



ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY

October 2025 Newsletter

Cowichan Monthly Teaching
Ts'iiyulh ch 'u tuni' s-aamustham-mut
(Give thanks for what you have been given)

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

Dear Alexander Families,

Welcome to October and the start of fall weather and colours. We are off to a fantastic start at Alexander and are very proud of all the work our students and staff have done since the beginning of the school year.

This month, our students have been working hard to complete Literacy and Numeracy assessments. These assessments help our teachers know the strengths and stretches of our learners and to plan accordingly. In addition to these assessments, Grade 4 and 7 students have begun to work on their Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs). Well done learners for all the hard work and commitment to their learning that these tasks take.

In the month of October, students at Alexander have had many opportunities to learn on the land. Many divisions have had the chance to try spearfishing with the support of our Indigenous Education Team. Other classes will be travelling to Glenora Head Trail Park and Gold Stream park to walk the trails and learn about colours in Hul'q'umi'num.

Alexander learners continue to amaze us with their Positive, Accepting, Cooperative and Kind ways. Our Wolf Den is filling up, and we look forward to celebrating all the students' successes.

Huy tseep q'u

Darren Hart– Principal
Brenda Lee – Vice Principal

Dates to Remember

October 23rd – 2 hr. Early Dismissal
October 24th – Professional Development Day (NO SCHOOL)
November 3rd – Photo Retakes
November 10th – Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11th – Remembrance Day (NO SCHOOL)

School Supplies 2024-2025

If you have not paid your fees already, we are asking families to contribute thirty dollars (\$30) for each student to pay for their classroom school supplies. Here are some payment options:

- Cash, Debit/Credit in the office or [School Cash Online](#)

We will ensure each child gets supplies! Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions and would like more information, please email alexanderheadsecretary@sd79.bc.ca.

Student Pickup / Sign-in & Out Procedures

Just a friendly reminder to all families, if you are picking your children up early from school, please be sure to sign them out at the office. We would also ask that parents check in with the office upon arrival for pickup. Our office staff are happy to help with finding your child and getting them from their classroom.

Water Only Reminder

After SIX amazing and successful years of celebrating “Water Only,” we want to carry forward the healthy initiative! Please save juice boxes, energy drinks, and soda pops for at home.

To celebrate Wolf PACK Wednesday, we have provided all students with a water bottle again this year.



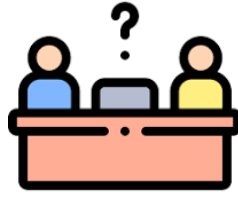
Safe Arrival Absence Reporting

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring all students arrive safely at school each day.

As part of our absence-checking procedures, we use a reporting system called SafeArrival. This system helps reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

To report your child's absence, use any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger** app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store or from <https://home.schoolmessenger.ca>.



We look forward to a fantastic year together! Please do not hesitate to reach out to the office if you have any questions or concerns.

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