

# The Alix



The Alexandra Public School Newsletter

January 31, 2011



## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

January proved to be an eventful and exciting beginning of a new year! Plans are well under way for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Reunion Celebration! Click on Alumni Registration on the Alexandra Public School website for more information and to register for the event!

February promises to be a very busy month. Students and staff are looking forward to participating in our electives on Feb. 22 and Mar. 1. Alexandra Public School would like to thank the many local businesses who are partnering with us to make our electives possible:

Alternative Arts and Fitness

BOB FM

Graham's Florist

Boys and Girls Clubs of Kawartha Lakes

Fire Hall

Academy Theatre

City of Kawartha Lakes Library

Bowl Away Lanes

Classic Flowers

Lindsay Art Gallery

Lindsay Police Services

## **CHARACTER EDUCATION AND ROYAL RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY**

Alexandra Royals have been learning the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey as our Character Education program. This month's trait was Trustworthiness and Habit 4 Think Win-Win. Trustworthy people think win-win.

Students recognized at our end of the month assembly included: Emilia Kellar, Tom Keys-Brasier, Payton Newell, Riley Galla, Olivia Reeve, Hunter Sidsworth

Nathan Don, Nathaniel Cooper, Abbey Johnson, Keisha Wakelin, Taylor Brown, Charlie Alfredsson, Renee Chiasson, Duncan Scott, Carson Brown.

## **100 Days of Caring**

Alexandra P.S. will participate in a raising food and personal care items campaign for the local Food Bank during the week of the 100<sup>th</sup> day of the school year, Feb. 7-11, 2011. Non-perishable or personal care items are requested. The campaign is a Think Win-Win event: students gain a sense of pride knowing they can do something to care for others and those who need help get what they need.

## **FAMILY DAY**

**All schools and offices will be closed for the statutory holiday, Family Day, on Monday, Feb. 21, 2011.**

## **FUTURE GROWTH**

Kindergarten Registration is a very important time of year here at Alexandra, as we welcome our new Royals into the school. If you know of any children eligible for Kindergarten this year, please have them register now. These registrations affect the entire staffing, the allotment of teachers at Alexandra Public School, as well as whether we have straight or blended grades.

Please encourage your neighbours to register their JK/SK students as soon as possible. Thank you. Currently our enrolment stands at 161.

### **VOLLEYBALL** (Mr. McGregor)

On Tuesday, January 18 the Alexandra volleyball team participated in the Zone Tournament at Queen Victoria P.S. In the tournament, our Royals defeated King Albert, Parkview and Queen Victoria to advance to the County Finals. The team played very well all afternoon, and did a great job of representing our school. The team looked smashing in their vibrant red, gold and black uniforms. Our Royals competed in the County Finals on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at Ridgewood P.S. and won County! Congratulations Royals!

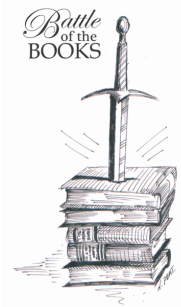
### **GRADE SIX YEARLEY TRIP**

On January 20-21 the grade six class left for Yearley Outdoor Centre in Huntsville. The students were very excited. At Yearley, the students played a variety of educational games, and they learned how to survive at night in the winter woods. They also got to experience a beautiful night walk, followed by some bone-chilling wolf howls. The Grade 6's want to thank all the parent volunteers who came along on the trip. They did a great job of preparing meals and being involved in the activities. Yearley was a wonderful experience!

### **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS** - Mrs. Shauf

The Battle of the Books is underway! Junior students have signed up and began preparing for the competition. Each team of four students reads ten books from a selected list, and competes to correctly answer questions based on the books in a quiz show format. This reading event is meant to develop a reading community within our own school, and provides an opportunity to recognize students who enjoy reading. Here are some dates to keep in mind:

- December/January/February: Students read Battle books
- Weeks of February 14<sup>th</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011: School level competitions
- Winners at the school level will move on to a zone battle at the end of March



### **MS READ-A-THON** – Mrs. Shauf

Our Read-a-thon began on Friday! Students, collect your pledges and **read, read, read!!** Envelopes are due back at school on February 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions please ask Mrs. Shauf.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

The next School Council Meeting. will be held Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Library at Alexandra Public School. This month's agenda will focus on improving the success of our community volunteer programs which benefit our students. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Visit our website at <http://aps.tdsb.on.ca/> for the minutes of our last Sc

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER - Little Caesars' Pizza Kits and more**

Feb. 1 is the kick off for this fundraiser. Order forms will go home separately with students. Dates to remember (included on the February calendar): Feb. 23 – all order forms due at the office. Mar. 9 – pick up your orders from the school between 2:00 and 5:30 pm.

