



ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY October Newsletter

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

'Uy skweyul Alexander Families!

This past month at Alexander we have seen many changes at our school. The Cooler days are here, the leaves are changing colour and our learners are beginning to settle into their new classes. Our learners have been working hard to learn new routine and to remember the importance of being an amazing Wolf PACK member. We are Positive, Accepting, Co-operative and Kind! When you enter Alexander, you will see a very full Wolf Den with many paws recognizing the hard work of all our members.

This month, many of our learners have had the opportunity to enjoy land-based learning days out and about in our community. Several of our older grades were able to spear fish in the Cowichan River, while our youngest learners were able to visit the Quamichan Big House. We ran and raised money for Terry Fox, we had a school wide sports day, and we painted feathers in honour of National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Members of the Cowichan Capitals came to read and play sports with us and seven of our classes were able to attend the ballet! What an amazing and jam-packed month we have all had!

Please continue to pay attention to our Facebook page where we post reminders and upcoming events. As always, families are encouraged to keep in touch with their children's teachers and if you have any questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We are so grateful for each of you!

Huy tseep q'u (thank you all).

Ann Kissinger & Kelly Girvan



Upcoming & Important Dates to Remember

October 20th – Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
October 23rd – School Picture Day
October 25th – PLC - 2 hr. Early Dismissal
October 31st – Halloween Good Times (More info to come!)
November 10th – 10:30am Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 13th – No School – In recognition of Remembrance Day
November 22 – PLC 2 hr. Early Dismissal
November 24th – Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL

School Supplies

If you have not already paid for school supplies, we will continue to accept payment of \$20 in the office. This will cover your student for all of their school related supplies for the entire year. If you are unable to pay \$20 now, we are happy to collect smaller installments throughout the year.

Grade 6 Immunization

Island Health immunization consent packages for grade 6 students will be sent home shortly. Please follow the instructions inside the consent package and return the signed consent form to the school. Students in grade 6 will be offered immunizations in school-based clinics with the consent of parent/guardian/representative.

Contact the local Margaret Moss Health Unit at (250)709-3050 if you have any questions.

Visitors and Early Pickup

A reminder that all adults visiting the school must enter through the main doors only and sign in. If you are picking up a student, please make sure you sign the student out (white binder at the front) prior to leaving.

Parking Lot

Our parking lot is a busy place. If you are picking up your child, and there are no available parking stalls, please do not park behind other cars and exit your vehicle. This prevents cars from exiting the parking lot. If there are no available stalls, please consider parking across the road and walking over to our pick-up area.

Personal Tech and Toys at School

A friendly reminder to all our families – If you send your child to school with a cell phone or other device, please encourage them to keep that device turned off, and in their bag (this also includes during the lunch break). While we would prefer that the devices don't come to school at all; you can always phone the office if you need to get a message to your kid(s)!

Please keep toys (including POKEMON cards) at home. More often than not, toys are a distraction and can lead to disappointment when they are lost or traded. Alexander has three great playgrounds, wonderful activities inside, and 300 new friends to meet! Thanks for your understanding and support with this!

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erase Family Sessions 2023/2024

Everyone Welcome!

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sexortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Dates	Delivery	Registration Link
November 8, 2023 6:30pm – 7:30pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732334942527?aff=oddtcreator
November 28, 2023 7:00pm – 8:00pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator
November 30, 2023 6:30pm – 7:30pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator

Questions regarding general erase training may be emailed to: erase@gov.bc.ca

Cowichan Valley Museum – Chief Dan George Exhibit – Oct 5 to Dec 15



Chief Dan George: Actor and Activist is a travelling exhibit featuring the life of Chief Dan George and a timeline of Indigenous history in BC. Please check the Cowichan Valley Museum's website, www.cvmuseum.ca, for mor information on this exhibit and other school programs.

CVAC | ART SHOW
COWICHAN VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL

**CALL TO LEGO LOVERS
- ALL AGES**

Nuts'a'wuqw (Community)
Show Dates: December 18 - 22, 2023

This exciting annual show returns. Come see unique LEGO creations. This year's theme is **Nuts'a'wuqw (Community)**

Register on our website cowichanvalleyartscouncil.ca

CVAC Gallery, 2697 James Street, Duncan, B.C.
MON - FRI, 11am - 4pm | SAT, 12pm - 4pm
250-746-1633 | FREE ADMISSION