

# Alwin Holland Elementary School Newsletter

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### Important Dates

Sept. 4 - First Day (Gr. 1 - 6)

Sept. 12 - First Full Day (K)

Sept. 21 - Non-Instructional  
Day



*Thank you again to  
everyone who has  
supported our school  
community this  
school year.*

*The staff wish you all a  
very safe, relaxing,  
refreshing and wonderful  
summer break.*

*For those moving on to  
different schools, good luck!  
For those returning,  
see you in September!*

## 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.

### September News!

It is way, way, WAY too soon to be thinking about school starting again, but in case you are:

The first day of school for Grades 1 - 6 is Tuesday, September 4th.

Classes run from 8:52 am to 10:45 am. Students go to their classroom from this year.

Kindergarten students have a gradual entry. Refer to the green or blue sheet you received which outlines the gradual entry beginning on Wednesday, September 5th with partial attendance. The first full day of Kindergarten is Wednesday, September 12th.

Please note a slight change in the start time for next year. Our first bell will ring at 8:47 am with classes beginning at 8:52 am. There are no other changes to our bell schedule. Recess is still from 10:30-10:45 am; lunch is from 12:00-12:45 pm; dismissal is at 2:45 pm.

### Registration

Our school is filling up. We are anticipating an increase of almost 20 students. If you know of anyone who lives in our catchment area who has NOT yet registered for next year, let them know that they should register at the school June 29th or the last week in August. If they wait too long, there is a chance that we will not have room. They need to bring the birth certificate and proof of address. For Kindergarten we also need a copy of the immunization record.

### Staffing Changes

Unfortunately we have to bid farewell to a few of our staff members. Ms. Emily Franceschini (K/1 teacher) is leaving us for a new job on Vancouver Island. Mrs. Brianne Logeman (Reading Recovery teacher) is heading to Ma Murray Community School. Ms. Katy Clarke (itinerant counsellor) is leaving her counselling role in the district for work with a different organization. We are sad to see them go, but we thank them for their great contributions to our school and we wish them all the best in their new positions.

We welcome Ms. Janelle Riediger. She comes to us from Charlie Lake Elementary. She will be working in a primary position.

### Grade 6 Farewell

The grade 6 students had their farewell evening last week on June 21st. The students, parents, and staff enjoyed a pizza dinner and sundae bar. After dinner the students received their t-shirts and had a dance. The photography club was available to take pictures. Thank you very much to the parent organizing committee, PAC, staff, and the photography club for making the evening a success. A special thank you to the following businesses for their donations: United Rentals, Apex Valve, Safeway, and Party Town. Good luck at your next school!

### Fun Day

The weather was great for Fun Day on June 18th! The day ended with some tug-of-war competitions including staff vs. Grade 6. As well, Mrs. Haynes's class dumped ice water on Ms. Orcutt, and Mrs. Dutchak's class dumped ice water on Mr. Longley because they raised over \$100 for ALS. PAC provided a hot dog lunch (on June 15th) and a cold snack (on June 18th). Thank you Arrow Insurance for sponsoring the hot dog lunch!



## Track & Field

On June 8th, our track team participated in the district track meet. We did not win the overall trophy; however, there were many, many ribbons won by our students. Well done! Thank you to Mr. Kurkiniemi, Ms. Hedges, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. McCoy, Mrs. Logeman, Ms. Orcutt and Mr. Longley for coaching. Next year Alwin Holland is responsible for running the track meet. We will be looking for LOTS of help in the spring, but we know we have a fabulous school community that will work together to run a great meet.



## Talent - Local and Otherwise

Speed Control entertained us on June 13th by playing popular songs from Canadian artists.

A week later, our talented students performed for us. The students were treated to acts including singing, dancing, piano playing, and acrobatics. Thank you to Mrs. Snow and Ms. Hedges for organizing the show. Thank you to Mr. Neufeldt for being the emcee and Mr. Longley for taking care of technical issues.



## Thank You!

Our student volunteers who have helped monitor in primary classrooms or worked in the canteen or helped in the library were thanked with an afternoon of swimming on June 25th.

Our parent volunteers were treated to a wonderful lunch on June 20th. Thank you so very much to all of the parents and guardians who have helped in the school and in classrooms this year!



Don't forget the Summer Reading Program at the Public Library!

Read! Read! Read!

## Bike Rodeo

Several primary classes participated in a Bike Rodeo on Friday, June 22nd. Thank you Ms. Hedges for organizing the rodeo. Thank you to Constable Francoeur, Mr. McCoy, Mrs. Matson, Mr. Martin and Mrs. Martin for assisting!



## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Mrs. Dutchak's class created a beautiful table out of recycled materials. Check it out!



## From the PAC & To the PAC



The new buddy benches that have been purchased in the memory of former staff members, Mrs. Hogg and Mrs. Anderson, have arrived. There is still a little bit of work to be done. Memorial plaques need to be attached and a garden box will be placed with them. Check them out this summer! Thank you to the PAC for coordinating the collection of money, purchase and delivery!

We would like to thank our PAC for everything they have done this year to support our school community!

Melissa McCoy - president  
Jeanne Nolan - treasurer  
Cheryl Batten - fundraising and home reading  
Stacy Flotre - hot lunch/volunteer coordinator  
Catherine Polson - communication coordinator  
Kim Howells - secretary  
April Bordeleau - DPAC rep

The next PAC meeting will be Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 pm.

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)

# Have a great, safe summer!

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