

The Alix



The Alexandra Public School Newsletter

December 23, 2010



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We were very excited to have so many parents and members of the school community attend our annual Christmas Concert – **A Penguin Christmas** presented by the Primary classes and **SNO BIZ** presented by the Junior classes. Thank you to our staff and students for their hard work in practicing and preparing for these exceptional performances. Thank you to Mrs. Campbell for creating the beautiful snow scene for our background. Ms. Forbes did a terrific job with helping students to learn their dramatic roles. Thank you to our parents and community for being a great audience and for supporting our Silent Auction which raised \$733.00 toward new playground equipment. We would like to thank our local business for their generous support of our Silent Auction: Kent Florist, Nesbitt's Meat Market, Neil Young Optical, Sweet Annies, Down To Earth, The Yoga Loft, Life's Little Windows and all the members of the School Council for their donations.

Merry Christmas to all our Alexandra families! May the miracles of Christmas fill your hearts with warmth and love. May family and friends fill your homes with peace and joy! Our Staff thanks you for your support this past term and we look forward to working with you and your children in 2011. All the best in the New Year!

School Council:

Thanks to the staff of APS for their hard work this term. Here is a version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" dedicated to you! Happy Holidays to everyone from the Parent Council.

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the school,

Not a student was working, it just wasn't cool.
Their best work was hung by their teachers with care,
In hopes that their parents soon would be there.

The children were busy rehearsing their play,
And counting down sleeps until the big day.
Mrs. Avery in her Royals shirt, and I in my hat,
Had just settled in for a long email chat.

When out on the playground there rose such a clatter,
Mrs. Boyd sprang from her desk to see what was the matter.

With a walkie-talkie in one hand, and a first aid kit in the other,
She wondered what calls she'd be making to mothers.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But Mrs. Brown and a bunch of rowdy reindeer
Mrs. Nichol and Ms. Wasteneys were surrounded by elves,
Who were dancing and singing, just being themselves.

Mrs. Pogue and Mrs. Shauf had their kids like ducks in a line,
But NO, they were penguins, and doing just fine.
There was Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Rudolph too,
Rounding out what was becoming, a motley crew.

Then there was Mrs. Schweitzer with her threes and fours,
With goggles and ski gear—how would they fit through the doors?
At the back was Mrs. Smith with her cheery class,
Many with tackle boxes hoping for bass.

Last but not least, was Mr. McGregor; our gr. 6 whiz
His class was a chatter about getting into the 'biz.
Mrs. Avery arrived in a flash to get them ready to go,
She called out, "Alright everyone, it's time for the show"!

And so, before we get out of your sight
Happy Holidays to all, and to all a good night.

Our next meeting is Tues., Jan. 18 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

100th Anniversary and Reunion Committee

We are pleased to remind you that the school's 100th Birthday will be celebrated on Mothers' Day Weekend (May 6-7, 2011). An important aspect of the reunion is getting the word out to the thousands of alumni and former staff who consider Alexandra "*their*" school. The committee has designated the most senior of these alumni as "Golden Royals" and we are now enthusiastically engaged in "The Quest for Golden Royals". A key objective of this celebration is to make the school's long history "come alive" for those students who are presently enrolled at the school. Interaction between "Golden Royals" and current students is an ideal way to achieve this goal. Selected grade six students are involving senior alumni in short, simple video-taped interviews which will be shared with classmates and eventually with all attendees at the 100th Reunion. If you, or someone you know, is at least 70 years young and would consider being interviewed, please contact the school office (705-324-3313). R. Ansell

*Royal Trivia: Did you know that the monthly school newsletter was renamed "**The ALIX**" in honour of Queen Alexandra's childhood nickname?*

Book Fair (Mrs. Shauf)

A big thank-you to all students, parents, guardians and members of the community who supported our Scholastic Book Fair. This event provides the library with new reading material each year. Congratulations to Rory Smeall and Catherine Wasteney who each won \$25.00 to spend on books for the classroom library. Thank you to Pauline Maywood for her hard work to help make this event a success.

Royal Families Reaching Out to Others

The Kinsmen toy drive took place over the month and they were very pleased to see the wonderful generosity exemplified by the overflowing barrels of toys you donated.

