

# The Alix



**The Alexandra Public School Newsletter**

**February, 2011**

Principal: E. Jane Avery

Trustee: Mrs. Judith Hayes

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February was a month of active participation for our Royals.

For the third year, we ran our electives programs on Tuesday Feb. 22 and March 1. Our elective choices gave our Royals opportunities to participate in a variety of physical education, artistic and technical activities. Alexandra Public School staff would like to thank the following community members, services and businesses for participating and making our elective learning opportunities possible for our students:



### **Bowlaway Lanes**

**Alternative Arts & Fitness – Karate**

**Lindsay Gymnastics Club**

**Public Library**

**Fire Station, Police Station**

**Squash Ontario**

### **Classic Flowers**

**Graham's Flowers**

**Bob FM**

**Mile High Adventures**

**Lindsay Art Gallery**

**Academy Theatre**

Thank you also to:

- our parents who assisted with driving and supervision of electives
- our staff who helped with each event. Without your help our electives would not be possible.
- Our School Council who covered the cost of busses to our electives



Mr. McGregor coached our Royal Volleyball Team to our 5<sup>th</sup> straight City of Kawartha Lakes tournament victory on January 27, 2010! Congratulations Royals!

L-R: Kyle, Charlie, Brock, Carson, Cassie, Connor, Julia, Dryden, Mac, Bradey Hannah, Mr. McGregor, River, Billy

## **THE LUNCH LADY**

The Lunch Lady returns to Alexandra Public School on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Orders are due Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. Please see the back page of the calendar for more information.

**SKI DAY AT DEVIL’S ELBOW – Mar. 9th Gr. 3-6 (snowdate Mar. 22)** Sent separately are the information and permission forms for our annual ski day on March 9<sup>th</sup>. This event takes place 12:15 to 5:15 pm. Grade 3-6 children may participate.

**SUGGESTED SKI WEAR**

Dress in layers	Water resistant ski pants/ warm ups. Denim not recommended.	Water resistant gloves/mittens
Warm jacket	Turtleneck/heavy sweater	Long underwear
Helmet and Wrist Guards (compulsory)	Hat (covering ears)	Neck tube/no scarves
Warm Socks ( wear 1 pair and bring an extra	Sunscreen/lip protector	Goggles/sunglasses

**Alexandra Public School 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Reunion News**

Thank you to Mr. Bob Ansell for assisting some of our grade six students to interview our Golden Royals. Mr. Ansell spoke about this endeavour on BOB FM on the morning of February 28<sup>th</sup>. We are excited about our biggest fundraiser for the event: **Alexandra’s April Appetizer Adventure**. We certainly appreciate the participation of three excellent local restaurants, each well-known for their unique dining experience: **The Olympia, Pane Vino and Joel’s**. Participation is limited to 50 patrons!! Please contact the school at 705-324-3313 or our Anniversary and Reunion Committee Chair, Brian Hough at 705-324- 4491for more information and to have your name added to our reservation list.

**Battle of the Books**

Our teams are engaged in battles every day in preparation for the Battle of the Books at Dr. George Hall on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Juliette Polito for reading the questions and Mrs. Brown’s Grade 2/3 class for judging the battles.

**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.

**Restorative Practices at Alexandra Public School**

As part of our focus on leadership, Alexandra staff and students have been engaged in restorative practices when dealing with a conflict between students or authority at school. “Restorative practices helps to revise our thinking so that we see conflict in the school setting as an opportunity to foster learning and build better relationships.” (*The Restorative Practices Handbook*)

You will see these posters, which guide our thinking, hanging in the halls of the school:

<b>WHEN THINGS GO WRONG</b>	<b>WHEN SOMEONE HAS BEEN HARMED</b>
<i>What happened?            What were you thinking of at the time?            What have you thought about since?            Who has been affected by what you have done?            In what way have they been affected?            What do you need to do to make things right?</i>	<i>What did you think when you realized what had happened?            What impact has this incident had on you and others?            What has been the hardest thing for you?              What do you think needs to happen to make things right?</i>

Try using these guiding questions at home when there is a conflict between your children or with your rules at home.

### **School Council:**

Thanks to Mrs. Avery for co-ordinating the Restorative Practices session designated by the School Board on February 23rd. It was great to see parents there to support this new initiative going on within our school. Two of the main ideas were repairing damage to relationships made by poor choices, and discovering natural consequences with input from the children involved.

The focus of our Council is to hear about and give input and support regarding things going on in the school: both academic and fun. We fundraise to support our children's learning; whether it be assisting with ongoing expenses (such as paying for school buses for trips to assist with lowering costs) or our bigger goal, which is currently new playground equipment. When we realized that the equipment is used by our families' pre-schoolers and, during school time, is designated for the primary students but that in actuality, is too big for this age group, we decided to purchase structures that will accommodate 2 – 12 year olds. At this time, the School Board will match our fundraising efforts \$ for \$ but we do not know how long they will offer this. To give you an idea, what we are considering will cost about \$50,000. This will likely take many years; just as the gym did! Thank you for supporting our ongoing efforts. Please come to our Council meetings to learn more about your child's day and to have a say in it, or pass along information to a Council member that you would like discussed. Our next meeting is March 8th at 6:30. – Chair, Pippa Stephenson

NOTE: Child care during the meeting will be available.

