



ALEXANDRA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 1, 2011

WHAT'S the BIG IDEA?

We are in the process of completing our first Teaching Learning Critical Pathway (TLCP) of the year. Teachers have been using the critical thinking model to explore the big idea, "Asking questions helps us learn."

Why should we ask questions before, during and after reading?

To aid their comprehension, skillful readers ask themselves questions before, during, and after they read. You can help students become more proficient by modeling this process for them and encouraging them to use it when they read independently.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

At Alexandra, the Character Education trait for November is Cooperation. Each week, teachers will choose a student of the week who best exemplifies cooperation both in and outside of the classroom. These students receive a certificate and a bear paw at our Bear Den Assembly.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

To commemorate Remembrance Day on Friday November 11th, we will be holding an assembly in our gym starting at approximately 9:30 a.m. We encourage all Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides at Alexandra School to wear their uniforms to respect this solemn occasion.

PROGRESS REPORTS & INTERVIEWS

Progress Reports for Grades 1-8 will be sent home on Tuesday November 15th. To better discuss your child's progress, teachers have been asked to make every effort possible to meet with all parents. Many teachers are offering interviews before and after school during the week of November 15 - November 21. Families with 3 or 4 siblings may need several interviews on the same night, therefore, we will also be hosting interviews on Tuesday, November 22nd from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Kindergarten reporting system is slightly different. In Junior Kindergarten, parent guided observations and parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled. In Senior Kindergarten, a teacher observation report will be sent home and parent/teacher conferences will be arranged.

We look forward to meeting with you because we feel it is important for you to come to find out about your child's progress and to collaboratively develop strategies for improvements.

ALEXANDRA SCHOOL COUNCIL

Great Job and Thank you for your work with the Magazine and Dance-a-thon fundraisers!

Please come join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 pm in the staff room. Babysitting is available.

Appropriate Clothing

A reminder that students need to consider the weather when getting dressed in the morning. Indoor/gym shoes really ensure that students have warm dry feet and help to keep our school clean

BEAR BREAKFAST PROGRAM

A reminder that all students are welcome to come to Alexandra School each morning for breakfast. Just head in the south doors and down to the nutrition room between 8:15 am and 8:45 am.

ARE YOUR CHILDREN GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP?

The following are some tips for establishing a healthy sleep routine and ensuring your child gets enough sleep:

- Set a regular bedtime for children and stick to it.
- Establish a relaxing pre-bedtime routine with your child, such as reading or a warm bath.
- Take as many distractions (TV, computer, etc.) out of the bedroom as possible.
- Avoid giving the child foods or beverages containing caffeine less than six hours before bedtime.
- Make the bedroom as conducive to sleep as possible—the temperature should be comfortable, the noise level low, and the room dark



Lest We Forget



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BEAT THE FLU! -GET YOUR SHOT!

Niagara Region Public Health Department is holding flu shot clinics throughout Niagara. Go to http://www.regional.niagara.on.ca/living/health_wellness/disease-prevent/pdf/Flu2006.pdf for a complete listing of dates and locations. Or, contact your family doctor, or go to a nearby walk-in clinic.



A REQUEST FOR HOMEWORK

When your child is absent from school, we are more than happy to collect their homework for you, should you wish to pick some up. However, we must ask that we receive at least a half day's notice in order to facilitate your request. Please keep in mind that teachers are in the classroom all day and it is very difficult for them to stop teaching at a moment's notice to gather up homework. We would appreciate it if all homework requests were called in to the office before 11:00 a.m., giving our teachers the afternoon to gather what is needed and have it down to the office for 3:05 p.m. pick-up by parents. Thank you for your co-operation.

Extra, Extra, Read all About it!

Thank you to Mrs. Verver for the organization of another successful book fair. Over \$2000.00 in book fair profits will directly contribute to buying new books for the Alexandra library!

Junior Volleyball has begun!

The junior boys and junior girls volleyball teams begin play November 1st and 2nd. The boys games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the girls games are Mondays and Wednesdays right after school.

YMCA Programs

Youth Action group is a free drop in program offered to students in grades 4 - 6 on Monday nights from 5:45 - 8pm. Kids Club is a free program offered to all age groups on Tuesday nights from 3:05 - 5:05. Both programs ask that children get picked up at the gym doors.

*** Kids Club will cancelled on the night of Nov. 8th due to boys volleyball games***

Skating

Ice times have been booked for November 18 and November 25th. A note will be sent home in the near future that will provide more details. Alexandra does have skates available for students to borrow but we have a limited number of helmets. Helmets are mandatory for all participants (students and parents).

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites:

www.dsbn.org

www.nsts.ca

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