Royal Recognition Assembly:

The December trait is “Compassion”

Students recognized for Compassion are Chelsea Greenslade, Gracie Silveira, Liam Jones, Bailey Lapierre, Mya Burns, Donovan Williams, Abigail Kellar, Vanilla Loney, Thomas Walling, Payton Ronald, Sarah Alexander, Natasha Bell, Cassie Eastman, Brooklyn Korz, Hannah Ashmore, Madeline Martin.

During the Month of **January**, we will be working on the Trustworthiness character trait.

COMING EVENTS:

Snow days (when you hear on the radio that all busses for TLDSB are cancelled):

a) APS remains open – call safe arrival if you do not send your child to school.

b) The Boys & Girls Club van does NOT run before or after school on a snow day.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:

Come join us at 6:00 pm Thursday, January 27 in the gym! Our School Council volunteers will be showing a great movie – free admission, drinks and snacks are \$1.00 each.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: January 10 at 9:00 am.

Pediculosis Alert: Our next check is Monday, January 10 at 9:00 am – please mark this date on your calendar or post it on your fridge. I have indicated this on the school calendar sent home with December’s newsletter.

This is the time of year to be extra vigilant with respect to head lice. “Head Checks” are conducted on a monthly basis by parent volunteers under the supervision of the board’s pediculosis officer. How can you help?

- encourage your child to have his/her own brush (especially on picture day)
- encourage your child to keep their outdoor clothing on their own hooks
- put hats/mitts/scarves in their coat sleeves when hanging them up at school
- “inspect” your child’s hair at home on a regular basis

- “treatment”, select one of the many products used in the treatment of head lice (consult your pharmacist)

Only after treatment and REMOVAL of ALL nits may the student return to school!

Hopefully, the measures taken to date and the continued support and co-operation of our parents, will ensure fewer incidents now and in the future...THANKS.

Volunteers are always needed for Pediculosis checks! Please contact the school.

Kindergarten Registration for the School Year 2010-2011:

Registration for Sept. 2011 takes place the last week in January. Parents should bring the child's Birth Certificate, Health Card Number and Immunization card. Please encourage parents in the neighbourhood to enroll in January. The number of kindergarten children registered makes a significant difference to our staffing.

ROYAL SAFETY: Visitors

All visitors are asked to enter the school from the front Sussex Street entrance, report to the office and sign in upon arriving at the school. It is imperative that our safety records are kept up to date, and that we do not have strangers wandering around the building without proper identification. For the safety of our students, we ask that you sign in and receive your visitor's badge.

ROYAL SAFETY: Parking Lot

All students are reminded that the **parking lot is strictly off limits**. They are asked to stay on the sidewalk, follow the path to the north end of the school and enter the playground through the kindergarten yard. They may also use the entrance to the park on the southwest end of the playground. When it is icy, the parking lot can be quite icy and dangerous. Please do not leave your car running when you are picking up your child.

FYI: Parents note: There is no OVERNIGHT parking in the “snow plough zone” of the school parking lot. The contractors for snow ploughing at the school have the right to tow any vehicles impeding their ability to plough.



Giving the gift of yourself every day to your children is the greatest gift of all. It doesn't take lots of time or money. Just a smile, a hug or a question will show them you care. Be There.



*“I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year.”
Charles Dickens*

Community News

City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library January Events

Lindsay Library

Craft time
Tues. Jan. 4, Wed. Jan.5 &
Thurs. Jan. 6
10:30 am

Movie & Popcorn
Tues. Jan. 4, Wed. Jan. 5 &
Thurs. Jan. 6
2 pm

Storytime
Wednesdays at 2 pm
Thursdays at 11 am
Begins January 12, 13
Age 3 – 5 years
Advance registration required.

Family Storytime
Fridays at 10:30 am
Begins January 14
Everyone welcome

Art Creations 101
Thursday, January 20 at 4 pm &
6:30 pm
Age 7 years and up
Advance registration required

Family Literacy Day
With local Storyteller Liz Gilmour
Thursday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 pm

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

Greetings from the Staff:

We extend our wishes for a safe, enjoyable holiday season with family and friends.

Happy holidays – Bonnes fêtes.

