



**Alexander Robinson Elementary**  
**HOME OF THE DRAGONS**

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## **Newsletter #3 – November 2021**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Everybody,

It turns out from counting the squares on the calendar there are really only three weeks of school, instructionally speaking, left before the winter break. It's been a challenging term, with Covid cases both officially reported by Fraser Health and in some cases overlooked (probably as a result of expiry before processing) in several of our classrooms. The uncertainty of the future is taxing for students and staff alike. However, at least students have had a lot more options than last year with choir, intramural sports, leadership, and other groups running on a regular basis. It's great to be a little more active. I would like to thank Mrs. Bartle for her organization of our Remembrance Day virtual activities. This is very important work and much appreciated. Remembrance Day reflection also helps to put things in perspective; as my grandmother said whenever I complained about anything, "Any day you aren't being bombed is a good day." It is always true that things could be much worse indeed. Parent conferences are being held safely and virtually again this year. You should be getting links to sign up for these any day now. As always, I would like to thank our PAC members for their constant positivity and support.



### UPCOMING DATES:

- November 11 - Remembrance Day (no school)
- November 12 - Non-instructional day (no school)
- December 2 - Conferences in the afternoon; 11:30am dismissal
- December 3 - Conferences all day; no school for students
- December 7 - PAC Meeting
- December 17 - Last Day of School before Winter Break

## REMEMBRANCE DAY IN DIVISION 18

Mrs. Kadonoff's Grade 1/2 class has worked on a special project in conjunction with an SFU gerontology student to make a veteran have a special Remembrance Day. An intergenerational project, this allows students to interact virtually with a Korean War veteran and follow this up by sending hand-made cards and pictures to him personally. Thanks to everyone who has helped make this a reality.

## DAILY HEALTH CHECK

Please do a daily check with your children before sending them to school. **IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT FEELING WELL, PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME.** Thank you for helping keep the community safe.

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>

## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER



As we are well into the cold, wet months, be sure to dress your kids appropriately for the weather with coats, boots, umbrellas, etc. We go outside at recesses and lunches every day, so a spare set of clothes in your child's backpack is a good idea. Getting out in the fresh air keeps us healthy and reduces the amount of time we spend in the building!

## STUDENT CONFERENCES

Alexander Robinson follows the Student Inclusive Conference model for reporting, this year, in keeping with the times of Covid, this will be a different experience. Conferences will be held by videocall, will be shorter (between five and ten minutes) and focused on the specific goals students should work to achieve. It is expected that students will be present for the session and contribute to the discussion. Please make sure that you are available on time for your conference as the timelines are quite tight.

**Thursday, December 2, 2021** – Early Dismissal at 11:30 for the afternoon conferences

**Friday, December 3, 2021** – No school as conferences will be taking place all day

## WHEELCHAIR ACCESS RAMP

The district has installed a ramp for wheelchair access on the east side of the music portable. Given the topography and proximity to the school, they have been very creative in the design of this. Check it out!

## HALLOWE'EN FUN

Congratulations to Mrs. Walsh's class, who were the winners of the PAC sponsored Fall/Hallowe'en themed art contest. Check out images on Twitter @AlexRDragons. (On the right, Mrs. Kosman as "mouse".)



## HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED

Are you interested in welcoming an International Student into your home and sharing the experience of being part of a Canadian family?

We are always looking for great host families!



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to new  
adventure

## CAREERS

Interested in a career with School District 42? The Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows School District is looking for a variety of qualified educators and support staff. For more information please visit: <https://www.sd42.ca/careers/>