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The Alexandra Public School Newsletter

October 3, 2011

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I can hardly believe September has passed by and we are entering into October! A lot has happened in this month in the Alexandra Community. Our students have been busily writing recounts, making lists and descriptive paragraphs using the learning goals and success criteria in their classrooms. In math they are actively involved in three part math lessons and solving some very interesting problems each day! The teachers, EA's and myself are so proud of the student's efforts! I would also like to applaud the following students for being recognized at September's Character Ed Assembly for demonstrating **Goal Setting**: Amelia, Lily, Noah, Ben, Ryleigh, Jesse, Thea, Oliver, Will, Sophia, Wasi, Peyton, Renee, and Noah.

Our Open House this year was a big success. Thanks to Mr. McGregor and the grade 5/6 students for organizing all the activities in the gym! I saw lots of smiling faces of children and parents having fun with the activities. Thank-you for visiting our classrooms and our teachers on this night also. We are really happy to have Ms. Hopkins joining us permanently in the Grade 3/4 classroom and Mrs. Stone joining us in the 4/5 classroom. We are very fortunate to have these two experienced and very talented ladies joining our teaching staff at APS! With our new smaller class sizes I am sure all students in the school will benefit. We continue to support student leadership in our building with students reading the announcements in the morning and by helping with their peers in the lunch rooms and on the school yard .

Only being at Alexandra a month I have experienced the great sense of community, not just within the walls of our school, but in the community at large. This is a truly unique school with a huge heart! As we work together to provide the best educational experience for the children in this community, I hope we can all work together to be the best that we can be!

On September 30 we will began our magazine campaign; we hope that you will be supportive of the efforts of our school council to raise money for new equipment for our school playground. I would like to thank Pippa Stephenson and Lynda Craven for their dedication to this major fundraising project.

LEADERSHIP AND CHARACTER EDUCATION:

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Alexandra is proud to announce the **ROYAL RECOGNITION** assemblies which will be held on the last Friday of every month. Two students who have demonstrated leadership in the character focus of the month will be selected from each class to receive the Royal Recognition Award for their classroom. The chart below indicates which of the character traits are the focus for the month.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Character Trait</u>
September	Goal Setting
October	Perseverance
November	Responsibility
December	Compassion
January	Trustworthiness
February	Honesty
March	Fairness
April	Citizenship
May	Respect
June	Self Control

Royal Recognition Assemblies Go Global!

Again this year, we want our Royal Recognition Assemblies to reflect the reality that Royals achieve great things both in and out of school. We are asking that if you know of a Royal who has accomplished a significant achievement outside of school to let us know so that we can celebrate their achievement with them here at school. This achievement could be in the field of sport, arts, music, drama community service or any number of areas.

We will have a section of our Royal Recognition Assembly dedicated to recognizing those Royals and their noteworthy accomplishments. Just call the school and let us know!

School Council 2011-2012

Our School Council has been very busy. Currently, our School Council is very busy organizing and managing the magazine campaign and helping out with Breakfast Club. Our next meeting is on **October 11th at 6:30** in the library. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting and join us in making a difference in the lives of our children. Our School Council Chair is Pippa Stephenson if you have any questions.

Eco School News

Last year the Alexandra Royal's became a certified Ecoschool at the Silver Level. We need to continue to implement and document environmental initiatives such as waste reduction, energy conservation, school ground greening, and building environmental stewardship throughout the school community. If any parents or community members are interested in being part of the Ecoteam, please send a note to Ms. Wasteneys and Mrs. Nichol!

Take the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge!



Our school has registered to participate in the Waste-Free lunch challenge **October 17 to 21**. Please help our school achieve our goal during this week in October and all year long!

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Alexandra Public School has received their initial results. The students at Alexandra Public School continues to maintain growth in achievement in provincial assessment scores. APS will be continuing to focus on literacy and mathematics as a priority for our students.

Percentage of students at Alexandra Public School achieving at or above the provincial standard:		
Grade 3	School 2010 - 2011	Board 2010 - 2011
Reading	88	69
Writing	94	73
Math	65	74
Grade 6		
Reading	85	77
Writing	85	70
Math	88	59

RECENT EVENTS/NEWS

Lindsay Central Exhibition:

From the school: Thank you to Ms. Hopkins for constructing the school display. Thank you to all the children who participated by entering arts, crafts and produce . It is great to walk through the exhibits and see Alexandra Public School as a significant contributor to this important event in the Lindsay community.

