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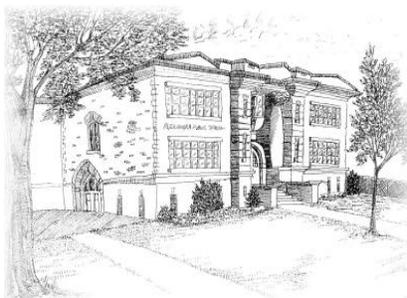
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Of Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vision Screening for
JK/SK April 10 & 11

Junior Mixed Zone
Basketball Tournament
April 12

County Tournament
April 19

Susan Denure Gymnasium
Event April 21

Skipping Competition
May 3

Jump Rope for Heart
May 18

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Alexandra Public School is pleased to welcome several new students. Our enrolment continues to grow, which is very positive for our school! We have wonderful student ambassadors who help our new students feel welcome. There are many exciting things happening to the school itself during the upcoming summer months. Our classrooms are having all new cabinetry, bulletin boards and chalkboards installed. A fresh coat of paint and other upgrades will make our building an exciting new place to learn!

Since March Break the time seems to be flying by. With April upon us we find our students busy with Basketball tournaments, Skipping competitions, Jump Rope for Heart and before you know it EQAO and Track and Field!



Naming the Gym Event

On April 21th we will be hosting a special event to name the Alexandra Public School gym in honour of Mrs. Susan Denure. Susan was the driving force behind the fundraising to build the gym at our school. She never gave up when it came to finding ways to generate funds to support the APS gym. Susan embraced fitness and loved to see children involved in physical activities and having fun. We hope that many people from our school community will join us in honouring Susan Denure on April 21th from 12 until 2 pm. See you in the gym!



Battle of the Books!

Congratulations to Taco Team for all their hard work over the past few weeks preparing for the County Battle of the Books competition. The students travelled to Dr. George Hall on March 23 where they battled against two very challenging teams. Coming up just a few points short we didn't make it into the semi-finals, but gave both teams a run for their money! Congratulations to Brock, Renee, Brooklyn and Charlie!

Junior Mixed Basketball

The Junior mixed team continue to practice after school to prepare for the upcoming Zone and County Tournaments. Thanks to Mr. McGregor's dedication the team looks like they will be ready to take on any challenge they meet!

Character Recognition Assembly



Throughout the month of March, we have been practicing the character trait of honesty. Students recognized at our end of the month assembly included: Grace D., Ahmed A., Michelle M., Marie-Claire B., Chelsea G., Rebecca S., Olivia R., Hilary P., Colin M., Rory S., Jack P., Rachel C., Caleb K., Tanner B., Owen S., Kevin A., Owen C., Natasha B., and Derryck W.

Grades 3 & 4 Basketball

The Grade 3/4 Basketball team has been working very hard to prepare for our upcoming tournament. Just recently the 'tournament team' was announced, however all students are still encouraged to come out to practices and continue working on their skills. We have been working hard on passing, blocking, dribbling, positions and most importantly TEAMWORK! The tournament date has not be announced but it will be held during the week of April 22-26. The proposed format will be a round robin tournament with two twelve minute halves. The girls will play for the first half and the boys will play for the second half. Good luck to all players, you have been working hard the past few months!

New Face in the Office

Our Office Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Debbie Myers recently underwent knee surgery . She is currently rehabilitating at home and making progress. We wish her a speedy recovery! In her absence we are very fortunate to have Mrs. Sonja Does helping out. Please make her feel welcome when you stop by the office!

Good Bye and Best of Luck Mr. Demayer!

It is with sadness we say good bye to Mr. Demayer as he accepted a Head Custodial position at Parkview School. We will definitely miss Mr. D's great sense of humour and hard work! We wish him well with his new position! We will be hiring someone soon to try and fill his shoes.

School Council

Linda Craven has found a great fundraiser for our school! Parents and friends can purchase labels for just about anything, clothing, lunch bags, backpacks etc. This is perfect timing for summer camps and for your child getting ready for school in September. Watch for more information about this fundraiser soon!

The next school council meeting is on Tuesday, April . 13^h at 6:30 pm.

Citizenship:

...is shown by making responsible decisions, caring about others and by contributing positively to our community.

