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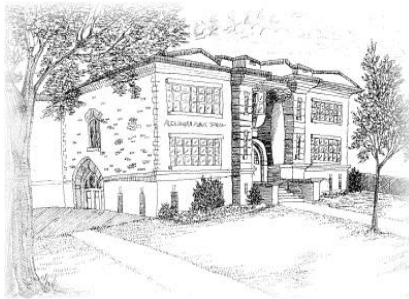
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### Principal's Message

Welcome to April! This is always such a wonderful month for reminding us that warmer days are not far away! However, April also means puddles and mud on the playground! Thank you to the parents who have packed a change of clothes so that muddy adventures can be resolved quickly!

As the nicer weather approaches and the daylight lingers a little longer, it often becomes difficult to adjust family routines as their children play for longer periods of time outside. Please continue to monitor your child's agenda to ensure that homework tasks and messages are still checked daily.

I want to thank our parents for being so diligent in ensuring that their child is picked up at the school by 3:20 each day. At that time, supervision is no longer provided. Just a reminder as well that morning supervision begins on the yard at 8:35.

*Mrs. Leeder*

### Tips For Success

Simple activities such as board games, can help to build your child's math skills. Here is another activity that can help develop your child's understanding of number. Let your child think of a number between a stated range of numbers while you try to guess the number by asking questions. Here is a sample conversation. Vary the number depending on the age of the child.

**Child:** I am thinking of a number between 1 and 100.

**Parent:** Is it more than 50?

**Child:** No.

**Parent:** Is it an even number?

**Child:** No.

**Parent:** Is it more than 20 but less than 40?

**Child:** Yes.

**Parent:** Can you reach it by starting at zero and counting by 3's?

**Child:** Yes.

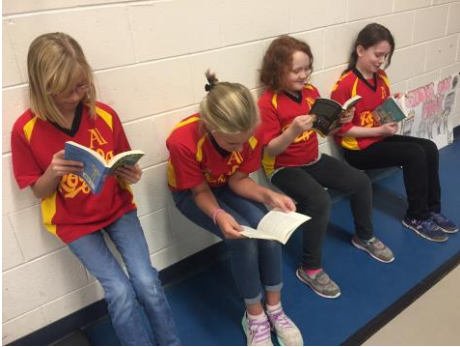
*(At this stage, your child could be thinking of 21, 27, 33, or 39.)*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 3 - Junior Zone Basketball  
Apr. 3 - Last Day for Talent Show Applications  
Apr. 5 - Battle of the Books  
Apr. 6 - Elmira Chicken Fundraiser begins  
Apr. 10 Royal Recognition @ 2:20  
Apr. 14 and 17 - Easter Holiday  
Apr. 19 - Right to Play  
Apr. 19 - Elmira Chicken Orders Due  
Apr. 20 - SK Pictures  
Apr. 20 - Grade 6 Grad Photos  
May 4 - Skipping  
May 12 - Jump Rope Dance-a-thon  
June 2 - PD Day

## Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books season began many weeks ago! This board wide competition is divided into Junior and Intermediate leagues. It is a friendly contest organized by volunteers and educators within our board on comprehension and reiteration of pre-selected novels. With support from their coach, Ms. McConnell, the students competed by reading as many of the required 10 novels within a predetermined amount of time. Competitions took place during recesses and from these, the team of Abigail, Rachel, Lily and Audrey was formed and competed at Leslie Frost P. S. on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The team was amazing. The only battle they lost was a nail-biter against Scott Young and they lost by ONE point!! They are now headed to Muskoka for the next round of competition where a TLDSB winner will be announced!



**Parent Council New** Parent Council will be meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We will be finalizing plans for our Family Movie Night that is happening on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We are so excited that we will be showing The Lego Batman Movie! Thanks to Danielle Holmes for getting this movie for us!



## Basketball Tournament

Ms. Coad has been very impressed with the dedication of the Junior Mixed Basketball Team! They worked really hard preparing for their tournament on April 3<sup>rd</sup> where they placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are heading to LCVI on April 12<sup>th</sup> for the County Tournament. Go Royals!!!!

## Skipping

Mrs. MacLean, Ms. McConnell and Mrs. Coumbs have had many skilled skippers trying out for this year's skipping team. They are now selecting the team that will compete on May 4<sup>th</sup>. While we know that everyone who tries out hopes to be on the team, the coaches will be selecting those who have learned the skills, techniques and speed.

## Talent Show

Wow! So many talented students at APS! Ms. Coad and Mrs. Leeder have been enjoying the auditions and there are a lot more to go this week and next. Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last day to hand in forms. Once all the auditions are completed, students will be notified as to whether or not they will be in the show. Performance dates have not been picked at this point.



## Boston Pizza Gives Back to APS

Don't forget that if you are dining out at the Lindsay Boston Pizza, you can indicate on the back of your receipt that you are supporting Alexandra Public School. When you do this, drop your receipt in the box at the restaurant and we will receive 10% of the total amount.

## Grad Photos

Our grade six students will have their grad photos taken on April 20<sup>th</sup>. On the same day, our senior kindertarten students will have their photos taken as part of their celebration of moving from kindergarten to grade one this year.

Grade 6 parents should mark Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> on their calendars as this is the night set for this year's graduation evening.

*Did you know that you must be at least 13 years old to open Facebook or Instagram accounts? Once these accounts are opened here are some great guidelines to consider:*

**Use privacy settings.** Privacy settings aren't foolproof, but they can be helpful. Take the time to learn how privacy settings work on your kids' favorite sites and apps, and teach your kids how to control the information they make public or private. Encourage them to check privacy settings regularly, since sites' policies often change.

**Tell your kids to think before they post.** Remind them that everything can be seen by a vast, invisible audience (otherwise known as friends-of-friends-of-friends), and, once something's online, it's hard to take back.

**Be a friend and follower.** Each family will have different rules, but, especially for younger kids, it's a good idea for parents to have access to their kids' pages to be sure that what's being posted is appropriate. Parents can help keep their children from doing something they'll regret later.

**Keep private information private.** Don't share your home address or other sensitive information online.

**Be respectful of others.** Kids may use social media to act out because they feel anonymous and that their actions are consequence-free. Make sure they understand that the Internet is a giant community that works best when everyone respects each other.

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