

The Alix

The Alexandra Public School Newsletter

JUNE 2011

Principal: E. Jane Avery

Trustee: Judith Hayes



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Summertime... and the living is easy!! The month of June just seems to fly by! These last few days of school have been a lot of fun for our staff and students going on their field trips and participating in our annual Play Day. Today, June 30th is the last day of school and my last day as Principal of Alexandra Public School. I am retiring after forty years in education. I will definitely miss the children but I am looking forward to spending more time with my four grandchildren. I would like to extend my fondest thoughts and sincere appreciation to the Alexandra parents, staff, and students for your support, your respect and your care for me over my three years at Alexandra Public School. I especially want to thank the parents on our strong School Council whom I have worked alongside these past three years: what a devoted, energetic group of people providing for our students! Mrs. Kathy Burge has been appointed as your new principal. She, in consultation with me, will be available July 4 – 8 to answer any questions you may have concerning your child's report card.

Mrs. Boyd, our school secretary is retiring too. Mrs. Boyd is an exemplary secretary, keeping me and the entire school organized! No matter how hectic it becomes in the office, Mrs. Boyd always puts our students first: to call home if someone is sick; to dispense a bandage or an ice pack or simply to ask a question. Mrs. Boyd will be greatly missed as the front line person to give a Royal greeting to visitors at the office.

I would like to take the opportunity in this last newsletter of the school year to recognize two of our parent volunteers – Michelle Dimoglou and Pippa Stephenson.

As chair of our school council, Pippa has organized our major fundraisers this year: magazines, poinsettias, coffee, Little Caesar's Pizza, hats and shirts. She worked tirelessly on our 100th Anniversary & Reunion and was especially involved in the selection and planting of our seven commemorative trees. Thank you, Pippa, and School Council members for your hard work on Toonie Tuesdays and your other efforts to raise funds for new playground equipment for our school yard!

Without Mrs. Dimoglou, our breakfast program would not be possible. A special thank you to Michelle Dimoglou for organizing the parent, student and community volunteers for our breakfast club; for being here almost every morning to help run the program; for preparing snacks for our grade 3 and grade 6 students during the administration of the EQAO assessment; for arranging for picnic on play day; and the list goes on. Michelle has a wonderful group of volunteers who made sure all children had a healthy start to the day. They dedicate many hours to this program.

Goodbye to long time School Council member Debbie Huffman who has coordinated and volunteered at the school in many capacities including head check coordinator.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped in any capacity during the school year. Your assistance is needed and much appreciated by students and staff.

Next year, there will be a number of changes in both staff and classroom assignments.

Goodbye to our educational assistants Lesley Forbes and Karen Szostak. They have both received assignments at Jack Callaghan Public School.

Goodbye to teachers Shannon Smith who has taken a teaching position at Jack Callaghan Public School and to Melinda Shorts, our resource teacher who will be teaching at King Albert Public School next year.

Goodbye to the supply teachers who have filled in long term this year: Kristen Beer, Susan Welland, and Kristi Henshall.

Goodbye to night time custodian Matthew Johnson who has taken a position at Rolling Hills Public School.

Goodbye to Secretary Pat Boyd.

Goodbye to Principal Jane Avery

2011-2012 Staffing

Mrs. Kathy Burge	Principal
Mrs. Sherry Griffith	JK/SK A & B
Mrs. Linda Scott	Gr. 1 with support from Mrs. Heather O'Neill, E.A.
Mrs. Catherine Wasteneys	Gr. 2 with support from Mrs. Jan Hawkshaw, E.A.
Mrs. Joanne Brown	Gr. 3 with support from Mrs. Susan Young, E.A.
Mrs. Kaysa Stone	Gr. 4/5
Mr. Mike McGregor	Gr. 5/6
Mrs. Kathy Nicholl	Prep
Mme Josette Deuchars	Core French, Prep
Mrs. Stephanie Schweitzer	Resource
Mrs. Debbie Myers	Secretary
Mrs. Pauline Maywood	Part-time library secretary
Mr. Paul DeMaeyer	Head Custodian
Mrs. Aleshia Malcolm	Part-time custodian

We extend a Royal welcome to all new staff members to Alexandra Public School!
Class lists will be available the last week of August and will be posted at the office. Have a safe and super summer. See you in September!

Character Recognition Assembly – This month’s trait was Self Control.

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

Students recognized at our end of the month assembly for self control included: Drayden Cavanagh-Jansen , Haylie Mahoney, Olivia Rodd, Jesse Shelton, Jessica Willette, Colt Kyle, Ella LeFave, Griffin Ronald, Mykayla Davis, Owen Sharkey-Grellet, Hannah Greenslade, Stephen Laidley, Liam Ryan, Abbey Harford, Jenica Nelson, Julia Shields, Breanna White.

RECENT EVENTS:

Graduation:

The Grade Six Graduation was held on Tuesday, June 28th. Thank you to Mr. McGregor and the grade six students for planning a spectacular graduation ceremony. Thank you to Juliette Polito and Billy Vohra-Finney for acting as hosts for the program. The students were honoured for their accomplishments. All of our grade six students participated and were highlighted during the ceremony in the slideshows they created.

I will mention the following award recipients:

French - Hannah Ashmore

Athletic Achievement: - Carson Brown
Bradey Johnson
Mackenzie West

Academic Achievement - Hannah Ashmore
Sydney Belford
Connor Broughton
Carson Brown
Madeline Martin
Liam McLeod
Duncan Scott

Academic Improvement - Juliette Polito
Mackenzie West

Citizenship - River Robb
Patrick Queen

Royal Recognition Award - Billy Vohra Finney
Madeline Martin

OPC Leadership Award - Hannah Ashmore

Valedictorians: - Madeline Martin
Billy Vohra-Finney

We wish all of our graduates success and happiness as they leave us for Central Senior School, Lakefield College and Heritage Christian School. They have been a remarkable group of students, and exemplary Royals, excelling both academically and athletically.!! We will miss you!

