



ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Hwisulenhw (October) 2019 Newsletter



We gratefully acknowledge that we are learning together on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish People

THE ALEXANDER WOLF P.A.C.K.

We are so lucky! The learners at Alexander School are always doing such an amazing job of showing how Positive, Accepting, Cooperative, and Kind they are. This year, we opened up our Wolf Den on the very first day of school, and we can hardly believe how quickly it is already filling up. Not only are our returning students naturally falling back into these incredible habits, our new students have also enthusiastically jumped on board and have seamlessly settled into becoming part of our Alexander Wolf PACK family.

NEM 'TST' UMSHASUM

Learners in Divisions 12 & 13 are participating in a program called Nem'tst'Umshasum ("We are Going for a Walk") this year. Once per month, they will be taking their classes outdoors, to a variety of local sites to connect with nature and to our local Cowichan Culture. Their first day was last week was perfect! The sun'shathut was shining, and the learners were 'iyus (happy). 'Family is the Heart of Life' is the teaching for Pu'uq'ulenuhw (September) and we were so grateful to have had so many of our families join us for this day. Our sulhween, Merle Seymour welcomed us with a song and some drumming, and he and our District Elder and Knowledge-keeper, Dolly Sylvester, shared many teachings, photos, and stories around life in the big house, family, the river, and the sacred cedar tree, as well as the various types of canoes the Quw'utsun people used. At the end of the day, everyone put forth a heartfelt huy tseep q'u to the cooks who made an amazing meal, and to the Elders who shared their time and knowledge!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES –

A big and heartfelt Huy ch q'u to all of our families who have taken advantage of our great School Supply option. For only \$20/year, we will supply your child with everything that they will need for the entire school year. If you would like to take advantage of this great deal, please drop off \$20 to your classroom teacher, or to Sharon in our front office.

HOT DOG DAY

Last week, we offered a FREE Hotdog day to all students. Over the course the remainder of the year, we will be hosting Hot Dog Days about once per month. Hot dogs will be on sale for the low, low price of just \$1.00 per hot dog. We hope that this small cost for Hotdog Day will help us teach our students about the value and costs that are associated with creating meals. We will be sure to give families plenty of notice leading up to each upcoming hot dog day

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

As many of you have probably noticed, the parking lot can be a bit crazy at the end of the school day. Over the next little while we will be trying to implement some new systems to keep everyone safer as they depart from school. In the meantime, please remember these little tips:

- *Please park in designated parking spots (or on the road, if the lot is full), rather than parking or stopping in front of other parked cars.*
- *All students will be waiting for their bus or their family pick-up BEHIND the fence on the west side of the school. Please avoid using the office area, front lawn, or front entrance to the office as a pick-up location. This allows us to keep better track of which students are leaving with which adults*

FEEDBACK PLEASE! (WIN A GIFTCARD!)

School District 79 is seeking your feedback! They are looking for feedback from parents to help them create a District Strategic Plan. Fill out this form, return in to the school, and be entered for a chance to win a \$25 Gift Card to Great Canadian Superstore!



NAME:		PHONE #:
What type of world do you hope your children will create?		
What skills and attributes will they need to thrive in that world?		

OCTOBER Dates to Remember

Monday, October 14 – NO SCHOOL
(Thanksgiving Monday)

Monday, October 21 – PHOTO DAY

Tuesday, October 22 – PAC MEETING @ 8:45am

Friday, October 25 – NO SCHOOL
(Non Instructional Day)

Wednesday, October 30 – 2 Hour EARLY DISMISSAL

Important Dates November – June:

ALEXANDER SCHOOL – Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday, November 8, 2019 (10:30am)
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2019
ALEXANDER SCHOOL – Photo Retakes	Thursday, November 14, 2019
2-hour Early Dismissal (PLC)	Wednesday, November 20, 2019
ALEXANDER SCHOOL – Nem' tst' Umshasum' (Kindy)	Wednesday, November 27, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (District Pro-D)	Friday, November 29, 2019
ALEXANDER SCHOOL – Nem' tst' Umshasum' (Kindy)	Wednesday, December 18, 2019
Last day of school before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2019
Winter Vacation	December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020
School re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6, 2020
ALEXANDER SCHOOL – Nem' tst' Umshasum' (Kindy)	Wednesday, January 22, 2020
2-hour Early Dismissal (PLC)	Wednesday, January 29, 2020
Non-Instructional Day (Teacher Pro-D)	Friday, February 14, 2020
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
ALEXANDER SCHOOL – Nem' tst' Umshasum' (Kindy)	Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Last day of school before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 6, 2020
Spring Break	March 9, 2020 to March 20, 2020
School re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 23, 2020
ALEXANDER SCHOOL – Nem' tst' Umshasum' (Kindy)	Wednesday, March 25, 2020
Good Friday	Friday April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13, 2020
1-hour Early Dismissal	Friday, April 17, 2020
Non-Instructional Day (District Pro-D)	Monday, April 20, 2020
ALEXANDER SCHOOL – Nem' tst' Umshasum' (Kindy)	Wednesday, April 22, 2020
2-hour Early Dismissal (PLC)	Wednesday, April 29, 2020
Non-Instructional Day (Teacher Pro-D)	Friday, May 1, 2020
2-hour Early Dismissal (PLC)	Wednesday, May 13, 2020
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2020
ALEXANDER SCHOOL – Nem' tst' Umshasum' (Kindy)	Wednesday, May 27, 2020
ALEXANDER SCHOOL – Ready, Set, Go	Friday, May 29, 2020
ALEXANDER SCHOOL – Nem' tst' Umshasum' (Kindy)	Wednesday, June 17, 2020
Last day of school for students (2-hour early dismissal)	Thursday, June 25, 2020