



ALEXANDRA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2011

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A MESSAGE FROM THE Ms. Currie

On behalf of the Alexandra staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families a safe and fun Winter holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

The last day of school for 2011 will be FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23rd. Students will be dismissed at the regular time. School resumes on MONDAY, JANUARY 9th, 2012.

Alexandra Shares!

The Alexandra community amazes again! The amount of donations for our Alexandra shares program has been overwhelming this year. **Thank you!** If you are aware of a family in need at this time of the year, please feel free to contact the office, we want to do what we can to help everyone have a happy holiday.

Thank you Miss Conlon!

A big thank you goes out to Miss Conlon for filling in for Mrs. McNiven this fall. Miss Conlon, you did a great job and the Alexandra community will miss you.

Our Holiday Assembly

The Alexandra holiday assembly for Gr. 1-8 will be held Tuesday December 20th at 9:15. Each class will have an opportunity to share what they have been working on in the Arts this holiday season.

Kindergarten Holiday Musical

The Kindergarten holiday musical will be presented twice to accommodate as many parents as possible. The two showings are on Tuesday Dec. 13 at 9:15 am and Wednesday Dec. 14 at 2:00 pm.

The Alexandra Christmas Choir is busy this season!

They begin the holidays Friday Dec. 2 with a Carol sing Downtown St. Catharines. Parents are welcome to join us.

They have also been invited to sing at Christ Lutheran, Pen Financial and the Fairview mall. Please check out our calendar for the dates and times of all of our events. A special thank you to Mrs. Simmonds for her dedication to the Christmas Choir.



Alexandra "WHOVILLE"

Turkey Dinner WED, DEC. 21ST, 2011

Lunch will include: turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes and vegetables, salad and bread

Students are welcome to dress up in Dr. Seuss "WHO" costumes
THANK YOU TO THE SCHOOL COUNCIL FOR ORGANIZING THIS SPECIAL EVENT!

Volunteer Opportunities

Please be aware that there are many opportunities to get involved at Alexandra. Our breakfast program, Holiday Who-ville Turkey dinner, and "end of the year trip" fundraisers are all areas that you can pitch in. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping out in any way.



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Alexandra's first FRENCH IMMERSION Program

Off to a Start "Magnifique!"

Wow, we've only been in French Immersion 3 full months and already we're conversing in very fluent 'franglais'! Our teachers are proud of our efforts and at this rate they are optimistic that by January we will be fully conditioned to speak French with only a few English words:

CA C'EST FANTASTIQUE!

Our days are not only filled with new topics from the Grade five curriculum, but also fun interactive games, songs and activities that we experience on the SMART Board, through our AIM program and play preparation of "L'Arbre Ungali". Oh and food has been a big part of our learning as well, with bi-monthly **Cultural Days** (that we gladly share with all Junior Classes), which have introduced us to the world of Marcel Proust and his delicious Madeleine Cakes and just last week another culinary delight :REAL home-made ratatouille after watching the movie *Ratatouille*. January looks exciting with more stomach-pleasing French Cuisine as well as insight into French culture. It's fair to say that: We s'amuse beaucoup in notre classes de French. Bonnes Vacances et Joyeux Noel!

Fully Immersed,
Les Eleves de:
Mme Berner / Mme Janzen
Mme Kubarakos

Winter & Physical Activity

Did you know that Canadian children/youth ages six to 19 spend an average of 8.6 hours per day, or 62 per cent of their waking hours, being sedentary?

Here are some ways to help your children meet the recommended 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity each day:

Limit recreational screen time to no more than two hours per day.

Encourage children and youth to play outdoors

- Go skating or skiing

-Go for walks, hikes, build snowmen, go tobogganing

-Play catching games using a wide range of soft objects

For more information

www.activehealthykids.ca

or

www.participaction.com



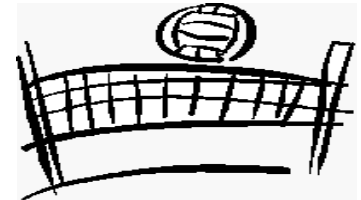
Congratulations to our volleyball teams for representing Alexandra with pride! Thank you to Mrs.Day, Mrs.Crawford, and Mr.Sirett for all your time and expertise in coaching.

Jr Boys Volleyball team

Braydon, Trevor, Detrick Holden, Eric, Cole, Justin Owen, Evan, Nolan, Liam Graeme, Sam, Lucas

Jr Girls Volleyball team

Lauren, Steeley, Ashley, Alyssa, Carlie, Lauren, Jonna Haley, Sienna, Stella, Tory, Brooklyn, Chloe, Hannah



SNOW THROWING

Throwing snow by students at school is a major safety concern during winter months. Serious injury could result. The rule at Alexandra is "No Snowing". This includes no kicking, no snow throwing, no activities that involve ice or snow of any kind. Only through strict adherence to this rule - including the walk to and from school - can we help to make our schoolyard safe for all students.