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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! 🏠 🍎 The halls are once again filled with laughter, energy, and the excitement of learning. Whether you are returning to Alexander Robinson or joining our community for the very first time, we are so happy to have you here.

September is always a special month—it's a time for fresh starts, new friendships, and the joy of discovering what the year will bring. Our teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare warm, welcoming classrooms where every student feels safe, supported, and ready to learn.

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone. I am excited to join the Alexander Robinson team as Vice Principal this year and start to get to know all the students, staff and families that make up this great community. I spent the last couple of years as the Vice Principal at Albion Elementary. Prior to that, I spent several years as a teacher at Garibaldi Secondary. My family and I live in the area, and I have spent many years coaching sports (hockey and lacrosse) in Ridge Meadows. Have a great year everyone and feel free to say hello if you see me around the school!

UPCOMING DATES:

September 18th - Open House (see below)
September 26th - Orange Shirt Day (Recognition for National Truth and Reconciliation Day)
September 30th - Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)
October 2nd - Terry Fox Run
October 7th - PAC Meeting



Open House - Thursday, September 18th

We invite all families to join us for our annual Open House on September 18th.

- **Teacher Meet & Greet:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- **PAC BBQ:** Starting at **4:30 p.m.**, our amazing Parent Advisory Council will be serving **complimentary hot dogs, chips, and drinks.**

It's a great opportunity to connect with teachers, meet other families, and celebrate the start of the school year together!

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We are fortunate to have excellent and experienced staff at Alexander Robinson. You may notice some familiar faces who have returned as well as some new faces around the school. We are pleased to welcome the following staff.

Carri Arnold - EA
Jordan Arseneault - IESW
Jana Banning - Support Teacher
Arly Beck - EA
Emma Dunn - Cafeteria Assistant
Ally Faber - EA
Erica Ford - Drama Teacher
Alexis Kahlert - Kindergarten Teacher
Krysta McBride - Counsellor
Kelly McNutt - CCW
Morgan Munro - EA
Kaz Myers - Indigenous Education Helping Teacher
Nicole Pahnke - PE Teacher
Amanda Pion - Support/Prep Teacher
Steph Rickaby - EA
Rob Sheridan - Vice Principal
Sharina Walsh - Gr. 2/3 Teacher



E-SCOOTERS AND E-BIKES

A friendly reminder about our school's Code of Conduct:

- E-Scooters and E-Bikes are not permitted on school grounds.
- Once students arrive at school, they must dismount and walk their scooters/bikes to the racks.

- The school is not responsible for storage or damage to scooters or bikes left on school property.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping our school grounds safe and welcoming for all.

NO DEVICE POLICY

Just a reminder about our school's continued no device policy. In September of 2022, the school decided to implement our no device policy as a way to help students engage for more fully with their work and with other students.

Therefore, as per our usual practice, students are reminded to put their phones away (and refrain from using their smart watches) while in school and use the devices provided by the school.

Of course, if students need to contact parents during class, they can go to the office to call home. Conversely, if parents need to contact students when school is in session, they can do so by calling the office.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

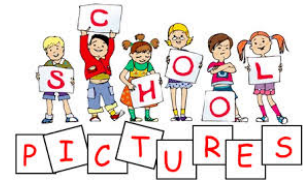
Student Verification Forms for each child will be sent home in the coming weeks. It is imperative that we have all information filled out and returned to your child's teacher ASAP. We must have these forms in the office in the case of an emergency. Please make sure all emergency contacts are individuals who would be readily available, if needed, and provide cell phone numbers and/or work phone numbers. Also ensure your child's health care number is on the form. **BE SURE TO SIGN AND DATE THE FORM BEFORE RETURNING.** If any information changes throughout the year, please notify the office. It is essential we have accurate contact information on file at all times.

CONSENT FORMS

A number of consent forms for your student(s) have been deployed by the district office via the parent portal that will need your approval. Please take a moment to login and approve these forms.

PHOTO DAY

Photo Expressions will be here for individual student photos for all grades on Tuesday, October 7th. As in the past, participation in the program is strictly voluntary, however, every student is required to have their photo taken for identification purposes. You are not required to purchase a photo package.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY - RECOGNITION OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY

This year, to commemorate Truth and Reconciliation Day, our staff is in the midst of organizing different stations for students to participate in during the morning of September 26th. If students have orange shirts, they are encouraged to wear them on the 26th.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Thursday, October 2nd. The primary and intermediate runs will take place from 8:30 to 10:30. Please stay tuned for more details about the run.

