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The Alexandra Public School Newsletter

September 30, 2010



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that the first month of school is behind us. It was nice to see so many parents and students at our Open House. Our staff and I enjoyed meeting and talking with you. Thank you to Mr. McGregor and our grade 6 students for organizing the games in the gym. They were a hit. A special thank you to our students who took on leadership roles as our greeters : Charlie Alfredsson, Brooklyn Korz and Hunter Williams. Thanks also to our sales of pies and hats leaders in support of our School Council's efforts to fundraise for new playground equipment : Owen Coons, Natasha Bell, Summer Schweitzer and Juliette Silviera. Thank you to all our families who supported these two fundraisers.

We continue to focus on the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Steven Covey to promote leadership and character development in Alexandra Public School. This month we have been working on Habit 1: Be Proactive. Proactive people are "I Can" people. These people take responsibility for their own actions, set goals and believe in themselves. Setting personal goals requires discipline, time, and a desire to make personal change. Achieving personal goals can be as simple as making a promise and keeping that promise. One of the personal goals for students and teachers is daily communication between home and school through the use of our school agendas. The agenda is an excellent tool for teachers, parents and students to send messages and reminders.

On October 1 we will begin our magazine campaign; we hope that you will be supportive of the efforts of our school council to raise money for new equipment for our school playground. I would like to thank Pippa Stephenson and Lynda Craven for their dedication to this major fundraising project.

LEADERSHIP AND CHARACTER EDUCATION:

Alexandra is proud to announce the **ROYAL RECOGNITION** assemblies which will be held on the last Friday of every month. Two students who have demonstrated leadership in the character focus of the month will be selected from each class to receive the Royal Recognition Award for their classroom. The chart below indicates which of the character traits are the focus for the month.

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<u>Month</u>	<u>Character Trait</u>
September	Personal Goals
October	Perseverance
November	Responsibility
December	Compassion
January	Trustworthiness
February	Honesty
March	Fairness
April	Citizenship
May	Respect
June	Self Control

As last year, all students are members of our Royal houses: House of Sussex, House of Colbourne, House of Francis and House of Albert. Students will earn credits for their house through their participation in various school and extracurricular activities. Students can also earn credits for achievement in activities outside of school. **Please let the school know if your child has earned an award, recognition or has performed a service in the community.**

ROYAL RECOGNITION:

Congratulations to the following students who received recognition at Friday's assembly for their demonstrated leadership in "achieving personal goals": Ashley Moore, Riley Cunningham, Adam Shelton, Alex Waldner, Emily Peters, Jack Polito, Sebastian Arscott, Annie Piggott, Brooklyn Gassien, Paige Ashmore, Brittany Peters, Michael Dimoglou, Tucker Muirhead, Juliette Polito, Patrick Queen.

Royal Recognition Assemblies Go Global!

Again this year, we want our Royal Recognition Assemblies to reflect the reality that Royals achieve great things both in and out of school. We are asking that if you know of a Royal who has accomplished a significant achievement outside of school to let us know so that we can celebrate their achievement with them here at school. This achievement could be in the field of sport, arts, music, drama community service or any number of areas.

We will have a section of our Royal Recognition Assembly dedicated to recognizing those Royals and their noteworthy accomplishments. Just call the school and let us know!

Leadership and Character Education Every Day 5

Every Day 5 this year we will be focussing on character through our Learning Buddy program. Each Royal has been placed in a Royal house and will spend forty minutes every Day 5 with their house exploring themes of leadership and character development, cooperation, community building. We are looking for interested individuals who would like to present to our Royals around these themes. Please give us a call if you have any ideas or information.

Alexandra Public School has received their initial results. Alexandra Public School continues to maintain growth in achievement in provincial assessment scores. APS will be continuing to focus on literacy and mathematics as a priority for our students.

Percentage of students at Alexandra Public School achieving at or above the provincial standard:		
Grade 3	School 2009-2010	Board 2009-2010
Reading	84	65
Writing	84	70
Math	89	72
Grade 6		
Reading	90	74
Writing	83	67
Math	97	64

Ecoschool News

This year the Alexandra Royal's became a certified Ecoschool at the Silver Level. We need to continue to implement and document environmental initiatives such as waste reduction, energy conservation, school ground greening, and building environmental stewardship throughout the school community. If any parents or community members are interested in being part of the Ecoteam, please send a note to Ms. Wasteneys.

