



ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY
November 2024 Newsletter

Cowichan Monthly Teaching

**Stsielhstuhw tu S-ul'hween
(Honour the Elders)**

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

Alexander Families,

November is in full swing, and learners are settling into classes and the year ahead of them. Smun'eem have made great strides in their learning, in advocating for their needs and for being great Wolf PACK members who are Positive, Accepting, Cooperative and Kind.

This month we look forward to celebrating and sharing the learning with families as the first written learning update will be sent home on November 21. Please encourage your learner to share their progress with you and do not hesitate to reach out if you would like to discuss this update with the classroom teacher. We are here to help!

At this time of the year, we begin our whole school preparations as we come together to celebrate the winter months and the sounds of the season. We look forward to welcoming families to our school for our annual Winter Concert on December 12th at 1pm.

Looking forward to sharing this season and the celebrations of learning with you all,

Huy tseep q'u

Ann Kissinger – Principal

Brenda Lee – Vice Principal

Please check out our Facebook page for weekly updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/alexanderelementaryschool/>



Save the Date – December 12th



On December 12th we will be hosting our Winter Concert beginning at 1pm. Please come and join us in celebrating the season and listening to the singing talents of the Alexander Wolf PACK.

Dates to Remember

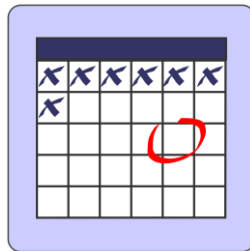
November 20th – 2 hr. Early Dismissal

November 22nd – Non-Instructional Day (NO SCHOOL)

December 12th – Winter Concert

December 20th – Last Day of Classes (Winter Break)

January 6th – First Day Back After Winter Break



Winter Gear & Lost and Found

As the temperatures begin to drop, smun'eem and families should begin dressing for the change in weather. Many mornings start cool and do not warm up until well into the day. Living on the west coast means that smun'eem should dress accordingly and plan for outside lunch recess most days.

Our Lost Found is once again filling up. Please remind your smun'eem to check our box for missing items. Families, please consider helping our learners by writing their names on their clothing tag. At our Winter concert (Dec 12th) we will once again display the Lost and Found for all families to discover what they did not know was lost!

Inclement Weather

Dear Parents/Guardians:

With the winter season fast approaching, it is time to share the School District's procedures regarding inclement weather.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

The closure of schools in the district may occur when we are experiencing severe winter weather conditions, or when it is simply unsafe to drive. Again, it will be determined by approximately 5:45 a.m. whether to close schools in the district after assessing the situation.

WHERE TO FIND BUS ROUTE AND SCHOOL CANCELLATION NOTIFICATIONS

Any notice of official school closures due to weather will be posted to the district **Facebook** and **Instagram** accounts. If your child uses Cowichan Tribes Bussing, please check their Facebook page for notifications and updates.

The following local radio stations will be contacted about inclement weather notifications:

- The Q! (100.3 FM)
- The Zone (91.3 FM)
- CBC (90.5 FM)
- SUN-FM (89.7 FM)
- CFAV (1070 AM)

The following TV stations will also be contacted:

- CTV Vancouver Island
- Global BC
- CHEK News

The school district website (www.sd79.bc.ca) will also be updated with a banner informing you of any closures.

In all cases, the safety of students will be the priority. Parents are equally encouraged to keep safety in mind when determining whether to take your child(ren) to school in the event the district is open during winter weather conditions. It is your prerogative to keep them at home if you feel it, is the safest choice. When able, students and families should come to the school grounds in suitable winter footwear, use designated walkways, and only park in designated drop off locations.

Training & Education Savings Grant



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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive the **\$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant**.

Children may be eligible if:

- The parent or guardian, and the child, are B.C. residents, and
- The child is between the age of 6 and the day before turning 9.

Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), and apply for the B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG), \$1,200 will be deposited into the RESP for your child. Students can then use the money to pay for post-secondary education or training expenses.

Plan today: you don't have to put any money into the RESP to receive the \$1,200.

Step 1: Get Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to <http://www.canada.ca/social-insurance-number> to find out how.

Step 2: Make an appointment with one of 56 financial organizations that offers the BCTESG. A list of partners is available here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/canada-education-savings/resp-promoters-list.html>

Bring the **SINs for you and your child and proof of B.C. residency** and say: **"I want to open an RESP and get the B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant for my child."**

Learn more:

BCTESG homepage QR Code



BCTESG homepage URL

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG>

Question? Contact: BCTESG@gov.bc.ca Your child may also be eligible for other, federal incentives, see: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/education-savings.html>.

Supporting Alexander's Water Only Initiative

After SIX amazing and successful years of celebrating "Water Only," we are continuing to carry on with this whole school healthy initiative! We ask all families to help our learners by saving juice boxes, energy drinks, and soda pops for at home. Huy steep q'u for all of your support!



School Schedule

Supervision Begins at 8:20 Daily

8:20 – Kitchen Opens for Breakfast

8:45 – Classes Begin

11:20-11:43 – Eating Time

11:43-12:28 – Outside Play

2:28 – Dismissal

Supervision Ends at 2:45pm