

Alwin Holland Elementary School Newsletter

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Important Dates

- April 20 - Subway Lunch
- April 25 - Emotion Coaching
Parent Talk
- April 30 - Confirmation of
Enrollment Due
- May 11 - NID
- Food Safe Course
- May 14 - NID
- May 21 - Victoria Day - no
school



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.

Welcome to Kindergarten

Next year's kindergarten students and their parents/guardians are invited to join us for Welcome to Kindergarten. At WTK we give our future students ideas and resources that help prepare them for kindergarten. As well, the students are given a brief tour of the school and get to meet some of the staff that will be working with them next year. This event will take place Wednesday, May 30th. Registration is in the gym from 5:45 - 6:00 pm. Activities will take place from 6:00-7:00 pm. We do ask that you not bring any other children.



Ready, Set, Learn

Ready, Set, Learn is an opportunity for three and four year olds (who will not be attending kindergarten in September) to come to the school with their parents/guardians and participate in some fun and educational activities. The remaining sessions are:

Session #2 Wednesday, April 18 - 1:15pm - 2:15pm - library

Session #3 Wednesday, April 25 - 1:15pm - 2:15pm - library

Share this information with people in your neighbourhood who have young children. If possible, please contact the school if you plan to attend a session.

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth - Highly Recommended

Tuesday, May 8th - Board Room - 7:00pm

This free presentation is for parents/guardians. The purpose is to provide information for parents to help protect their children from online dangers and teach them responsible use of technology. Some topics are social media, brain development and violent video games, digital footprint and reputation, and tips and tricks to use at home. Please reserve your seat by emailing Sharon Schell at sshell@prn.bc.ca

Emotion Coaching Parent Talks

Try to attend one of these three sessions which run from 6:30-8:00pm.

Wednesday, April 18th - Ecole Central

Wednesday, April 25th - Alwin Holland

Wednesday, May 2nd - SD 60 Board Office

Children who are emotionally regulated have a greater chance of being happy and confident. Parents will learn how to be an emotion coach for their children through labeling and validating emotions, setting limits, and engaging through love and compassion.

To register for one of the sessions go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/uTxk4rV9TQCtKHKu1>

Enrollment and Planning for September 2018

Please help us with our planning for next year by completing the form at the bottom of the page and returning it to the office by the end of April. As well, please encourage new families in your neighbourhood to register school-aged children as soon as possible. If you have a specific preference regarding your child's placement for next year, there is a form at the office that must filled out and left at the office by May 31st.

Confirmation of Enrollment for 2018/19 School Year

Please complete this for students who will be in Grades 1 - 6 next year.

Child(ren)'s Name(s)

My child(ren):

WILL

WILL NOT

be attending Alwin Holland next year.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

If your child is attending Alwin Holland on a variance, you do not need to complete another variance request form; however, until you have attended our school for three years there is a chance that your child could be 'bumped' and have to return to your catchment area school if we suddenly become too full. A copy of the SD60 Student Admission and School Choice letter from Stephen Petrucci, Assistant Superintendent, is available at the office and on our website.

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE BY APRIL 30TH!

Students who return forms by the deadline will have their names entered into a draw for some AH goodies!!

Regional Science Fair

Fifteen of our students attended the Regional Science Fair at North Peace Secondary on Tuesday, April 10th.

Bronze Medal Winners

Advai Nair, Brianna Chzyk, Swas Ghosh, Celine Haw, Kalkidan Workineh, Bradley Crawford

Silver Medal Winners

Evan Bordeleau, Breton MacPherson, Addison Nolan, Brynn Adam, Israel teBulte, Kacie Lagadyn, Kaydence Kitzul

Gold Medal Winners

Adalyn Dutchak, Braxton McCoy

Congratulations, students, and thank you for representing our school so well. Thank you to Mr. Neufeldt, Ms. Gatt and Mr. Platzer for their work with science fair at the school and district level.

Sports

Badminton - practices are now every morning at 8:00 am. The tournament will take place at North Peace Secondary:

Thursday, April 26th - mixed doubles (after school) Friday, April 27th - doubles and singles (during the day)

Thank you to Ms. Hedges, Ms. MacDonald, and Mrs. Snow for coaching.

ALS Walk

ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease) is a motor neuron disease that gradually paralyzes a person until they are unable to control their muscles. (You may already be familiar with the Ice Bucket Challenge.) Charlie Lake Elementary has challenged us to raise more money than they do for ALS. Watch for more information in May's newsletter regarding fundraising efforts, pledge sheets, and a walk to support awareness and research for ALS.!

Food Safe Level 1

There will be a Level 1 Food Safe course at Alwin Holland School on Friday, May 11th.

8:30 am - 3:30 pm (plus time to write the exam)

\$100/person (materials, exam, certificate)

Instructor: Madhu Nair

Room - to be determined

Contact the office at Alwin Holland School to register (250-785-6125) as soon as possible so that materials can be prepared. Please pay for the course by May 4th.

Calendar Changes - 2018/2019

Last month we reported that Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 would be a Non-Instructional Day making Wednesday, September 5th the first day. The NID has been changed to Monday, September 24th which means that the first day of school will be the first Tuesday after Labour Day as usual. Students in Grades 1 - 6 will attend school on that Tuesday from 8:55 to 10:45 am. Kindergarten will begin later in September.

Drop Off & Pick Up - Reminder

Drop off and pick up times are very busy at every school in the district and there is no easy solution or quick fix. We are fortunate to have roads on two sides and an alley on the third side of the school grounds. Please consider the following:

- Leave the staff parking spots free for our staff of almost 40 people
- Ensure the bus lane flows freely
- Arrange to pick up older children half a block from the school
- Make sure your child knows how to safely cross a street
- Caution children about crossing the bus lane and parking lot
- Respect the staff who are trying to help in the morning and afternoon

Please help us to keep our students safe by being patient and attentive.

From the PAC

The next PAC meeting is the Annual General Meeting and it will take place Thursday, May 10th at 7 pm in the library. Please join us! We are still looking for a volunteer to coordinate fundraising. If you can help serve the school in this way, please contact the PAC. Mentoring will be available if you need help as you take on a new role.

The PAC will be selling flower baskets for their next fundraiser. Watch for those forms which will be coming home soon!

The Fillanthropy Movement is an ongoing fundraiser.

www.fillanthropy.ca Campaign Code: ALWINHOLLAND

Check out the new sign on the corner of the school's property near the four-way stop, and Like Us on Facebook.
(Alwin Holland Elementary PAC)

Please check out our website at: www.holland.prn.bc.ca

Have your children draw a picture of their teachers here!