



Alouette Elementary School

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NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

October was a vibrant and joyful month at Alouette. There were many wonderful activities occurring that had previously been cancelled since 2019 due to the pandemic. Earlier in the month we enjoyed our first school-wide performance. The gym was rocking with our Art Starts presentation from a band who led us through time with various classic rock songs. Our thoughtful PAC organized a frozen yoghurt day for everyone in the school, and the students were delighted with this treat! We also had lots of students who signed up for choir and intermediate triple ball this term. Cross-country running events took place at Alouette Lake and Albion, and we had a great turn out of students and parents. We are grateful to all the teachers who are volunteering their time so these activities can enhance our children's experiences at Alouette. The month wrapped up with Halloween festivities and the pumpkin patch. Some classes visited the pumpkin patch in town and our dedicated and creative PAC supported an on-site event for our primary classes. A warm thank-you goes out to all our volunteers!

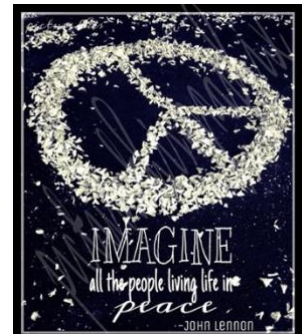
The weather is now changing, and it is feeling more like fall. The longer nights encourage many of us to enjoy some great books with our children. Literacy continues to be a key area of focus that came out of our School Growth Planning Day. We want to explore new strategies that support reading development and new books to keep our children engaged. Our staff are also dedicated to learning more about Indigenous ways of teaching and learning and reviewing resources that will assist in this important endeavor. A salient part of this includes teaching to the whole child, seeing a child's strengths and helping them discover their passions. We are fortunate to have support from our Aboriginal Education Department work with us on our journey.

Remembrance Day is approaching, and this is an occasion that prompts us to reflect on the values we teach at Alouette. Acceptance, respect, and inclusion are our foundation and diversity, our strength. We care that our children make friends, learn to solve problems peacefully, and feel a sense of belonging. Consistent values between home and school certainly help raise happy contributing citizens. Together, we are shaping tomorrow's society, and just maybe, this will lead us on a path to world peace.

Imagine.

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PICKING UP STUDENT BEFORE DISMISSAL

We understand sometimes a student must leave early in the day. When this is necessary, please time the pick-up to align with the recess or lunch break. This helps minimize disruptions to the classroom. Your support is appreciated.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD

It is very important that the office have up-to-date information about your children. Student Verification forms were sent home in September and must be returned to your child's teacher. This form is used to contact parents if a child is ill, not at school, or in case of an emergency. Thanks to all who have signed and returned the form. **If you haven't, please be sure to update the information and submit to the office.**

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Public Health will commence the Routine School Immunization Program for this year's Grade 6 students on Monday, November 7 at Alouette. Consent forms must be returned to the school for your child to be immunized. This is NOT a Covid vaccine.

THANK-YOU ALOUETTE COMMUNITY!!

We are so thankful for the continued support of our Alouette community at our annual Terry Fox Run. It was great to see so many volunteers come and join us on a beautiful fall day to honour the legacy of Terry Fox and raise money for cancer research. Thank-you to all who donated, participated, and to Mrs. Iacobucci, Mrs. Aareskjold, Ms. Gill, and Ms. Vanhulsen, for organizing our run. We raised \$3251.55 for this important cause!

We also want to give special mention to Evan Seitz and Saif Baadarani as well as all the students in Division 4. They went above and beyond with their fundraising efforts! Finally, the winners of our fundraising competition were Division 4 (Mrs. Gill), and their buddy class, Division 12 (Mrs. Buhler). In second place is Division 13 (Mrs. Dyer & Ms. Macphail) with their buddy class, Division 8 (Mr. Chiu & Mrs. Bice).

