour of Code, please check out links on the district's website: <http://www.prn.bc.ca/?p=2931>



## Alwin Holland Griffins

The PBS (Positive Behaviour Supports) team at Alwin Holland has brought in the Griffin ticket. At various times throughout the week, teachers will award Griffin tickets to students who are displaying outstanding respectful, responsible, and safe behaviours. These tickets will go into a jar in the classroom. Once every two weeks a name will be drawn from each class for a small prize. Once a month the tickets will be sorted at the office into colour teams and one name will be drawn from each colour team for a prize. Go, Griffins!!

## Drop In Badminton

Intermediate students are welcome to play badminton Friday mornings at 8:00 am. Let's start warming up for the tournament in the spring!!

## Cabin Fever Day - Thursday, March 9th

We are in the process of finalizing plans for Cabin Fever Day. Kindergarten classes will have gymnastics (Mrs. Haynes and Ms. Duncan) and bowling (Mrs. Chenier) in the morning. The rest of the school will participate in afternoon activities including swimming, bowling, gymnastics, coding, Aboriginal art/dance, tobogganing, martial arts, soccer, curling and skating. Intermediate students will have the option of skiing at Worsley for the day. Watch for more information and permission forms to come home from your child's teacher!

## PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is Friday, February 17th at 1:30 pm in the library. Please come and join us!

## Volunteering?

If you would like to volunteer to help in the classroom or during special activities, make sure that you have completed a Criminal Record Check. Contact Mrs. McAleney at the office for more information.

## First Annual Kids Kin Curl Bonspiel

Saturday, March 18th there will be a Curling Bonspiel for students from Kindergarten to Grade 6. Watch the next newsletter or check our website for more information.