Dressing for Spring

It is important that students take part in outdoor recesses. It gives them the opportunity to get some exercise, fresh air and play with friends. However, it can be very unpleasant for students when inappropriately dressed. Please listen to weather reports in the morning and ensure your child comes to school wearing warm clothes. **We recommend you write the name of your child in each article of clothing and boots. Often children do not claim lost articles.** Please visit our lost and found if your child is missing items of clothing.

I.O.D.E. Donation

A special thank-you goes out to the I.O.D.E. ladies for their generous donation of \$100 for playground equipment for our students. We now have several new basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, utility balls, and sidewalk chalk to keep the students busy during recess.



Boys & Girls Club

Michelle from the Boys and Girls Club is coming to our school to run a Girls Club. The focus of the group is on building self esteem in girls and helping the girls develop positive social relationships. The students will take part in the activities during nutrition break and recess so they will not miss any academics. Maybe next year they will offer a club for boys!



Playground Update!

We are currently researching companies that sell playground equipment. The APS School Council has been actively raising money through various fundraising events towards the purchase of new equipment for our students. Thanks to a generous donation from Mr. Ray Denure we are able to combine our funds to purchase the new equipment for students to use next year. Unfortunately our old wooden play structure will have to be removed due to the new Safety standards. We will place the new structure on the existing footprint of our old structure, which will help to reduce costs somewhat. Pictures will follow as soon as we have made a final decision!



The Artists Visit

On Wednesday September 7th Brenda and Bruce Stonehouse visited Mrs. Stone's grade 4/5 class. We learned a lot about styles of art; different types of perspective. We learned that positive space is the object, while negative space is the space around the object. Most of the sketches that they showed us were 'surreal' meaning strange and bizarre. Brenda Stonehouse has a program on her i-pad 2 that she uses to paint. She told us that she liked it because if she made a mistake, she could undo it. The mixtures of colour and perfect lines blew me away, especially considering that she used her finger. There are a few things in life that can have a huge impact for the better on children, inspiring events that can shape their future lives. Meeting a creator of great masterpieces is one.

Coyote N., grade 4/5 student

Visit the Stonehouse website at www.stonehouseart-design.com or check out Brenda's blog at bstonehouse.com



Hats Off

We are very fortunate to have many volunteers in our school. Recently we have had three young ladies helping out in kindergarten: Hillary D., Claire P., and Lacey C.. Hillary and Claire are both high school students who are planning on going to Post Secondary Education and working towards degrees in teaching. Their very positive classroom experiences here at APS will hopefully help the young ladies achieve their goals! Lacey is a graduate of Teacher's College who is hoping to gain more experience working with students of all ages. We hope to see Lacey in the near future working in our building. Our kindergarten students have certainly benefitted from the interaction with the three young ladies!!

A Taste of Kawartha

On Wednesday, March 27th the Grades 3 & 4 students went to the Lindsay Exhibition Grounds to see an Agricultural Exhibit. The students saw bees, cows, and pigs plus many different types of foods which are grown locally and far away. Students learned about the different types of cows, how to milk a cow, and how to make pizza.



Parent Engagement Tips

Social Media — Values and Risks

A Special Event for Parents and Students



Saturday, April 21, 2012
Lady Mackenzie Public School
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board
 District School Council - Parent Involvement Committee. Organized by
 the Lady Mackenzie Public School Council.

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Introductions
10:15 - 11:45 a.m.	<p>Keynote Speaker: Marc Saltzman <i>"Social Media — Values and Risks"</i></p> <p>Marc Saltzman is a TV and radio personality and leading expert for consumer electronics, computers, internet, and video games.</p> 
11:45 - 12:30 p.m.	<p>Keynote Speaker: OPP Provincial Constable Carrie Lanning <i>"Social Media and Cyber Bullying"</i></p>
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch — pizza will be available for a small fee
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (First Block)	<p>Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook and Twitter: Learn how to use them safely • Technology in Schools: Technology use in the classroom • Assistive Technology: Learn how to use your electronic device • Helping your kids at home
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. (Second Block)	
3:30 - 3:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks
All Day	Electronic Gadgets and Tech Corner Local Businesses show/display/information

Workshop space is limited, so reserve your spot early!
 Register at www.lhsb.ca or contact Lady Mackenzie Public School at 705-438-3371.



Child care is available!

