

Alwin Holland Elementary School Newsletter

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Important Dates

- May 21 - Victoria Day
- no school
- June 8 - District Track Meet
- June 15 - Fun Day &
Library Books are Due
- June 20 - Volunteer
Appreciation Lunch
- June 28 - Last Day for
Students
- June 29 - Administrative Day
- Sept. 4 - First Day (Gr. 1 - 6)



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.

ALS Walk & Coin Drive



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.) The date for the walk is still to be determined; however, we will be collecting donations by classroom. Students can bring in coins (spare change) or collect pledges. (Pledge sheets are available at the office.) We have been challenged by Charlie Lake Elementary School to see which school can raise the most money.

As well, donations can be made online at: walkforals.ca

You will need to 'Find a Walk' in BC/Yukon. Click on Fort St. John. Search for a team (Alwin Holland Elementary School) and follow instructions from there. If you make a donation online to our team, please let your child's teacher know so that we can track it.

The class which raises the most money and the class with the heaviest donation will each have the opportunity to dump a bucket of ice water on a staff member. Ms. Orcutt and Mr. Longley have volunteered for this opportunity, but you can encourage any staff member to volunteer!

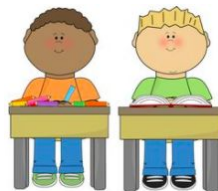
Welcome to Kindergarten

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.



If you know of any kindergarten aged children (even if they are not in our area) who have not yet registered for school, encourage their parents to do so immediately as all schools are working on planning and staffing.

Enrollment and Planning for September 2018



We are repeating this information from the last newsletter. If you have a specific preference regarding your child's placement for next year, there is a form at the office that must be filled out and left at the office by May 31st. Requests in the past that were made via phone call, email, conversation, etc. were very difficult to keep track of. We will not guarantee that your request will be honoured as we consider many factors when placing all children.

Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week was last week, from May 7th - 13th. Many of us are looking forward to our summer holidays and time away from school; however, for some people the change in routine and being away from friends is stressful. Below are a couple of websites that may have some information useful to parents and guardians.

<https://cmha.ca/document-category/mental-health>
<http://keltymentalhealth.ca>

Pitch In

Our school will be participating in Pitch In on Wednesday, May 23rd. Make sure your child has gloves, a hat and close-toed shoes. Permission forms are coming home soon. No permission form is required for the classes which will be cleaning up the school grounds. Teachers will review how to pick up garbage safely, and they will identify what kinds of items are not safe for children to handle.

Sports



Our badminton team came home with a couple of ribbons from the tournament at the end of April. Congratulations to Travis English on his third place finish in boys singles and to Travis English and Terek Dyke for their third place finish in boys doubles. Thank you to our coaches!



Track and field practices have started. Students have been made aware of which events they will compete in at the district track meet on June 8th. Good luck!

Speech Contest

Since Spring Break intermediate students have worked on writing, practicing and presenting speeches. After presenting in class, two students were selected from each class for our school contest which was held on May 10th. Congratulations to the following students for a job well done:

Ms. Gatt - Evander Riopel and Taha Ahmed

Mrs. Montgomery/Ms. MacDonald - Kristana Semeniuk and Elizabeth Binu

Mrs. Petuh - Braxton McCoy and Addison Nolan

Mrs. Turner-London - Brynn Adam and Tabby Glover

Mr. Kurkiniemi - Lexi LeTawske and Celine Haw

Mr. Platzer - Saige Baerg and Ezme Buursma Oram

Our speech contest was judged by former staff members. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Holland, Mr. Burrridge, and Mrs. Wiebe.



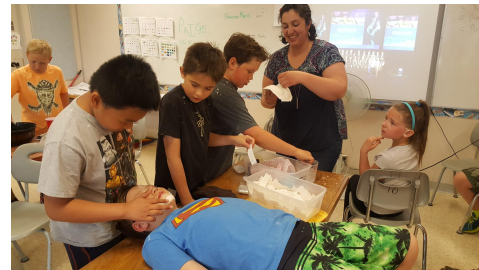
Braxton McCoy, Saige Baerg, and Taha Ahmed are competing in the district contest on Friday, May 18th. Good luck!

Behind every mask there is a face, and behind that a story. - Marty Rubin

Ms. Gatt's students started working on their mask project.

Can you guess who is behind these masks?

Thank you to the parent helpers!



Lost & Found

We regularly put lost and found items in the hallway so that students, parents, and guardians can pick up items that have been misplaced. Please check out the bins when you are at the school. We have several bags of belongings that will be taken to a local charity.

NEAT

The Northern Environmental Action Team (NEAT) is working with our classes again this year. The program, Food Secure Kids is being sponsored by Pembina Pipeline Corporation. Check out the progress in the garden beds!

Have a great long weekend!

From the PAC

Watch the playground for some new buddy benches that have been purchased in the memory of former staff members.

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

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