All classes have their recycling bins in place and twice a week students from each class will bring accumulated recycling to the central bins. Our goal for this year is to reduce the amount of recycling produced by encouraging students to bring litterless lunches, using paper on both sides, etc.

During the month of October we will be focusing on waste reduction. During waste reduction week the Ecoteam will be challenging all classes to bring litterless lunches. The Environment trophy will be awarded to the class that had the most students participating during the week. The trophy will remain in their class until the next challenge. The kindergarten class was the last winner of the trophy.

We will also be participating in International Walk to school Week (October 4-8). **All students are encouraged to walk or cycle to school on October 6.** Stickers and Royal House credits will be awarded to all participants.

School Council 2010-2011:

Our School Council has been very busy. Currently, our School Council is very busy organizing and managing the magazine campaign. Our next meeting is on **October 12th at 6:30** in the library. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting and join us in making a difference in the lives of our children. The following positions will be filled at the Oct. 12th meeting. Our School Council Chair is Pippa Stephenson. There are still spaces on the school council should you wish to join our executive.

Other positions still to be filled this year are listed below.

Parent representatives:

Community representative:

Fundraising Chairperson:

Santa Claus Parade Coordinator:

Volunteer Coordinator:

Staff representatives: Principal, Jane Avery, Teacher, Sheila Shauf and support staff, Susan Young.

Parent Learning Carousel

School Council will be hosting Parent Learning Carousel **on October 20th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** The evening of learning is funded through our proposal for a Parent Reaching Out grant from the Ontario Ministry of Education. At each station of the carousel parents have the opportunity to learn about provincial and board initiatives being implemented at Alexandra Public School:
The new Elementary Progress Report Card and new Elementary Provincial Report Card
Restorative Practices when challenging behavior
The Leader In Me : How Schools and Parents Around the World Are Inspiring Greatness, One Child At A Time
The School Food and Beverage Policy

RECENT EVENTS/NEWS

Lindsay Central Exhibition:

From the school: Thank you to Mrs. Campbell for constructing the school display, which honoured our 100th anniversary at the fair this year. Thank you to all the children who participated by entering arts, crafts and produce . It is great to walk through the exhibits and see Alexandra Public School as a significant contributor to this important event in the Lindsay community.

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Breakfast Program:

Every morning a balanced selection of the four food groups is delivered in bins to each of the classrooms. The baskets are collected at the end of the school day. Every APS student can participate in this program. Thank you to Michelle Dimoglou who works tirelessly to coordinate this important service to our students. Thank you to parents and students who have volunteered you time to support our breakfast program. We need volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, we would really appreciate your help. **Please call Michelle Dimoglou at 340-5837 for more information and to offer help.**

The staff, students and parents at Alexandra P.S. want to thank the Kawartha Food Bank and Tim Horton's for their donations of food items for our Breakfast Program. Their support is greatly appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Food Drive

As Thanksgiving approaches, Alexandra Public School is collecting unperishable food items to support local food banks. The grade three/four class is asking everyone to help, by sending in non-perishable food for those in need. Thank you to Mrs. Schweitzer for managing this food drive. Thank you also to FCC, Farm Credit Canada for providing a DVD and items to assist in this drive.

Class Trips:

In order to go on class trips with your child you must have a police check on file at the school office. You go to the police office and complete the forms they have there. The cost is \$30.00. This fee will be waived if you first ask for a letter from APS stating you volunteer at the school. The process takes about 3 weeks. If you have submitted a police check to the school office drop by next time you are in the school to sign a declaration stating you have done nothing illegal since the police check.

NOTE: Many parents returned the offence declaration but do NOT have a police check on file – please be sure you have given us a copy of your police check. The offence declaration on its own is not enough.

Cross Country Meet: October 6th (rain date: October 7th) Ken Reid Park

The Cross-Country Running Club has started. You may have seen our Royal Runners touring the block around our school on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday .mornings. Mrs. Wasteneys, Mrs. Pogue and Mme Deuchars would like to thank those dedicated runners who are coming out to run each morning. A special thank you goes out to the parents who are staying and volunteering to supervise the streets so that our students can run safely. Your assistance is very much appreciated. The County Cross Country meet will take place on Wednesday, October 6th with raindate being Oct. 7th.

