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The Alexandra Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

May is just around the corner! Maybe we will finally get some spring-like weather! There are several important Royal events happening at Alexandra in the month of May and so read this newsletter carefully so that you don't miss out on a thing!

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Shauf who will begin as Vice Principal at Archie Stouffer Public School in Minden on May 1st. We welcome Kristi Henshall who will be our librarian and will assist with our literacy programs and Susan Welland who will be teaching our JK/SK B day students until the end of June. Please give our new staff members a warm Royal welcome!

I want to take this opportunity to **thank parents for your cooperation, and for encouraging others, to not park in front of the school on Sussex St. and Francis St.** The bylaw officer is enforcing the no parking areas. **Please continue to encourage your children to cross the street with the crossing guard.** Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

Remember students are to go home after school and check in with parents before returning to play in the playground. **If students are being picked up from school then they must wait with the supervisor at the front doors.** There is no supervision on the school yard after school.

Education Week Activities:

Education Week is an annual event celebrated by school boards and schools across the province. It is a time for students, teachers and parents to celebrate teaching excellence and student achievement. **This year's Education Week is May 2 – May 6.**

During Education Week this year, our Royals at Alexandra Public School will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary and Reunion. The itinerary is on our home page on our school website at <http://aps.tlidsb.on.ca/>. Our staff and students are very busy preparing our classrooms as decade rooms. Students are learning the history and pop culture of each decade. We hope to see many parents and students at this special birthday celebration!

**One highlight of the celebrations for our students is our Royal Revue: 100 Years of Music. There are two performances: Friday, May 6, 2011 at 1:45
Friday, May 6, 2011 at 6:00**

Earth Day

April 22 was Earth Day so we celebrated a day early. Thank you to Ms. Wasteneys and the Environmental Club for organizing the "clean up day in our community"

Character Recognition Assembly – This month’s trait was citizenship.

The Alexandra Royals began this month by focusing on the character education trait of citizenship.

Those receiving the citizenship award: Audrey Eysers, Patrick Wilkins, Noah Chipps, Abby Reeds, Jacob Iaidley, Colin MacKay, Isaiah Kellar, Rein Marren-MacDonald, Rachel Chayer, Henry Stephenson, Ben Sweetman, Laird McQuarrie, Summer Schweitzer, Sydney Belford, River Robb, Cameron Huffman.

The month of May, we will be working on the characteristic of Respect.

School Council News

The next School Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend. Childcare is available.



County Basketball

Congratulations to our basketball team for taking first place at the County tournament on April 14th!

The players showed a lot of dedication by showing up for after school practices and worked very hard to improve their skills.

Thank you to our dedicated coach, Mr. McGregor for giving of his time and his great coaching skills at so many after school practices. This win awards Alexandra Public School the triple crown in sports: soccer, volleyball and basketball champions in our Centennial Year!

Note from the Library at Alexandra Public School

What to do when a book gets lost or damaged?

A fee of \$5.00 is required to cover the cost of the book. Another option is to replace the book with an appropriate book from the student’s personal library. In any case, please send along a note to the classroom teacher with the name of the book and the student’s full name so the account can be cleared.

Coming Events:

Track & Field:

The school track & field date has been set for Thursday, May 19 with a rain date of Friday, May 20. Be sure students wear sunscreen and dress according to the weather.

The county track & field date is Thursday, May 26th with the rain date on Friday, May 27th.

Skipping Club

Thank you to our students, Mrs. Nichol and Mrs. Beer who have been getting to school by 8 a.m. to practice skipping. Students are walking to LCVI for the tournament on May 5th. Be sure to return the permission form sent separately.

Jump Rope for Heart

Once again, Alexandra Royals will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart! The event will be held at the school on Wed., May 11th. Jump Rope for Heart is a unique and fun event from the Heart and Stroke Foundation that raises vital funds to reduce the devastating effects of heart disease and stroke for both adults and children. Jump Rope for Heart benefits us all – your child gets active and learns to be heart healthy, our school can earn valuable resources, and we all support vital heart disease and stroke research and healthy education. Keep your eye out for more information to come home soon.

Thanks to Mrs. Brown who is organizing this event on May 11th and to all the staff who have helped as volunteers on the day.

EQAO

Grade 3 and 6 Assessments in May 30 to June 10

Teachers in these grades will participate in EQAO Primary and Junior Division Assessments. They will not be required to complete any further assessments during this timeframe. Please be advised that the assessment will occur in TLDSB on the following dates:

Monday, May 30 - Language Booklet 1 - Part A

Tuesday, May 31 - Language Booklet 1 - Part B

Wednesday, June 1 - no assessment

Thursday, June 2 - Language Booklet 2 - Part A

Friday, June 3 – Language Booklet 2 – Part B

Monday, June 6 - Math - Booklet 1

Tuesday, June 7 - Math - Booklet 2

June 8, 9, 10: Make up days, and return of assessment

Grade 3 and 6 trips will be scheduled outside of the EQAO assessment dates.

Gr. 5 Trip to the ROM:

On May 2nd 8:00 am to 4:45 pm the Gr. 4/5 class will go on a field trip to the Ontario Science Centre. Permission forms and payment should be in now.

Grade 6 ORIENTATION to Central Senior Public School

Orientation for our grade six students will be on May 25th from 1:30 until 2:30 at Central Senior Public School. Students will walk to Central Senior, leaving the school at 1:00 pm and returning by 3:00 pm.

An orientation meeting for all parents will be held on **Wednesday May 25th at 6:45 p.m. in the gym.** Please come and visit us at Central, tour the school and find out about our programs. We look forward to meeting with you.

After the meeting, there will be a parent assistive technology workshop outlining our laptop computer program and the assistive technology that is available at Central Senior. There are a limited number of laptops available so, please contact Debra Northey at 324-4352 if you wish to attend the workshop.

