

Alwin Holland Elementary School Newsletter

Fall 2019

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Important Dates

Mon. Oct. 14 - Thanksgiving
Day - no school

Fri. Oct. 25 - Non-
Instructional Day - no
school for students

Thurs. Nov. 7 - First
catchment area meeting at
Ecole Central (7 pm)

Mon. Nov. 11 - Remembrance
Day - no school

Thurs. Nov. 19 - Second
catchment area meeting at
the board office (7 pm)

Mon. Nov. 25 - Third
catchment area meeting at
Alwin Holland (7 pm)

Wed. Nov. 27 & Thurs. Nov. 28
Early Dismissal at 1:45

Fri. Nov. 29 - NID - Reporting
Day - no classes



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 and Welcome Back!

September was a very busy month, and we are almost finished six weeks of school already! Our student population is up by just over 20 students. As of September 30th, our population was 383 students. So far we had kindergarten gradual entry, three fire drills (one unplanned), a school-wide breakfast, our Welcome Back Assembly, Toonies for Terry fundraising, Terry Fox Run, Orange Shirt Day, an open house, the first PAC meeting of the year, school pictures, and a fire safety presentation. In addition there have been three cross country races, and some volleyball practices have started. Our weekly dance classes with Shauna Milne started on Friday. Busy times!!

Staffing Changes

We have had a number of changes to our staff. We welcome:

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| Mrs. Londa Livingstone - secretary | Mrs. Haley (Davidson) Hurren - vice principal |
| Ms. Lori Wigglesworth - K teacher | Mr. Devin Gray - Grade 5 teacher |
| Mr. Dan Hetherington - Grade 5/6 teacher | |
| Ms. Jennifer Spoklie - Reading Recovery/Prep teacher | |
| Ms. Alanna Duffy - Learning Assistance (until the return of Ms. Fowkes) | |
| Mrs. Kalee Fogarty - Grade 1 teacher (until the return of Ms. Duncan) | |
| Ms. Cora Greyeyes - Indigenous Student Support Worker | |
| Ms. Rikki Banks - Educational Assistant | |

School Supplies & Charges - 2018/19

School supplies, agendas, cultural activities and some bussing for field trips is covered at the following rates:

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| Kindergarten | \$45 |
| Grades 1 - 5 | \$57 |
| Grade 6 | \$87 |

(includes required iPad insurance)



Send cash or cheque with your child to the classroom teacher or pay at the office. Thank you to everyone who has already sent payment.

2020 BC Winter Games

The BC Winter Games are being hosted by FSJ from February 20th to 23rd. School will not be in session on Thursday, February 20th or Friday, February 21st. A letter about the BC Winter Games was posted on the school's facebook page.

Parking Lot

This summer the parking lot was extended to the north of the school. The extension is for guests/visitors. Please do not park in the staff parking area. We have approximately 40 people on staff and need the space. Please speak with your child about moving safely around vehicles. Children should NOT be walking through parking lots without adult assistance.

Bus Ramp

The bus ramp needs to remain clear so that the buses can drop off and pick up easily before and after school and for field trips, band classes, etc.

Fire Safety

The Fort St. John Fire Department was here on Tuesday, October 8th. They reviewed stop-drop-and-roll, dressed Ms. Riediger in fire fighting gear and gave students homework. The homework is to review the fire evacuation plan at home with their families. What should they do? Where should they meet? What is their address (for calling 911)? Parents may want to review address and phone numbers with their children. There are many students who do not know how to contact their parents.

Catchment Areas - Changes Due to the Opening of Anne Roberts Young Elementary

There are three meetings scheduled in November to gather public input regarding the opening of the new elementary school next year. You can attend any or all of the meetings. See the letter that is being sent home from the Board Chair, Ida Campbell.

Welcome Breakfast

Thank Save-On for the donation of over \$600 worth of muffins and fruit! Thank you to the PAC for providing the juice, coffee and helpers. Thank you to the staff for doing some baking! There was lots of food and the breakfast was well attended.



Cross Country Running

Thanks go out to Ms. Hedges for coaching our students at the Cross Country running races that have taken place this year.



Terry Fox - Toonies for Terry

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations to support cancer research and the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you also to Mrs. Hollman for organizing the fundraiser and school run. As a school we raised over \$1600 for cancer research. Well done!

Thank you, Mrs. Snow, for taking the school picture before the run!

Playground

We are very excited for our new playground equipment to be installed next week (if everything goes as planned). We have safety fences around the excavation area and have instructed children to stay away. When the new equipment is installed, we will alternate intermediate (M/W/F) and primary (T/Th) use. Thank you to the PAC for everything you have done to make this equipment possible!



Power Outage

The power went out on Monday at about 6:00am and came back on at about noon. We were in regular contact with the superintendent, district safety coordinator, facilities, and other district staff. There are safety guidelines around temperature, water, toilets, etc. and we were operating safely. Parents always have the choice to keep their children at home if they choose. Closing the school is a more complex decision made by the school and district when conditions are unsafe or unacceptable. Thank you all for your patience and for keeping an eye on our Facebook page, as we were able to post updates there regularly. The district website had regular updates as well. www.prn.bc.ca



From the PAC

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, May 16th, and the following positions were confirmed in new or continuing roles:

President - Cheryl Batten

Treasurer - Jeanné Nolan

Secretary - Kim Howells

DPAC - Jen Caithcart

Fundraising - Megan Matson

Hot Lunch/Volunteer Coordination - Stacy Flotre

Events/Playground Coordinator - Catherine Polsen

The first meeting of this year was on Friday, September 27th at 1:30pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00pm. Please join us!

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