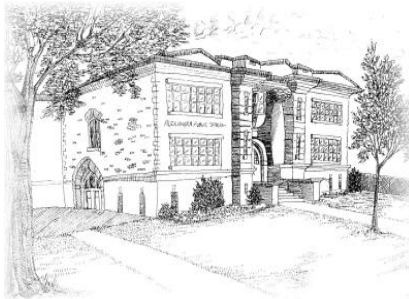


December 2013



K. Burge, Principal



Of Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected

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TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF:

WISHING YOU MUCH HAPPINESS AND MANY GOOD TIMES AS YOU CELEBRATE THIS DECEMBER WITH ALL THE SPECIAL PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE. THE WEATHER MIGHT BE COLD BUT YOUR HEART SHOULD BE WARM TO SHARING AND CARING.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Principal's Message

November was a busy month with students taking part in our Remembrance Day Assembly, Soccer Tournaments, and numerous Anti Bullying activities. Our students have been practicing being kind to one another and helping others both at school and at home. We are looking forward to December and our Christmas Concert. Each class will perform a special number in our two performances, so please book December 11th at 1:40 pm or 7 pm on your calendar. We are looking for donations for our Silent Auction on that day as well. Please bring in items to the office at any time.

Book Fair

Come and shop the Scholastic Book Fair on December 4 - 6 before and after school (8:00 am to 9:00 am and 3:10 to 4:00 pm)

Help your child choose some reading materials for the holidays and encourage their love of reading. Great gifts for lots of people on your list! This is an excellent fundraiser for our school to support the purchase of new and exciting books and to support all initiatives to support our student's love of learning!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 4 - 6 Book Fair

Dec. 11 - Christmas Concert and Silent Auction

Dec. 19 - Christmas Assembly

Dec. 20 to Jan 6 Holidays

Jan. 15 - School Council Meeting

Jan. 15 - Volleyball Zone Tournament

Compassion:

is being understanding and caring, showing empathy by wanting to help, listen, and say kind words.



Kinsmen Toy Drive

The Lindsay Kinsmen Club is looking for your help to bring gifts to over 1400 local children for Christmas. **Please donate** to the Kinsmen Toy Drive. There is a toy barrel in the hallway outside of the office.

Week of Kindness and Anti-Bullying

During the week of November 18 - 22 our school participated in various activities to support "Stand Up to Bullying". We began the week with a Kick Off Assembly with Constable Jeff Wentworth, our Community Services Officer, talking to everyone about what bullying looks like and how we can be effective bystanders. He also left certificates for free Dairy Queen ice cream cones which were given out to students throughout the week who demonstrated "Stand Up behaviours." Evidence of positive behaviour was everywhere, in the classrooms, the halls and even on the school yard. Great job Royals!

Reading Buddies

All students at Alexandra School began reading with their buddies last week. Students were each given a book mark with the Reading Strategies to help when a word is challenging. Every other week on Day 1 period 5 students will read with their buddies and hopefully create a love of reading.

Volleyball Update

The tournament volleyball team has been selected and is working hard to prepare for the Zone and County tournaments in January 16 (Zone) & January 23 (County). Approximately 32 kids from Gr's 4, 5, and 6 attended try-outs. A practice team was established for the month of November and included 24 students. The tournament team was selected from this group. The team is working hard to improve and learn a new sport. The team practices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays after school.

Drum Fit

We have purchased our own drum fit equipment at Alexandra. We have four grade 6 students who have prepared Drum fit routines to teach our students during recesses! This will be a fun and active way to keep fit.



Breakfast Club

We would like to thank all of our Breakfast Club volunteers for your dedication to our students. Every morning we hear students laughing as they deliver the baskets to the classrooms. What a wonderful way to start the day!

Character Recognition Assembly

Throughout the month of November, we have been practicing the character trait of responsibility. The awards assembly will be held on December 5, 2013.



Christmas Concert: Thursday, December 11th

This year we are having both an afternoon and evening presentations. The afternoon performance will begin at 1:40 pm and the evening performance will start at 7 pm. Each class will be performing a skit or song. There will be a Silent Auction taking place during this time also. We hope you are able to attend.



Inform the Office

Please continue to let us know if your **address, phone number or other contact phone numbers change**. We must keep up-to-date records in order to contact you if your child is ill. **Please remember that all visitors to the school are asked to sign in at the office.**

School Council

Our school council meets on Wednesday evenings this year. Please check out the Bulletin Board inside the doors by the gym for lots of information pertaining to School Council. We are taking turns being the Chairperson at meetings this year. We hope this will help everyone feel like a valued member and understand the important role of School Council. The next meeting will be held on January 15. We welcome new members to any meeting.

Hats Off

Thanks to our Lunch monitors and Peer mediators who help out every day at school. Students take on a leadership role in the classrooms and on the school yard to help younger students when they are having challenges. Great job student helpers!

Volunteers

Special thanks go out to Mrs. Pippa Stephenson for running the QSP Magazine Campaign once again this year. Mrs. Stephenson's efforts have raised approximately \$2,000 to help towards the cost of school trips and other School Council initiatives.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT TIPS

This month's Parent Engagement Tips can be found at <http://tldsb.ca/parent-engagement/?layout=category>

QSP Fundraiser

Magazines will be delivered to subscribers within 10-16 weeks, depending on the magazine (i.e., Canadian vs American, # of issues/year). If you have any questions regarding orders placed, please contact the QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536. Please **do not** call the school, call QSP directly as they will be able to answer specific questions more accurately and investigate any concerns. All orders placed helped raise money for the school as well as allow students to earn prizes. Throughout the year, you are still able to order magazines at discounted rates on-line at www.qsp.ca. Quote the school code –9891 and money from these sales will profit the school; however students will not be awarded prizes for any more sales this year.



Dressing for Winter

It is important that students take part in outdoor recesses. It gives them the opportunity to get some exercise, fresh air and play with friends. However, it can be very unpleasant for students when inappropriately dressed. Please listen to weather reports in the morning and ensure your child comes to school wearing warm clothes. **We recommend you write the name of your child in each article of clothing and boots. Often children do not claim lost articles.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library

Has many Special Events Planned for December.

For further information, please contact:

Library Administration 705-324-9411 ext. 1291

call the Lindsay Branch at 705 324-5632

Or <http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/residents/library-services>

The Kinette Club of Bobcaygeon

Invites you to

SANTA'S BREAKFAST

on December 14th, 2013

at the Lion's Hall, Main Street, Bobcaygeon

from 8:30 am to 11:00 am

Children 10 and under - FREE

Children 11 and over & Adults - \$3.00

Adults must accompany children when visiting

Santa upstairs for FREE pictures

Written instructions will be provided regarding time & place
for pick-up of pictures



Happy
Holidays!