### **School Council Fundraiser:**

"Little Caesars' Pizza Kits and More" fundraiser is complete. Please pick up any orders you placed on March 9 between 2:00 & 5:30 p.m. through the gym hall entry doors to the kitchen area.

### **Movie Night – March 31<sup>st</sup>**

6:00 pm in the gym..Popcorn & drinks \$1.00 each.

### **Character Recognition Assembly – This month's trait was "Honesty".**

The Alexandra Royals began this month by focusing on the character education trait of Honesty. Students recognized at our end of the month assembly included: Carter Hedley, Milind Rajamanickam, Ethen Galla, Ben Deschamps, Mick Stephenson, Ayden Gonsalves, Makayla Coulter-Kirk, Liam Shelton, Madeline Finn, Kevin Andalebi, Evan Chayer, Wazi Kazhila, Richelle Willette, Juliette Silveira, Brock Newell, Wayne Waldner, Kyle Adams, Brandon Rose.

Thank you to our grade 4/5 students for their personalized presentations to their classmates.

### **Dance-a-thon:**

Gr. 1-6 students will participate in the Dance-a-thon on Friday, March 11. This is in support of Community Living. Pledge sheets will be distributed and the money is to be brought with the students to the gym during dance-a-thon March 11. Primaries 1:30 pm and juniors 2:00 pm.

### **REMINDERS:**

- **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.**
- **Late milk/lunch orders – please be diligent in returning the monthly milk/lunch orders by their due date which appears on the calendar for your convenience. No late orders will be accepted.**

- **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.**
- **Please be aware that there is no overnight parking of vehicles in the school parking lot. The Snow plough Contractor has been given permission to tow vehicles left in the “snow plough zone”.**
- **Please be sure to label your child’s clothing with permanent marker. The lost and found box fills up so quickly with unnamed items that we cannot return to your child and are never claimed.**

**MICROWAVE USAGE:**

The Board Policy states that students may not operate the microwaves at school. Please **do not** send items with your child for lunch that require heating.

**Dental Screening:**

This year the dental screening takes place March 2 & 3 for JK/SK, Gr. 2.

**Dental Screening assessments will be provided for:**

- All students in JK, SK, grade 2 and special education classes
- Students identified last year with urgent treatment needs
- Any other child at the request of the child or their parents. (If you would like your child included please send a request letter to the school or contact the health unit)

**Parents who do NOT wish their child to be screened are required to advise the school in writing: (any child excluded from the screening program will not be eligible to use the CINOT Program).**

The screening will be conducted by a Registered Dental Hygienist following strict, approved infection control standards. This screening does not replace your child’s regular visit to the dentist. The Health Unit wants to see all children, even if they visit their dentist regularly. You will be advised if any dental care is recommended.

**The Dental Screening Program:**

- Provides parents with advice on the dental needs of their children
- Provides access to financial assistance through the Children In Need of Treatment Program (CINOT)
- Helps in planning and development of community dental programs.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Health Unit Oral Health Department.

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& Haliburton County  
(705) 324-3569

Toll Free  
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City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library    March Events

**Lindsay Library**

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

Family Storytime  
Fridays at 10:30 am  
February 4, 11, 25  
Everyone welcome

You Want to be a Writer  
Saturday, March 12  
10:30 am Craft time

Monday, March 14  
10:30 am Drama Workshop  
10:30 am Blue Spruce Reading  
fun  
2:00 pm Mystic Drumz present  
“The Button People”  
6:30 pm Movie Night @ the  
Library

Tuesday, March 15  
10:30 am Drama Workshop  
10:30 am Blue Spruce Reading  
Fun  
2:00 pm Backyard Astronomy  
6:30 pm “For the Birds”

Wednesday, March 16  
10:30 am Drama Workshop

8 week workshop for children  
age 8 years and up  
Begins Tuesday, March 22 at 4  
pm  
Advance registration required.

Science Experiments  
Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 pm  
Advance registration required.

**March Break**

10:30 am Blue Spruce Reading  
Fun  
1 pm Safari Adventure  
6:30 pm Family Craft Time

Thursday, March 17  
10:30 am Drama Workshop  
10:30 am Blue Spruce Reading  
Fun  
2:00 pm Origami  
6:30 pm Art Workshop

Friday, March 18  
10:30 am Drama Workshop  
10:30 am Blue Spruce Reading  
Fun  
2:00 pm Drama Presentation

Saturday, March 19  
10:30 am Saturday Movie Flicks

For information or to register please call the Lindsay Library at 705 324-9411 ext. 1332.  
Search the Library Catalogue at [www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/library](http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/library)