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T'th'al'xwunmutsun/ November 2026 Newsletter

'uy' skweyul Alexander Wolf Pack & Families,

We hope all our smun'eem have a safe and happy Halloween! Thank you to the Halloween Committee and our Leadership students for organizing a wonderful afternoon of activities in the gym.

We are looking forward to another great month with our Wolf Pack!

Indigenous Veteran's Day & Remembrance Day
Sunday, November 8 – Indigenous Veteran's Day
On Sunday, we recognize the contributions of the Indigenous Veterans to peace keeping in Canada
Monday, November 9 @ 10:15 a.m. – Remembrance Day Assembly
As a school, we will come together to recognize the contributions of all our veterans. Families are welcome to join us for this important presentation.
Wednesday, November 11 – Remembrance Day
There is **no school** on Wednesday as we recognize Remembrance Day.
Wednesday, November 25 – Two-hour early dismissal.
Students will be dismissed two hours early (12:35).
Friday, November 27 – Non-Instructional Day
There is **no school** for students on November 27.

Save the Date: December 2nd at 1:00 p.m. Winter Concert
Our Winter Concert is fast approaching in December, so please mark your calendar, book the time off, whatever you need to do. We look forward to welcoming all our families for the 1 p.m. Winter Concert!

The Cowichan Valley School District's International Student Program:
The Cowichan Valley School District's International Student Program is once again recruiting homestay families. We have students from Europe and around the world and we are encouraging families to consider opening their home to welcome our new students to the Cowichan Valley. We have both short- and long-term hosting opportunities. Hosting an international student is an exciting, rewarding, and enriching experience that will allow Cowichan Valley families to learn about another culture and share what they know about Canada.

Our host families:

- Are willing to provide emotional, social, and academic support;
- Are open to new cultural experiences;
- Integrate their student into their family life and share activities together;
- Have transportation and the ability to pick up students occasionally;
- Provide a private bedroom with a desk, dresser, and closet;
- Provide healthy meals and snacks;
- Are paid $1200/month (2026/27 school year) per student when hosting.

For more information about our program you can email us (isp@sd79.bc.ca), call our office (250-746-0744), or visit our website (www.studyincowichan.com – look under the Homestay tab for more details).

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Wet Weather

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for rainy days. We have a small collection of extra jackets available for students who may need one during the school day. If your child comes home wearing a jacket that isn't theirs, please know this is one of the ways we help our smun'eem stay warm and dry while at school. You are welcome to keep the jacket if your family can use it, or return it to the school if you prefer.

Daylight Savings

This weekend the clocks will not be rolling back. What does this mean for us? Darker mornings. As students walk, bike, and ride the bus to school, now is a great time review safety habits, wear reflective gear, and make sure everyone is paying extra attention on the roads. A little visibility and a little patience can go a long way in keeping our school safe. Our Facebook and Instagram account will feature additional tips and reminders to help keep safe during the dark days ahead.

Every wolf. Every day. Every opportunity.
Attendance is important for all our smun'eem. Every student belongs. And every student brings something special to our Wolf Pack. We will have a weekly feature on our social media accounts on Sunday to highlight the positive impact that attendance has. We would encourage you to follow along.

In November we will also be introducing monthly "Surprise Attendance Days". Each student will be given a stamp card. Once a month we will be travelling around to classes to stamp the cards for those students who are present. At the end of the year, we will be doing a raffle for each stamp collected. Join us and collect all 8 stamps!

Need a Weekly Reminder?
Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/alexanderelementaryschool or on Instagram https://www.instagram.com/alexander_elementary for our Weekly Updates and other fun features and reminders!

Thank you for being such an important part of our Wolf PACK. We appreciate your support, communication, and partnership as we work together to make Alexander Elementary a great place to learn.

Have a wonderful November!

Huy ch q'u (Thank you),

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