

ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

June 2021 Newsletter



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

WHAT A YEAR!

'Uy' Skweyul! What a year we have survived! I am so pleased to see the number of students who have returned to the Wolf PACK over the last few months; we are so glad to have you back! And, we are looking forward to seeing the rest of our Wolf PACK back with us in September. If you are planning NOT to return to in-class learning in September, please let us know. We will not be able to offer the same Outreach services that we offered this year.

STAFFING FOR NEXT YEAR

For the first time in a number of years, we will see a reduction in our teaching staff, due to decreased enrolment. While we are sad to see Mr. Douglas and Mr. Parsons leave the Wolf PACK, we know that they are excited to embark on some new endeavours. Mr. Douglas will be teaching Grade 8s at Quamichan, and Mr. Parsons will be teaching PE at Chemainus Secondary School. We will also be saying farewell to some of our temporary staff members; we wish them the best of luck in landing their dream jobs in the fall: Ms. Sveistrup, Ms. Moon, Mrs. Dupois, Mr. Sears, Ms. Sonia, Ms. Burns, and Ms. Dyer. Additionally, we are not yet sure where our wonderful EAs Wolf PACK members will be next year, but we will be sure to keep our fingers crossed that they all get to stay here!

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Monday, June 21st is *National Indigenous Peoples' Day* and we are so excited to celebrate. Due to COVID protocols, we will not be able to host the type of celebration that we've enjoyed for the last few years. Unfortunately, families will not be permitted to attend. We will, however, be working hard to ensure that all of our learners get to experience this important day of recognition in a safe and healthy way.

GRADE 7 CELEBRATION

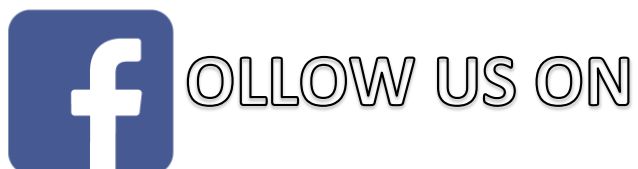
We will be hosting our Grade 7 celebration on Thursday, June 24th. Again, due to COVID protocols, this celebration will look a bit different than it has looked in the past. We will be contacting Grade 7 families directly to share the details of this event. We would like to wish each and every one of our Grade 7 learners the very best of luck for Grade 8! They will always be in the Wolf PACK of our hearts.

OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACES

This spring we have seen many exciting additions to our outdoor spaces at Alexander. Thanks to some wonderful grants, we have been adding some outdoor learning spaces, gardens, a sensory riverbed, picnic tables, benches, some boulders, soon, some more trees. We are so excited to see both students and the community learn and play in and around these updated spaces. A BIG huy ch q'u to Kinsol Timber, the Worthington family, Stone Pacific, A Cut Above, Hill Side, and Live Edge for all their support and hard work!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are excited that we will be able to offer unlimited school supplies for the entire year for just \$20 again! Woot-Woot! If you would like to pre-pay for this awesome service, please contact Sharon at the front office.



We have been working hard at keeping our School Facebook Page up to date. 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