Track & Field: M. McGregor

Our APS Royal Track Team headed to County Track held at LCVI. Our athletes enjoyed the day and did very well. Our Junior Boys Team made up of Brock Newell, Liam McLeod, Charlie Alfredsson and Michael Dimoglou won the championship for the 100 meter relay. As always we were very proud of their sportsmanship. These students were wonderful representatives of APS. Thank you, Mr. McGregor for all your hard work in coaching the students .

APS Environmental Club: Mrs. Wasteneys

Thanks to the APS Environmental Club. The club members willingly emptied the paper and plastics bins in each classroom twice a week. Litterless lunches were a focus during Environmental Week. The club also spent some time in our front garden weeding and watering the flowers. You were a great crew! We hope to have many of these dedicated environmentalists sign up again in the fall of 2011.

Family Doctor Appreciation:

Students in the primary grades wrote thank you letters to their family doctors during Family Doctor Appreciation Week. Six students from APS were chosen to read their letter on BOB FM and took home a CD recording of their effort,.

COMING EVENTS:

Magazine Campaign:

School Council asks that you please HOLD renewal of your magazines until the Fall. APS will run their magazine campaign in October. The School Council Fundraiser thanks you in advance for your support.

Calling All Library Books: Ms. Henshall, Librarian

Please return all items to the library as soon as possible. Time is running out. The shelves are missing several books. Please take a look around your house, backpacks and desks. The school will be open July 4-8 if you find books to return. Thank you for helping maintain our library collection.

Play Day:

On Wednesday, June 29th we held our annual play day. This year the events included tricycle races, mini-golf, tug-of-war. It was a hot day and so our students weren't afraid to get wet at the several activities involving water! Thank you to Mrs. Shorts for organizing our Play Day and to Mrs. Dimoglou, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Craven and Mrs. Huffman for arranging the lunch.

Report Cards:

Report cards go home Thurs., June 30 (Wed. for the "A" JK/SK class). If your child will be absent and you want the report card mailed or sent with another student, please send a note to the office and classroom teacher.

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.**
- **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.**

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS:

Please consider becoming a member of our School Council. Forms may be picked up in September should you wish to join our group of active and involved parents who invest volunteer time to support student achievement, fundraise for fieldtrips and playground equipment and provide opportunities for parent involvement in your child's school life. We have a lot of fun too!

No Child Without - Update

Thank you for your schools' ongoing participation in the **MedicAlert No Child Without** program.

The partnership we have in making this charitable program available to students in your community means **hundreds of families can have peace of mind** knowing their children can be quickly identified in the event of a medical emergency.

Across the country, **over 50,000 students in more than 5,700 schools** including yours have benefited from MedicAlert protection whether they are at school, the playground, out with friends, or just simply outside the care of their parents.

It's important that **parents stay informed** that the *No Child Without* program is available to their children. Please inform them in your school newsletter and website, if you have one. The following communication resources are available for you to use:

- **No Child Without article** that can be used in your September newsletter
- **No Child Without logos**
- **No Child Without overview** for new school administrators who are unfamiliar with the program

Should additional materials such as *No Child Without* brochures or posters be required, simply contact me. As Canadian MedicAlert Foundation is a registered charity and provides this program with the support of generous donors, please ensure that extra brochures mailed to the school previously have all been given away before requesting more.

A reminder – Additional *No Child Without* brochures are only given to students who indicate a health issue and are currently attending the school.

Don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Have great summer!

Regards, Clifford

Clifford Leigh-Mossley M.Ed.
Senior Manager, Advancement

clmossley@medicalert.ca

Toll Free 1-866-679-3217 Ext. 1128 | 416-696-0142 Ext. 1128 | Cell: 647-308-0880

P.S. If you are retiring or changing schools in June, please let me know so I can update my files.

Canadian MedicAlert® Foundation

2005 Sheppard Ave. East, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario M2J 5B4
Telephone 1-888-696-0275 · Fax 1-800-392-8422 (416) 696-0156

www.medicalert.ca

MedicAlert® is a Registered Trademark and Service Mark.
MedicAlert® is a national registered charity. Charitable Registration No. 10686 3293 RR0001.



Summer Day Camps:

For more information on sports, leisure and tennis camps contact: Parks, Recreation and Culture, Summer Activities Coordinator at (705) 324-9411 ext. 1364 Lauren Finney or ext. 1365 Atheana Buckley or email lfinney@city.kawarthalakes.on.ca

City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library July/August Events

Lindsay Library

Splash, Special Events
Wednesdays at 2 pm during July & August
Registration required.

“Summer Splash Crafts”
Thursdays at 2 pm during July & August
Registration required.

“Splish, Splash Stories”
Fridays at 10:30 am during July & August

“Read to the Dogs”

Thursdays from 10:30- 12 noon
July 14, 28, August 18, 25
Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30
July 19 & August 9
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

CKL 2011 Milk Run:

Save Sunday, July 17 to participate in the 10k or 5k route start and finish at the Lindsay Recreation Complex. Registration forms are available online at www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/milkrun or register by calling 324-9411 ext. 1306 or 1365. Volunteers are also needed.

**On The Last Day
Gr. 6 Clap out @ 2:30 pm
Have a safe and super summer!**