



Alexander Robinson Elementary
HOME OF THE DRAGONS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's great to be back at school again. I'm ready and excited for all the events and activities we have planned for the year. It was tremendous to take part in the Terry Fox run this morning. I was so happy that we were able to run the event as a school-wide one. So nice to see all of our students participating together in such a worthy event. A big thank you to Mrs. Elder for organizing the logistics of the run, and to Mr. Oleksyn for coordinating the fundraising segment. And of course, a huge thank you to our parent volunteers. It was lovely to see such a huge turnout from our parent community. Thank you so much for your support. It is much appreciated 😊

Please stay tuned for a portal notice about the Fall Cross Country run for both primary and intermediate students. We were given late notice for the event this year and the turnaround time for the permission forms will be quite short. At the same time, if parents could also approve the different consent forms on the portal, I'd appreciate it very much.

UPCOMING DATES:

October 2 - STAT-Truth and Reconciliation Recognition (no school)

October 3 - Non-instructional day (no school)

October 4 - School photos

October 6 - Terry Fox Run

October 9 - Thanksgiving (no school)

October 25 - Photo Retakes

October 20 - Non-instructional day (no school)

October 25 - Photo Retakes

October 27 - PAC Halloween Dance

PARKING LOT...

Like every elementary school parking and access to the school is a challenge for caregivers when bringing their children to school. Here at ARE it is even more challenging in that the staff parking lot is located between the playground and the school. The dangers are obvious and that is why I really need to stress to please not use it as a drop off or pick up area. Already in the short time I've been here I've seen some pretty scary situations. This is not a blame game but an awareness call. Everyone wants our kids to be safe we just need reminders of that when other priorities begin to compromise that. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. **NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.**

CELL PHONES AND PERSONAL DEVICES

What an incredible time we are living in. The modern conveniences are amazing and help us support our children's wellbeing by providing a safe and secure feeling with our cell phones. Sometimes this provision can become a burden for children and research tells us that it can have a negative impact on the development of in person social and communication abilities. As well, we can see almost a dependency on the phone developing for our children which is a little worrisome.

Here at ARE we are trying to support children and families by providing an environment free of the constant call of the cell phone. So, what does this mean? **Cell phones need to stay in classrooms**, if they are brought to school, at all times including recess and lunch. In class teachers have the right to establish their own parameters around these devices but as a school, the rule is.... **CELL PHONES NEED TO STAY IN CLASSROOMS.**

You can support us, and ultimately your children, by not calling or texting with your child directly but rather connect with them as it has always been done, through the office 604-463-3035

CONSENT FORMS

There are a number of consent forms for your student(s) are now available on the parent portal awaiting your approval. Please take a moment to login and approve these forms.

PHOTO & RETAKE DAY



Photo Expressions will be here on Wednesday October 4, 2023 for our school photos. Retakes will take place on Wednesday October 25, 2023.

WEST COAST RECESS



All recesses and lunches will be outside unless the weather is unprecedentedly severe and poses a risk to health and safety. Please be sure students have proper jackets, footwear, or warm clothing for the day. An extra set of clothes at school will avoid unnecessary trips to the school with spare pants!

TERRY FOX RUN

We will be hosting our 2023 Terry Fox School Run on Friday, October 6th. Cancer has touched many of our lives, but the thought to run across our country in support of cancer research was an incredibly courageous idea. Research has helped relieve an enormous amount of suffering, so please support our 2023 fundraising efforts at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/AlexanderRobinsonElementary>



Or scan the code with your phone

Thank you for supporting cancer research

OCTOBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 -STAT Truth and Reconciliation (no school)	3 -Non-instructional day (no school)	4 -Photo Day  -Hot Lunch	5 -Laity Pumpkin Patch DIV 16/17 -Bowling DIV 6/7	6 -Terry Fox Run -World CP Day: Wear Green
9 -Thanksgiving (no school) 	10	11 -Hot Lunch	12 -Applebarn DIV.11	13
16 -DIV.9/10 Skating	17	18 -Hot Lunch	19 -Gr 6/7 Identity Fair	20 -Non-instructional day (no school)
23	24 -BC Fruits&Veg: Apples, Milk	25 -Photo Retakes  -Hot Lunch	26 -Pumpkin Patch DIV 1,2	27 -PAC Halloween Dance 5:00pm
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