



ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 2019 Newsletter

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GRATITUDE



With the new year comes new opportunities to reflect and give thanks for all that we appreciate about our lives and our work. The staff at Alexander are hopeful that our families and community know how grateful we are that you trust us with your children each day. Every single one of our staff members loves coming to work each day, and loves the opportunities we have to work with such amazing students. If there is ever a time that you are concerned with something happening at school, please reach out to us. We have 3 Aboriginal Support Workers (Gary Johnny, Elaine Jack, Terry Daniels) who are always available to help connect you with our classroom teachers, or with the office, if you would like support.

ALEXANDER WOLF P.A.C.K.

I cannot believe how quickly our Wolf Den is filling up again! It warms my heart to see so much tangible evidence of our students demonstrating Positive, Accepting, Cooperative, and Kind behaviours! My favourite moments each day are the times when kids come running to the office, holding out their little wolf paw to add to the Den. We have been taking photos of each student in front of the wolf den after they've added their paw to it; hopefully the photos are making it home and you are hearing about the great choices they are making.



FACEBOOK



We have been working hard at keeping our School Facebook Page more up to date this year. We are posting at least once per day, and sharing things like notices for field trips, weekly updates, amazing photos of our students' art, and of course some important reminders.

Please consider following our page at: fb.me/alexanderelementaryschool

BUS LANE REMINDERS

Thank you to those who have shifted their pick-up/drop-off routines to help contribute to a safer parking lot! A reminder for those who might have missed the last newsletter:

- Please do not park in the bus lane
- Please be mindful of the buses in the bus lane; if they have their stop sign out on the side of their bus, please do not pass them



INCLEMENT WEATHER

The storm and power outage in December was a good reminder to us about our school policies, etc around inclement (bad!) weather. If the power goes out at school, we will continue to be in session. We have back up lights, water, and lots of natural sunlight with all of the windows. If there is ever any weather that results in school being closed, we will share that information in the following ways:

- Our school Facebook page (fb.me/alexanderelementaryschool)
- The local radio station (89.7 Juice FM)
- The School District 79 Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CowichanValleySD79/>)

And if something comes up that requires us to close the school mid-day, we will phone families to let them know. This means that it is important to ensure that we have up-to-date contact information in our computer system.



STRONG START

Did you know that Alexander Elementary School has a STRONGSTART program? All families with children under the age of 5 are welcome to join our FREE drop-in program.

Strong Start is open Monday-Friday, from 8:30am-11:30am. Come on by and meet our amazing Strong Start facilitator, Alexis, and get your little ones familiar and comfortable with our school!



StrongStart BC

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is fast approaching for all our schools in the Cowichan Valley School District. Registration for Kindergarten at Alexander starts on Monday, January 28th. To register, please bring proof of BC residency and a Canadian Birth Certificate or Canadian Passport to your school.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES
<p>Friday, January 18th NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 30th 2 Hour Early Dismissal</p>

