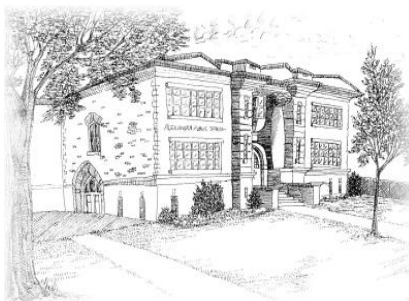


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Of Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 6 - Picture retake day
Nov. 9 - School Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 13 - School Council Meeting
Nov. 14 & 15 - Officer Brydon visits classes
Nov. 16 - Mrs. Frame's class to Art Gallery
Nov. 18 to 24 - Acts of Kindness Week
Nov. 19th - Heart Hero for grade 5 & 6 students
Nov. 22nd - Parent - Teacher Interviews



This year we will watch the seasons pass with our new climber as the backdrop. I have to admit the fall certainly showcases our playground! We have lots of great things going on this fall in our classrooms. Our grade 3 classes have taken part in the Swim to Survive Program. The grades 3 and 4's are learning about Business Basics and visiting the Lindsay Art Gallery as well. Our grade 5 and 6's will be receiving Heart Hero training this year to go along with the arrival of the Defibrillator in our school. Eight members of our staff updated their First Aid and CPR in September so we are feeling more confident dealing with accidents on the school yard. Tammy Brydon, our Community Liason Officer will be visiting our school on Nov. 14 and 15th to offer various programs to all of our students (see note for details). It's hard to believe two months have passed already!

Responsibility:

Means that you are accountable for your actions and consider the consequences of your choices.



School Picture Retake Day

November 6th will be the time for any students who require a retake .

Inform the Office

Please continue to let us know if your address, phone number or other contact phone numbers change. We must keep up-to-date records in order to contact you if your child is ill.

Please remember that all visitors to the school are asked to sign in at the office.



Pick up and Drop off

For your children's safety please pick up and drop off your children on Francis Street and NOT in the school parking lot. Cars entering and leaving the parking lot are creating a hazard for the students.



Officer Brydon Visits

Officer Tammy Brydon will be visiting the classrooms on November 14 & 15.

JKSK - Elmer the Safety Elephant.

Gr. 1 - Seat belt safety

Gr. 2 - Bullying

Gr. 3 - Being Safe & Fingerprinting

Gr. 4 - Being a police office Q&A

Gr. 5 - Good/Bad Drugs

Gr. 6 - Will have a visit in December.



Remembrance Day Assembly

There will be a Remembrance Day Assembly on November 9th starting at 11:20. Parents are welcome to join in.



Acts of Kindness Week

This year we will celebrate a week of showing kindness to one another Nov. 18 to 24. We are going to be encouraging students to show acts of kindness to their classmates and family at home. Please acknowledge your child's acts of kindness and be sure to share these with us!

Volunteers Wanted!

Alexandra Public School welcomes volunteers to our school. What a great opportunity to take a special interest in your child's education! This year we require assistance with: Breakfast club, Head Checks (once a month), Book Fair, School Council, and class trips. If you would be able to offer some of your time to helping out at APS please see Mrs. Myers in the office for Volunteer reference check information.

Character Recognition Assembly

We will continue to run Character Education Assemblies at the end of each month. October's Character Trait was Perseverance. The Awards Assembly will be held on Nov. 2 in the gym. The Award Winners this month are: Faith L., Olivia K., Michael K., Cooper D., Kamryn K., Grace D., Violet D., Olivia R., Liam J., Jessica W., Jack P., Maydson C., Madilyn E., Griffin R., Austin H., Brittany P., Tyler G., and Aly D.

Progress Reports

Progress report cards will be sent home Nov. 16th with your child. This is a brief overview of your child's progress to date. If you have questions about the report your child's teacher will be happy to discuss it with you.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on the evening of Nov. 22 from 4 to 6 pm. Teachers will provide parents with more details closer to the date.

School Spirit Wear

This year we hope to have several School Spirit Days to encourage positive relationships within our school community. Our student council representatives will help make decisions about what type of activities we will run at the school. They will have the opportunity to help run events, and take on a leadership role in their classrooms and throughout the school. We have organized a great deal with Sportsline to purchase clothing so students can show off their school colours! If you would like to purchase clothing please get a forms from the office, or visit our website at www.aps.tlidsb.on.ca. Our next order will be placed in November, just after Parent - Teacher interviews so they will be in before Christmas. Please see the pictures of the items available on our web site.

School Envelopes

We have purchased school envelopes to help make your lives easier. For only \$3 you receive a box of 52 envelopes embossed with the school name. You simply write your child's name, teacher name and then check off the box that corresponds with the contents (lunch money, trip money, note to teacher etc). Please consider purchasing a box of envelopes a very small portion of the sales will go towards purchasing new smart board projectors.

Alexandra Public School "Of whom much is given ... much is expected."	
Name: _____	Grade: _____ Teacher: _____
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Milk
	<input type="checkbox"/> Food
	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Order
	<input type="checkbox"/> Trip
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Labour Relations Update

In response to the recently legislated Bill 115 "Putting Students First Act" there has been some disruption to the normal school experience for students and families. We apologize for any inconvenience to students and families and we are closely monitoring the situation. Whenever possible we are taking steps to minimize these disruptions.

In response to questions about progress reports we have put the following message on the school board website: "It is expected that progress report cards will be completed as usual and the school board's expectation about meeting with parents to discuss report cards has not changed. Elementary progress reports will be sent home on November 16. Secondary mid-term report cards will be sent home the week of November 19th."

In response to concerns about a teacher strike - the following answer is on the school board website: "Secondary teachers (OSSTF) will be in a legal strike position in Trillium Lakelands District School Board as of November 1, 2012. Information can be found on the www.osstf.on.ca Elementary teachers (ETFO) have applied for conciliation and are moving towards being in a legal strike position. You may find more information at www.etfo.ca "

Please visit www.tlidsb.ca for more information and further updates.

Community News

Lindsay Mom2Mom Sale: Christmas Edition

When: Saturday, November 10th from 9:30 am to 12:30 PM

Where: Boys & Girls Club, Lindsay

Admission: Free with donation of non-perishable food items, or \$2 (kids 18 and under are free!).

For more information please visit
www.lindsaymom2momsale.ca

This is a charity event - in support of the Kanawha Lakes Food Source and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Kawartha Lakes.

Scales Nature Park at the Bethany Library

Scales Nature Park will be presenting their popular outreach program at the Bethany branch of the City of Kawartha Lakes Library on Tuesday, November 13 at 6 pm.

Scales Nature Park is funded through the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and offers a variety of programs including Reptiles at Risk, Turtle Troubles and Wetland Wildlife.

Scales Nature Park features live animals that are safe, friendly and easy to handle. They are all native Ontario species some of which are now endangered in the wild.

For more information call the Bethany Library (705 277-2321) or Library Administration at 705-324-9411 ext.1291.



Santa Shuffle Lindsay

The Third Annual Lindsay Santa Shuffle

A fun family 5k walk/run
in support of

the Santa Claus Stocking Fund

and the Kawartha Lakes Food Source

November 24th, 2012 at the Victoria Park Armoury

Your registration will include:

Santa Hats, T-shirts, drawprizes, chili brunch, and much more...

including a visit from Santa himself!

Register now.

(there will be no registration on the day of the event)

check us out on facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/386271201421901/>

To register in Person, go to the Recreation Complex in Lindsay,

from 10am to noon this Saturday November 3rd.

or sign up anytime soon at

"<http://www.thelindsaysantashuffle.eventbrite.com/>"