

Alexis Park Elementary

OCTOBER NEWS

School Newsletter | October 2022

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Vice-Principals: Kim Erven-Culler & Cordell Ware

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OCTOBER MESSAGE

September was full of excitement throughout the school as we welcomed many new students to Alexis Park. Students have been settled into their classrooms for the past four weeks. Staff and students have been building relationships and classroom community. We are grateful for such an amazing group of students for 2022-2023! Eagles are kind, helpful, and love to learn!

Many classes have been out and about learning in the community. Intermediate students viewed Secret Path at the Towne Theatre, classes learned about helpers in our community at the Emergency Services Showcase, and many classes are learning on the land through local walks & hikes.

Throughout our school, we have all been continuing our learning about Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. We gathered outside on September 29th for Orange Shirt Day where we honoured the children who never returned home and Survivors, their families, and communities. It was a beautiful time of learning and reflection as we shared in a Round Dance and a traditional Children's Blessing Song.

October is starting with a theme of Gratitude in our school. We are grateful for all families and the many ways you support your child's learning. It is our pleasure to serve as partners in your child's journey.

Mrs. Friesen, Mrs. Erven-Culler & Mr. Ware

LIBRARY NEWS



Did you know that our school received the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation Grant? Over the next 3 years, our school will receive \$60,000 of new books! We are so grateful!

- The library is open each Tuesday for before-school reading time! Join your child(ren) weekly from 8:00-8:25am!
- Thanks to M&M Food Market for the library bag donation.
- Battle of the Books starts soon! Open to all Grade 3-7 students. Encourage your child to come out!
- Scholastic Book Fair, Oct. 25-28.
- Lunch Club - Tuesdays & Fridays for Grade 3-7 students at 12:35pm. Board games & more!
- Ask your child(ren) what they're reading at school and which day their class visits the library. Have they brought a new book home lately?

VOLUNTEERS

Schools come to life when the whole community gets involved and we want community members to be active participants in our school!

To volunteer, please complete a free, online Criminal Record Check: [HERE](#)
Access Code: X8DFKHURPY



IMPORTANT DATES

- October 10 - No School (Thanksgiving)
- October 17 - PAC Meeting @ 6pm
- October 19 - Picture Day
- October 20 - ShakeOut BC
- October 21 - No School (Pro-D Day)
- October 27 & 28 - Early Dismissal @ 11:25am
- October 27 & 28 - Fall Conferences
- October 31 - Halloween

Please pay school supply fees in the office.

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FALL CONFERENCES

At Alexis Park, a goal we have is strengthening communication between home and school. We want communication to be effective & timely and keep you well informed about your child's progress. When families are involved as partners, we can work together to help students learn & grow.

Fall Conferences will take place on the afternoons of October 27 & 28. Conferences are informal learning updates and provide an opportunity for students, parent(s), and teachers to collaboratively engage in strength-based conversations.

Fall Conferences are 15 minutes in length for each family. There will be an opportunity for students to share their goal(s) for the year and will be held in classrooms. We look forward to welcoming you into the school!

Information about booking a time to meet with your child's teacher will be sent in the coming weeks by email. For more information about Communicating Student Learning, click: [Here](#).

PIZZA FRIDAY

Pizza Friday starts October 14th! Students may bring cash on Thursday to place their order with their classroom teacher. This will run each week, unless the office notifies families through email. The fees collected cover the costs of the food and help enhance the learning experiences here at Alexis Park.

Menu:

- Cheese pizza \$2/slice
- Pepperoni pizza \$2/slice
- Bugs & Cheese \$4
- Penne & meat sauce \$4
- Chicken fingers & veggies \$4



STRONGSTART



Do you have a child between birth and 5 years of age? Join us at StrongStart! A FREE drop-in early learning program at the school M-F, 8:30-11:30am & 12:00-3:00pm.

We
Need
YOU!

NOON-HOUR SUPERVISORS NEEDED!

Are you interested in joining our team as a Noon-Hour Supervisor to work over the lunch hour providing student supervision for indoor eating time and outdoor play time from 12:15-1:15pm, Monday to Friday?

Apply: [Here](#)



NUT-AWARE

We have students and staff with severe nut allergies.

Please be aware when packing your student's snacks & lunch and avoid sending food items with nuts. Thank-you!