### **HEALTHY SCHOOLS RECOGNITION PROGRAM - IT'S TIME TO GET HEALTHY**

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When students are healthy, they feel better and do better in school. The Ministry's Healthy Schools Recognition Program is a great way to encourage students to start thinking about what they can do to make their lifestyle, and their school, healthier.

You can see our banner of recognition for last year hanging outside the kitchen, next to the gym. Alexandra Public School is participating by pledging again this year to do a healthy activity. The pledge can be to build on an existing activity, such as our daily breakfast program or the Swim to Survive program or it can be a brand new activity, such as our character and leadership training for our new peer mediator program.

Alexandra Public School will receive a pennant and a certificate in recognition of their commitment to healthy living. Visit [www.ontario.ca/healthyschools](http://www.ontario.ca/healthyschools) for more information.

**SKI DAY AT DEVIL'S ELBOW – Mar. 9th Gr. 3-6**

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

**Government programs that support parents in their child's participation in post-secondary education and training**

Most, but not all parents, are aware of the Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) which is a special savings account that can help parents, family or friends start saving now for a child's education after secondary school. Fewer, however, are aware that when an RESP account is opened for a child, the Government of Canada adds money to the account through two special savings incentives, the Canada Education Savings Grant and the Canada Learning Bond.

The Canada Education Savings Grant provides grants, up to a maximum lifetime of \$7,200, depending on parental income and the amount of parental contributions. The Canada Learning Bond provides an outright grant of \$500 plus an addition \$100 per year up to age 15 for those who open an RESP account even if parents are unable to add any of their own contributions to the account. To qualify for this grant, parents must be eligible to receive the National Child Benefit Supplement.

For information and brochures look on these websites:

Registered Education Savings Plan  
<http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/saving/resp/index.shtml>

Canada Education Savings Grant  
<http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/saving/cesg/brochure/index.shtml>

Canada Learning Bond

### **Premier's Award**

The Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence is celebrating its fifth year recognizing outstanding educators and support staff. The awards are a great way to say thank you to the people who have made a difference in your children's lives. Nominations are open until January 31, 2011. Find out more at [ <http://www.ontario.ca/teachingawards> ] [www.ontario.ca/teachingawards](http://www.ontario.ca/teachingawards) or [ <http://www.facebook.com/ONteachingawards> ] [www.facebook.com/ONteachingawards](http://www.facebook.com/ONteachingawards).

### **Healthy Smiles Ontario Program Promotion:**

Children 17 and under may be eligible for this program if:

- They are residents of Ontario
- They are members of a household with an Adjusted Family Net Income of \$20,000. Per year or below; and,
- They do not have access to any form of dental coverage (including other government-funded programs, like Ontario Works).

The HSO program covers a full range of preventive and early treatment dental services including check-ups, cleaning, fillings, x-rays, scaling and more. Children 17 and under with urgent or emergency dental issues, however, may be eligible for the Children In Need of treatment (CINOT) Program, also administered by public health units.

Brochures are available at the school or Health Unit.

### **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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(705) 324-3569

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# Community News

City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library    February 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, 18, 25  
Everyone welcome

Art Creations 101  
Thursday, February 17 at 4 pm &  
6:30 pm

Age 7 years and up  
Advance registration required

Family Day Craft Program  
Monday, February 21 at 2 pm  
Family fun.

Silver Birch Book Beat  
Wednesdays at 4:15 pm  
February 9, 16, 23  
Grade 3- 6  
Advance registration required.

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)



**Of Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected**



*"If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything." — Mark Twain*

Principal: E. Jane Avery

Trustee: Judith Hayes