Headcheck:

We desperately need volunteers. Contact the office if you are able to volunteer and need training. A video is available and the commitment is once a month from 9:00 am to 10:30 approx.

Photo Day:

See the October calendar for details. Note: those students participating in the Cross Country Meet Oct.6 will have their picture taken Oct.7. If the Meet changes due to weather they will have their picture taken Oct. 6.

Zone Soccer Meet:

See the October calendar for details.

County Soccer Meet:

See the October calendar for details.

QSP Magazine Campaign:

The campaign will kick off Oct. 1 and magazine orders are due in Oct. 18.

Halloween Celebrations:

Our Halloween Parade of ghouls, ghosts and goblins will be held at 1:45 p.m. If you can join us please do! Classroom teachers will be sending home information about their classroom celebrations.

**100th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion Update
Mothers' Day Weekend May 6th & 7th 2010**

The last meeting of the 100th Anniversary and Reunion committee was held on September 15, 2010. Former principal, Brian Hough, is our chairperson. Brian has contacted former principals to update the history of Alexandra Public School which he authored in the early 1990's. A banner, posters and cards with information about the event have been printed and will be distributed following our next meeting on October 13th. We received many comments on our display at the Lindsay fair and look forward to receiving contact information from our Alumni. Please visit our website at <http://aps.tdsb.on.ca/> and click on School News to let us know you will be joining us for this historical event.

Community News

City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library October Events

Lindsay Library

“Storytime”

Wednesdays at 2 pm
Thursdays at 10:45 am
October 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27,
28

Read to the Dogs
Saturday, October 16 from 10
am to 12 noon.
Call to book your 15 minute
session.

“Family Storytime”

Fridays at 10:30 am
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Drama Workshop
An introduction to drama
through movement, costume
and voice
Wednesday, Oct. 6 & 13 at 6:30
pm
Age 5 years and up
Advance registration required.

“Art Creations 101”

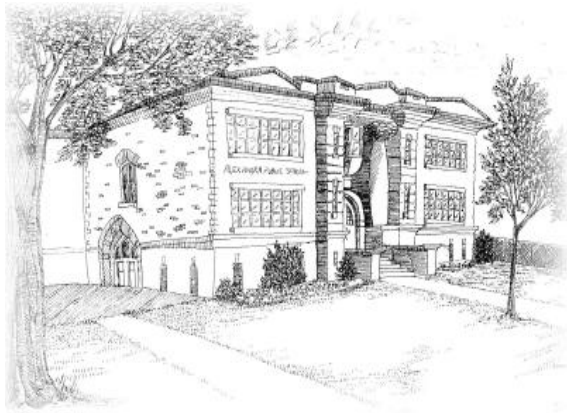
Wednesday, October 21
4 pm & 6:30 pm
Age 7 years and up.
Advance registration required.

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

New Web Site “Fight Lice” to help Parent:

This free, online resource is designed to help parents fight lice. Go to www.popteachers.com

BGCKL NEWS! The Boys and Girls Clubs of Kawartha Lakes 14th ANNUAL COATS FOR KIDS program begins Oct. 12, 2010 with the generous support of the Lindsay Dry Cleaners, Kent Cleaners, Canadian Red Cross and the United Way. Coats will be available to pick up at the Boys and Girls Club of Kawartha Lakes, 107 Lindsay Street South, Lindsay 8:30am – 5:30pm. Please take gently used coats, hats, scarves and mittens in good condition to Lindsay Dry Cleaners or Kent Cleaners before Oct. 8TH, 2010.



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ORDER FORM FOR SCHOOL CAPS

If you would like to order a school cap or bucket hat, please complete the form below and send it to the office along with payment by Oct. 30, 2010.

Choices: **Caps: \$10.00** **Bucket Hats: \$15.00**

Please put a **check mark** beside your choice

Black cap with red peak (the "A" for Alexandra will be red)

Red cap with red peak (the "A" will be yellow)

Bucket Hat (tan color with red "A")

Sizes:

a) **Caps:** (one size fits all style with adjustable back tab)

Please check mark: **Youth** OR **Adult**

b) **Bucket Hats:**

Please **check mark** youth OR adult and **circle** the size you wish to order:

Youth OR **Adult**

small medium large x-large

Payment to be included:

Cheque Amount: _____ Cash Amount: _____

Student Name

Teacher

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