

November 2018 Newsletter



Alouette Elementary

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Message from the Principal.....

Now being at Alouette for two months I can say I'm really enjoying the community feel at Alouette. Respectful, engaged students, collaborative staff, and involved parents make Alouette a great place to be!

Student Led Conferences, Nov. 28, 29

The upcoming conferences are a very positive way to celebrate learning and work together to support learning goals. Now that some students have been doing this for three or four years they have become very comfortable reflecting on their learning and setting goals. You can help prepare for conferences by asking your child how she/he is feeling at school; what her strengths are as a learner; what's one thing easy?; what's one thing difficult.

Traffic at the end of the day

Every school I have been at struggles with traffic congestion at the end of the day. A police officer recently made an observation: "I find it interesting that the same people who become angry and frustrated at schools are okay with waiting 10-15 minutes in a Tim Horton's/Starbucks line-up". We are only looking at a 10-15 minute period of time. So, for the safety of our students we are asking drivers to model patient, respectful behavior.

Travel at idle speed and follow the rules of the road:

- Park safely and walk your children to school on the sidewalk.
- Use the **crosswalk** to cross Isaac Crescent.
- Use the drop off and pick up lane for that **ONLY** - if you are going to be out of your car or stopping for more than 1 minute, please park elsewhere.
- When there are children in the building, **NEVER** park in the drop off lane. It is for emergency vehicles in the case of an emergency.
- If you are feeling rushed, try to take a breath and relax - an extra minute of safe driving is better than an accident. 😊



Upcoming Dates

**Thur Nov 8- Remembrance Day Ceremony
10:30**

Fri. Nov 9 - Non Instructional Day

Mon. Nov 12 – Remembrance Day Stat

**Wed. Nov. 14- Parent Info Session,
Kate MacLeod's "Body
Science" 7:00pm**

Thur, Nov. 22- We Day

Fri, Nov. 23- Gr. 6 Immunization

**Tues, Nov. 27- Artist Doug Savage,
Intermediates, 8:45-9:45 am**

Mon, Nov. 26-29- Book Fair

**Wed, Nov. 28- Early Dismissal, 11:30
Conferencing**

Wed, Nov. 28- Bookfest

**Thurs, Nov. 29- No School for students
Conferencing Day**

Please keep your eyes open for
information coming on our

"12 Days of Christmas Giving"



Staffing Update:

Welcome to Ms. Trish Sharpe. Ms. Sharpe will be teaching Div. 21 kindergarten.
Welcome to education assistants Ms Penny Wood, Mr. John Stephens, and Ms Deanna Wejr.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all our cross country runners. We lucked out on both days with great weather. It was great to see so many of our students involved with getting exercise and being part of a team.

Thanks to Ms. Schneider, Ms. Tarampi, Mrs. Nosek, Ms. Aareskjold, Mrs. Paulson, Mrs. Dyer, and Ms. Pederson for training with our students and helping at the District runs.

Terry Fox

Thanks to Mrs. Rupert for organizing the Terry Fox fund raising and thanks to all who contributed in raising over \$ 1500. Thanks to Ms. Waterman for leading the "teacher challenge" event. There are some great dancers on staff!

Body Science Education

Recently information on the portal was sent out on Kate MacLeod's "Body Science" presentations taking place in the first week of January. Kate MacLeod is a licensed BC Teacher and Certified Sexual Health Educator. She teaches grades K-12, and introduces the topic in elementary years as 'body science education'. The lessons Kate will teach are in line with what the BC Physical and Health Education curriculum guidelines state for each grade level.

On **Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:00 p.m.** Kate will be holding a parent information session in the library in order to provide further information and answer any questions about the content or how to address some of these issues at home. She will also provide a list of helpful resources for how to discuss these issues with your child and answer their questions as they arise.

Book Fair

Book fair this fall is an "Enchanted Forest" theme. Below are the Book Fair times:

Nov. 26- 2:20- 3:30

Nov. 27- 2:20-3:30

Nov. 28 – 8 am - 4 pm

Nov. 29 - 8 am- 4 pm

Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest

Thank you to our PAC for organizing another fabulous pumpkin carving contest. We had some fantastic entries. Congratulations to the winners!

Remembrance Day Assembly

We will be having our Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday, Nov 8 @ 10:30. Parents are welcome to attend.

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Alouette Elementary*

CURRICULAR COMPETENCIES:

*Fostering deeper and more
transferable learning*

The **Curricular Competencies** are a combination of skills, strategies, processes and habits of mind that students develop over time. They reflect the “Do” in the Know-Do-Understand model of learning. Deeper learning is better achieved through “doing” than through passive listening or reading, and it immerses students in authentic tasks that connect learning to the real world.

Curricular Competencies are subject-specific, and they are linked to the curriculum-wide [Core Competencies](#). A focus on the development of competencies actively engages students in their learning, and helps them to become critical and creative thinkers.

Coming in December – Career Education.



Alouette students at a "book tasting" event, experiencing different genres.



Redesigned Curriculum: Know-Do-Understand

All areas of learning are based on a “**Know-Do-Understand**” model to support a concept-based, competency-driven approach to learning. In this model, three elements work together to support deeper learning: **Content (Know)**, **Curricular Competencies (Do)**, and **Big Ideas (Understand)**. BC’s new curriculum design enables a personalized, flexible and innovative approach at all levels of the education system. All areas of learning have been redesigned using this model.