Breakfast Program:

Every morning a balanced selection of the four food groups is delivered in bins to each of the classrooms. The baskets are collected at the end of the school day. Every APS student can participate in this program. Thank you to Michelle Dimoglou who works tirelessly to coordinate this important service to our students. Thank you to parents, students and community members who have volunteered your time to support our breakfast program. We need volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, we would really appreciate your help. **Please call Michelle Dimoglou at 340-5837 for more information and to offer help.**

The staff, students and parents at Alexandra P.S. want to thank the Kawartha Food Bank and Tim Horton's for their donations of food items for our Breakfast Program. Their support is greatly appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Food Drive

As Thanksgiving approaches, Alexandra Public School is collecting non perishable food items to support local food banks. Thank you to Mrs. Schweitzer for managing this food drive. Thank you also to FCC, Farm Credit Canada for providing a DVD and items to assist in this drive.

Class Trips:

In order to go on class trips with your child you must have a police check on file at the school office. You go to the police office and complete the forms they have there. The cost is \$30.00. This fee will be waived if you first ask for a letter from APS stating you volunteer at the school. The process takes about 3 weeks. If you have submitted a police check to the school office drop by next time you are in the school to sign a declaration stating you have done nothing illegal since the police check.

NOTE: Many parents returned the offence declaration but do NOT have a police check on file – please be sure you have given us a copy of your police check. The offence declaration on its own is not enough.

Cross Country Meet: October 5^h (rain date: October 6th) Ken Reid Park

The Cross-Country Running Club has been very active since the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Wasteneys would like to thank those dedicated runners who are coming out to run each morning. A special thank you goes out to the parents who are staying and volunteering to supervise the streets so that our students can run safely. Your assistance is very much appreciated. We look forward to participating in the County Cross Country meet on Wednesday, October 5th.

Headcheck:

We desperately need volunteers. Contact the office if you are able to volunteer and need training. A video is available and the commitment is once a month from 9:00 am to 10:30 approx.

Photo Day: Oct. 5 & 6

See the October calendar for details. Note: those students participating in the Cross Country Meet Oct.5 will have their picture taken Oct.6. If the Meet changes due to weather they will have their picture taken Oct. 5.

QSP Magazine Campaign:

The campaign will kick off Sept. 30 and magazine orders are due in Oct. 17.

Halloween Celebrations:

Our Halloween Parade of ghouls, ghosts and goblins will be held at 1:45 p.m. If you can join us please do! Classroom teachers will be sending home information about their classroom celebrations.

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Community News

SANTA SHUFFLE (Jog, Walk, Carol)

In support of the Lindsay Food Source and the Santa Claus Stocking Fund. This is a **5K family walk/run** event. Participants are encouraged to dress for the season, full Santa suits welcome!

This is a FUN event, not a serious one. Event will include: Santa hats, holiday singing, Ho! Ho! Ho! Refreshment station, event slide show, yoga stretch, draw prizes and a chili brunch. Saturday, November 26,

Lindsay Armoury Main Floor, 10:00 a.m. start. Cost \$15.00 children 12 and under free (with a food donation). Please register prior to November 20, 2011 Hosted by Greg Dowdall Investment Planning Counsel, Yoga with Karyn, and City of Kawartha Lakes, Parks, Recreation and Culture. Check out www.facebook.com/yogawithkaryn under “events” for more information.



CKL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Kawartha Lakes 15th ANNUAL COATS FOR KIDS program began on Sept. 22, 2011 with the generous support of the Lindsay Dry Cleaners, Kent Cleaners, Canadian Red Cross and the United Way. Coats will be available to pick up at the Boys and Girls Club of Kawartha Lakes, 107 Lindsay Street South, Lindsay 8:30am – 5:30pm by Oct.11.

Please take gently used coats, hats, scarves and mittens in good condition to Lindsay Dry Cleaners or Kent Cleaners before Oct. 7TH, 2011.

