

# Alouette Elementary

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## Message from the Principal....

I would like to thank Ms. Liversidge for her leadership with the choir and kindergarten classes for our Remembrance Day assembly. Thanks as well to Ms Wightman for her organization. The choir, Ms Mah's students with Ms Burns, and our kindergarten students all performed so well. All classes were very respectful during this assembly.

Thanks to the PAC for organizing the lost and found. A special thank you to Jasmin Schuss and Christine Dickie for arranging it so nicely in our foyer. Please check out the front entry to see if you recognize any clothing items.

## Staffing Update:

Welcome back to Alouette to Mr. John Stephens and welcome to Deanna Wejr. Both are new members of our support team.

REMINDER: Please call the school office if your child will be absent. The office must be advised to ensure we have the correct information. The teachers do not have the option of advising the office if they are aware of the absence. It is very important that you let BOTH the office and teacher know via phone or portal.

## Parents please remember:



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 3 – Bookfesters 8:45-12  
12 Days of Christmas
- Dec. 4 – PJ Day
  
- Dec. 6 – Div. 6,8,9,10 – Science World
  
- Dec. 7 – Div. 6,7,18,20,22 – The ACT
  
- Dec. 13 – Div. 2-5 Bby Village
  
- Dec. 14 – PAC Family Game Night
  
- Dec. 19 – Booster Juice  
Dec. 19 – Christmas Sing-a-long
  
- Dec. 20 – Div. 4/5 – Coq. Aquatic Center
  
- Dec 21 – Last Day of classes  
Dec. 21 – Div. 2/3 – Coq. Aquatic Center.
  
- Jan 7 – Back to School

The office phone is available for students for emergencies only. Please try to arrange any after school plans or changes before school.

Most forms and announcements are put out on the parent portal. If you are not signed up on the portal, or know someone who is not, please remind them to get signed up as soon as possible. We don't want anyone to miss out on any important information!

For the safety of our students please be reminded that, with the exception of clubs, there is no staff supervision before and after school.

At pick-up time we would appreciate parents waiting at their child's assigned outside entrance / exit door. We find if parents gather in the hallways it creates distractions for students. Thanks for helping us protect learning time.

### Christmas Sing Along, Wednesday, Dec. 19

This year staff decided to do a less formal Christmas activity rather than a concert. On Wednesday, Dec. 19 in the afternoon there will be a Christmas sing along event which will be led by Ms. Liversidge and the choir. The plan is to do a concert/musical in the spring.



### Warm Clothes/Extra Clothes

As the days get colder and colder, with the possibility of snow (??), please ensure that your children have jackets and warm clothing so that they are comfortable when they go outside. Going out to play helps children to be better focused during instruction time. When children play in puddles and in the mud they get wet and dirty. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and has an extra set of clothes at school or in their backpacks. Please mark your child's clothes with his/her name, and encourage your child to stay dry when playing outside. Unless it's an emergency we won't be calling home for a change of clothes.





*Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la*

## ***'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY'***

ALOUETTE PAC – FREE FAMILY EVENT

**WHEN:** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

**WHERE:** IN THE GYM

**TIME:** 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.



**WHAT TO BRING:** Wear your comfy, cozy clothes.

Bring a favourite board game to play or share.

Enjoy a festive evening with Christmas music, book reading, hot chocolate and cookie decorating!

*Please note, this is a family event and that all children MUST be accompanied by an adult.*



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# Alouette's 12 days of Christmas Giving

There is no obligation to participate. The 12 Days of Giving is a theme to help focus and inspire people to give back this Christmas. Please do what you feel comfortable with.

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me.....



Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> - (1 <sup>st</sup> day)	Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> - (2 <sup>nd</sup> day)	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> - (3 <sup>rd</sup> day)	Dec 6 <sup>th</sup> - (4 <sup>th</sup> day)	Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> - (5 <sup>th</sup> day)
<b>Toiletries</b> (toothbrush / toothpaste, deodorant, hair brush, etc) 	<b>New unwrapped toy or gift card</b> 	<b>Pajamas (pj's, undies, socks)</b> 	<b>Teen Items (gift cards, make-up, magazines)</b> 	<b>Winter Wear (hats, gloves, jackets, boots, hoodies)</b> 
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> - (6 <sup>th</sup> day)	Dec 11 <sup>th</sup> - (7 <sup>th</sup> day)	Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> - (8 <sup>th</sup> day)	Dec 13 <sup>th</sup> - (9 <sup>th</sup> day)	Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> - (10 <sup>th</sup> day)
<b>Baby Items (diapers, wipes, infant toys, baby food)</b> 	<b>New books, puzzles, or board games</b> 	<b>Loonies and Toonies</b> 	<b>Nickels, dimes, quarters</b> 	<b>Non-Perishable Breakfast Items (cereal)</b> 
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> - (11 <sup>th</sup> day)	Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> - (12 <sup>th</sup> day)			
<b>Non-Perishable Lunch Items (canned fruits &amp; veggies)</b> 	<b>Non-Perishable Dinner Items (kraft dinner, tuna, canned meats)</b> 			

It's that time of year again! Our PAC is collecting items starting December 3 - 18. Items will be donated to the food bank and the money will be used for gift cards to be given to a family in need. Please note there is no obligation to participate. The 12 Days of giving is a theme to help focus and inspire people to give back this Christmas. Please do what you feel comfortable with.

Items collected will be donated to the Maple Ridge Christmas Hamper Society. Registered parents and/or caregivers are paired with a Shopping Elf and invited to visit the Toy Barn to choose gifts for their child(ren). Everything from stocking stuffers to sports equipment, board games to Barbies, LEGO to leggings is available! Each child from birth to 18 years receives a gift hamper worth \$75 to \$100. Also, The Hamper Society, has a goal to provide a new pair of pajamas to everyone registered with the program.

Donation bins will be set up in each classroom for students to drop off.





## CAREER EDUCATION

### *A lifelong journey*

A person's career is considered their journey through life, and career education encourages students to pursue this journey in personal, meaningful and goal-oriented ways. Educated citizens in today's ever-changing world are open to multiple career-life possibilities for the future and are flexible and able to adapt to emerging opportunities that fit their overarching values and aspirations.

The **career education** curriculum is designed to help students from kindergarten to Grade 12 learn how to effectively manage their life journey towards several possible preferred futures. Through purposeful career-life development, students learn to recognize their evolving interests and strengths, refine their learning goals, and apply this self-knowledge to the exploration of career-life possibilities. Career-life development is a lifelong process of self-discovery, growth in competence, and learning from experiences in educational, work-related, and personal life contexts.

**Coming in January – Numeracy.**



Students in Alouette's "Wheelhouse" program listening to career options in the forest industry.