We are looking forward to these opportunities to meet with parents and your grade 6 students.

Sincerely,
Heather Cockburn

JK and new to SK ORIENTATION

Welcome to Kindergarten:

On "B" day Thurs., June 9th, our new three and four year old students and their parents are invited to attend a Welcome to Kindergarten orientation at Alexandra Public School where they receive the early learning resources in the Welcome to Kindergarten Bag and learn strategies for using the resources at home. At the orientation, families connect with kindergarten teachers, the school resource teacher and staff from community support agencies. These early years educators provide training on why family planned activity using the resources in the Welcome to Kindergarten Bag will help their children be better prepared for school and learning. Our present group B JK/SK class will not attend school on this date but will attend on the A day the 21st of June for a trip to Camp Kawartha Environment Centre near Peterborough.

Volunteer Recognition Tea:

We want to recognize the commitment and dedication of our Royal volunteers. Without our volunteers many programs, including the Breakfast Bins program would not be possible. You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, May 24th in the school gym** for our Volunteer Recognition Tea. Drop in between **12:30 & 1:30 pm** Refreshments will be served.

REMINDERS:

- **Gym Classes** – students require socks and an indoor pair of running shoes to participate in gym class. With the warm weather upon us students are wearing bare feet in sandals and forgetting they require running shoes in the gym.
- **School Dumpster** – the police have been alerted to keep an eye on the school dumpster. It costs \$300.00 per week to be emptied and is being filled at night and over the weekends with yard sale items, old doors, etc. The lock has been broken in complete disregard for school property. If you notice any vehicles dropping off their unwanted items in the school dumpster could you please take a license plate number and vehicle make, model and color so we may stop this from happening.

- **Safe Arrival** – *please* be sure to call and leave a message on the answering machine should your child be absent from school on any given day.

**** Please be reminded to update telephone numbers and address changes that occur throughout the school year so our database may be kept up-to-date should we need to reach you.**



The Lunch Lady has your ticket to a hot, yummy lunch!

It is not too late to order for May/June! Visit aileen@thelunchlady.ca to order on-line or contact Lunch Lady Aileen at 705 750-0222 for more options. The May and June menu is available. The Lunch Lady is proud to be serving your meals in recyclable boxes, aluminum containers and paper cups, and green bin ready forks and spoons. Always remember to take all your waste home to be recycled. Visit www.thelunchlady.ca anytime for more information about our program.

Community Events

Optimist Club Bike Rodeo:

The Optimist Club of Lindsay, in cooperation with the Lindsay Police Service will hold its 38th Annual Bicycle Rodeo on Sat., May 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Alexandra P.S. The rodeo consists of: 1) A safety inspection of all participants bikes by officers of the Lindsay Police Service, and 2) A skill-testing course designed to promote safe bicycling practices. At the conclusion of the event, a major draw will be held in which all participants will have an opportunity to win: a) a pre-registration prize by picking up a form and handing it in when you check in at APS the morning of May 14: b) one of six bicycles; c) one of many bicycle accessories. Come and join in the fun – you might be a lucky winner.

City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library May Events Lindsay Library

Lindsay
705 324-5632

1, 2, 3 Baby's On My Knee
Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10
am
Age birth to 18 months
Advance registration required.

Storytime

Toddler Time
Tuesdays at 10:30 am
May 3, 10, 17, & 24
Age 19 – 36 months
Advance registration required.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays at 2 pm
Thursdays at 11 am
Age 3 – 5 years
Advance registration required.

Art Creations 101
Thursday, May 19 at 4 pm & 6:30 pm
Age 7 years and up
Advance registration required

Fridays at 10:30 am
May 6, 13, & 20
Everyone welcome

Science Experiments
Tuesday, May 31 at 6:30 pm
Age 7 years and up.
Advance registration required.

For information or to register please call the Lindsay Library at 324-9411 ext. 1332.
Search the Library Catalogue at www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/library



Kawarthalakes
GARDEN
show

Presented by: the Rotary Club of Lindsay

April 29-April 30, 2011
The Lindsay Armoury
210 Kent St. , Lindsay

April 29th • 6-9 pm
Wine & Cheese Reception: Mariposa Dairy & Kawartha Country Winery

April 30th • 9 am-5 pm
Indoor and outdoor exhibits
Seminars/workshops throughout the day
91.9 BOB FM LIVE on-location Garden Show featuring Roger Hill of Hill's Florist & Greenhouse

Sponsored by
STEWART MORRISON
INSURANCE

April 29th Special Guest Speaker
Martin Galloway, Chalk Lake Nurseries, Uxbridge
and HGTV Host of The Secret World of Gardens

Tickets available at the door-\$5.00

www.kawarthalakesgardenshow.ca

An Evening with David Bouchard:

Mon., may 9, 7:00 pm at the Rene M. Caisse Memorial Theatre in Bracebridge. Enjoy renowned author David Bouchard's performance on native flutes and presentation on celebrating literacy. Learn how Trillium Lakelands District School Board is supporting First Nation, Metis, and Inuit education. Tickets \$5.00 available from the Rene Caisse Theatre Box Office 645.8400 or toll free 1-877.645.8440. Parents use code P1 for preferred seating.

CKL – Trish's Wish Walk-A-Thon (May 28).

Little Britain Community Centre, Sat., May 28, rain or shine. Registration 9:00 am and walk begins 10:00 am.

The Lindsay Gallery Children's Summer Art Camp (ages 7-13)

Fun for Creative Children with a Passion for Art. A week of Pottery and Painting Lead by Professional Artists July 11-15, 2011. Contact the Lindsay Gallery, 705 324-1780 / art@thelindsaygallery.com www.thelindsaygaller.com for more information.