THANK-YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

It took our village to create the Alouette Pumpkin Patch, source out the pumpkins and put up the displays. We are grateful to all who assisted with this event, the Terry Fox Run, as well as supervising on field trips and in many other capacities. Thanks for giving of your time!



Daylight Savings.....clocks fall back one hour!

Sunday, November 6, our clocks are set back. To remember which way to set your watch, keep in mind "spring forward, fall back"

WHO IS AN ABORIGINAL STUDENT?

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry. No documentation is required, and the ancestry can go back several generations. Ministry of Education funding is provided to support the success of all Aboriginal students through culturally appropriate educational programs and services.

We encourage all students of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit Ancestry to complete a self-identification form as this allows you to access various supports and programs during the school year if you wish. If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact Kirsten Urdahl-Serr Principal, Aboriginal Education Phone: 604-466-6271. Email: kirsten_urdahl-serr@sd42.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Our ceremony for students and staff will be held on Wednesday, November 9th. Teachers will submit donations received for the veterans to the office for processing.



PARENT AND STUDENT CONFERENCES

Conferences will be taking place on December 1 and December 2. Students dismiss at 11:30 on December 1 so that conferences can be scheduled that afternoon. There is no school December 2 as the day is set aside for these conferences. The conference will include the teacher, the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student. Teachers will send home information about scheduling time frames in the coming weeks.

Conferences are an opportunity for parents to ask any questions they have and collaboratively create learning goals for the student for term 2. Students will create a portfolio of work and self-assess on the core competencies. This portfolio will be used to create a draft reporting document before the conference. Once completed, teachers will print the reporting document, ensure they are signed by the student, teacher, and principal and send it home.

No School for Students:

Non-Instructional Day: Thursday November 10th

Remembrance Day - Friday, November 11th

LOST AND FOUND

Racks with clothing will be rolled out to the inner courtyard on the first 3 days of each month. Please have a look if you are missing anything.

PLEASE LIMIT INTERRUPTIONS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

We appreciate everyone ensuring that children have all they will need for the day when they arrive at school. Forgotten lunches and jackets cause many interruptions that impact the learning in classrooms and work in the office. Thank-you for all your effort in assisting us.

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!

**MAPLE RIDGE
PITT MEADOWS**
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT:**

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to new
adventure

Community

The Family Education Centre in Maple Ridge has a wealth of resources and programs to support our children and families. Please visit <https://www.familyed.bc.ca/> for more information.

PAC INFORMATION

The PAC is currently raising funds to update some of the playground equipment, host events, and enhance classroom resources. We are excited to work with the teachers and administrators to purchase new items that will be beneficial to all students at Alouette.

Please join us at our November 14th PAC Meeting at 7 pm. Please email alouettepac@gmail.com to receive to RSVP and receive the zoom link.

Fundraisers that are currently running for the month of December:

Created by Kids Fundraiser

- Teachers will be sending completed artwork home by November 3rd
- All orders will be placed online—NO CASH OR CHEQUES accepted
- Only those ordering will need to return their Artwork by November 15th
- Product should arrive by the middle of December

Purdy's

Launching November 1st and orders are due November 23rd. Product pick-up is December 8th. <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1192375-97153> Ordering link will also be sent out in a separate parent portal. Campaign Code **51450**

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Launching November 1st with a November 24th order deadline. The product will be delivered to the school on December 8th.

<https://alouetteelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Thank you in advance for supporting the Alouette Elementary PAC!



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Sunday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Divisions 2 & 3 bowling	2	3	4 Subway hot lunch day	5
6 Daylight Savings Ends - Clocks fall back 1 hour at 2:00 a.m.	7 Grade 6 immunizations	8	9 Remembrance Day Ceremony for staff and students	10 Non-Instructional Day. No school for students.	11 Remembrance Day Holiday	12
13	14 PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. by Zoom	15 Artwork for Created by Kids items, due back to school	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Purdy's orders are due	24 Poinsettia order are due	25 Silly Sock Day	26
27	28	29	30			