STUDENT PLANNER FEES

Many teachers request their students to use a student planner to assist in staying organized. Individual teachers will inform their students of this once students they have settle into new classes. Our school planner fee is **\$8.00**. Request for payment will be sent via the Portal to those families

PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPPLY FEES



School supplies for Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are purchased in bulk by the school and provided to students for a fee. Request for payment has been sent via the parent portal. The primary school supplies fees are as follows:

- Kindergarten supply fee is **\$55.00**
- Primary (Gr.1-3) supply fee is **\$60.00** (includes a planner)

Portal payment is preferred but alternately fee payment can be sent to your child's teacher (cash or cheque payable to Alexander Robinson Elementary).

Intermediate students will need to purchase their own supplies or can order online through School Start. Supply info can be found on our school website.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

A Medical Intervention form must be completed on a yearly basis if your child has an existing medical condition that the school should be aware of. This form must also be completed if your child will be taking any medication while at school. Staff may not administer medication to students unless the required form is completed and signed by the parent. For students requiring epi-pens at school, parents will be required to complete an Anaphylaxis Individual Student Emergency Procedure Plan. These forms can be obtained at the office.



TREE NUT & PEANUT AWARE SCHOOL

We have several students who have SEVERE LIFE-THREATENING allergies to a variety of nuts, including TREE NUTS and PEANUTS. If this applies to your child, please make certain to notify the office and your child's teacher and that you have provided the appropriate medical information and any medication necessary. Since this is a common concern, we ask, if possible, to not send your child with food items containing nuts to school. Peanut/Tree nut allergy signs will be posted in affected classrooms.



SCHOOL PROCEDURES AND ROUTINES

Student Entry/Exit

All students are assigned entry and exit doors. Students are required to line up at their designated doorway upon the sounding of the warning bells. We ask that parent/caregivers meet their children at the designated doorway when meeting afterschool at dismissal.

Student Absences and Late Arrivals

The warning bell for morning classes goes at 8:25am. Students are expected to be in their classroom and instruction begins no later than 8:30am. If a student is not in the classroom the student will be marked absent. Entry past 8:40am requires the student report to the office to sign in and receive a late slip to give to the

classroom teacher. When your child is marked absent, we will phone all contact numbers we have in an attempt to confirm that your child is safe.

In the event your child will be absent or late, please advise the office prior to 8:30am. You can either enter an absence on the Parent Portal, email the school at are_reception@sd42.ca, or call the office at 604-463-3035 where you can leave a message.

Parents are responsible for providing or arranging supervision for their child prior to 8:25am. After dismissal at 2:20pm students are encouraged to go straight home for there is no formal supervision provided at the school.

Students Leaving School Grounds

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless they have permission from a parent/guardian or are signed out by a parent/guardian or designated adult. If your child routinely has lunch at home, please inform the office in writing. If your child usually remains at school during lunch, please send a signed note for each occasion you give permission to leave the school grounds. Students leaving the school grounds and returning must be signed out and then back in at the office as we need to account for all students in the event of an emergency or fire drill.

VISITORS OR DROPPING ITEMS OFF

For safety reasons, **all visitors and volunteers are required to sign-in, sign-out and wear a visitor's tag while in the building or on the school grounds outside.**

If you have a message or something to drop off for your child, you may do so through the office.

SCHOOL NOTICES AND NEWSLETTERS

All correspondence, notices and calendars will be sent home using the Parent Portal. We encourage new families to create a Parent Portal account at <http://parents.sd42.ca>. Once your account has been created, please contact the office to obtain a linking key letter for your child.

We also post our monthly newsletters to our school website.

PARKING REGULATIONS

Parents/daycare providers may NOT pull into the back parking lot at any time for picking up or dropping off children. The vehicles create a safety hazard for students and on several occasions, have blocked staff members from entering/leaving the lot. Also, the back parking lot is the designated

emergency evacuation route for students during fire drills and "real" emergencies.

The drive through lane at the front of the school is for HANDICAPPED STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP ONLY. You must pull into the curb and quickly pick up your child. Please do NOT park in the drop off zone and do NOT stop in the drive through lane. Please do not park in this area during the school day or there is the possibility you will be ticketed. Please do NOT park in the bus stop/fire hydrant zone on 238B Street (directly across from the front entrance of the school). These regulations are from the Fire Department and the Safety Officer. Thanks for your attention to safety.

WEST COAST RECESS



Now more than ever public health orders require that children spend as much time as they can outside. 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!

LUNCHES FOR YOUR CHILDREN:

Please Do Not Order Skip the Dishes/Food Delivery to our school

While this does not happen often, it is a real inconvenience when it does. The drivers are often confused and do not have instructions about who is to receive the items. We appreciate your restraint as these kinds of demands add to our clerical workload.

In addition, if you would like to drop a lunch off for your child, please make sure that they know about the drop-off. We will happily place the lunch on the counter, but with a school of over 550 students, we will not be able to call individual students down at lunch time. We thank you for your understanding and support.