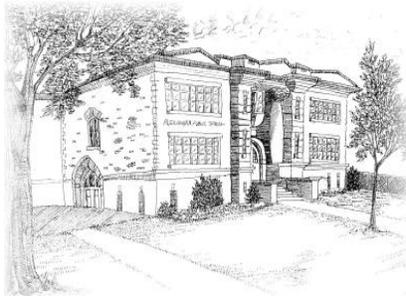


December 2012



K. Burge, Principal



Of Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected

Principal's Message

November was a busy month with students taking part in our Remembrance Day Assembly, visiting the Art Gallery and learning with our Community Liaison Officer Tammy Brydon. Our students have been practicing being kind to one another and helping others both at school and at home. We are looking forward to December and our Christmas Concert. Each class will perform a special number in our afternoon performance, so please book December 20th at 1:40 pm on your calendar.

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Labour Relations Update

In response to Bill 115 "Putting Students First Act," there has been some disruption to the normal school experience for students and families.

As of Monday, November 26, 2012, our teachers have been in a legal strike position and have started partial strike actions. These actions include such things as non-attendance at staff and other meetings, counting money, filing papers, and other items.

Due to this partial strike action all field trips will be cancelled.

A recent announcement by the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario has indicated that there may be full strike action by our teachers sometime in December. You will be notified in advance of when this may happen. We strongly encourage you to have a contingency plan in place for your children in preparation for the possibility that students will not be able to attend school due to full strike action.

We understand the inconvenience this causes students and families and we are closely monitoring the situation. Whenever possible we are taking steps to minimize disruptions.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 12 - School Council Meeting

Dec. 14 - Drum Fit

Dec. 14- Kinsman Toy Drive pick up

Dec. 20 - Christmas Concert starting at 2:00 pm

Dec. 21 - Character Education Assembly
School's out for the holidays!

Compassion:

is being understanding and caring, showing empathy by wanting to help, listen, and say kind words.



Week of Kindness and Anti-Bullying

During the week of November 19 - 23 our school participated in various activities to support the Week of Kindness and Anti Bullying. We began the week with the Grade 5 and 6 students taking part in the Heart Hero Program. Students learned how to perform “ hands only CPR, “ how to help someone who is choking and they were shown the new Defibrillator that is now located in our building. In the afternoon the whole school took part in an assembly highlighting Acts of Kindness. Members of the Student Council shared ways that students could show acts of kindness towards others. Then each class was challenged to perform as many acts of kindness as possible for the week. The winning class was Mrs. Brown’s grade 3’s! They will be spending a day doing all of their learning activities on the computer and celebrating with an ice cream party as well. Most of the classes completed Multiple Intelligence surveys to find out what is their most predominant learning style. We are going to celebrate our similarities and differences with the information! Finally, we wrapped up the week with Pajama Day and Reading Buddies. Alexandra School celebrated a wonderful week, thinking of each other!

Heart Hero Training

On November 19th the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students took part in hands only CPR and choking in our gym. Students are encouraged to use their training to help teach their family members about CPR. Let’s help our students save a life someday!

E-Mail Address

If you would like to receive School Newsletters or communications by e-mail please record your e-mail address in your child’s agenda.

Drum Fit

On Friday December 14 two teachers from Jack Callaghan are coming to Alexandra to teach each of our classes how to participate in Drum Fit. This is an excellent workout using an exercise ball and 2 drumsticks while moving to music. We are looking forward to this inspirational experience!



Breakfast Club

We would like to thank all of our Breakfast Club volunteers for your dedication to our students. Every morning our halls smell of bagels toasting and students laughing as they deliver the baskets to the classrooms. What a wonderful way to start the day!

Character Recognition Assembly

Throughout the month of November, we have been practicing the character trait of responsibility. Students recognized at our end of the month assembly included: Ella B., Emily G., Audrey R., Leah R., Ben D., Amelia F., Mya D., Olivia M., Mick S., Hilary P., Abea M., Madeline F., Ethan B., Sam J., Avery F., Ella L., Laird M., Coyote N., Taylor B.



Public Access Defibrillator

We now have a PAD located in the hall outside of the gymnasium. Thanks to our student’s and staff certification in CPR we were able to obtain this life saving device.



School Spirit Wear

With Christmas coming, consider ordering clothing with the school logo on it. If you place an order by next week we can ensure Christmas delivery! Order form is on the web page, under School News.

School Council

Our school council meets the second Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome! We are in the process of finding new people to fill the Secretary position within the School Council. If you are interested could you please call the school. We want to thank Mrs. Stephenson for holding the position of Chairperson for the previous two years. Her support was very much appreciated in that role. She continues to support the school council this year especially through the Magazine Campaign.

Mrs. Chayer has volunteered to continue in the position of Treasurer and Mrs. McNabb has put her name forward for the Chairperson role. We really appreciate the Parent involvement in our school community!

Hats Off

Thanks to our Lunch monitors and Peer mediators who help out every day at school. Students take on a leadership role in the classrooms and on the school yard to help younger students when they are having challenges. Also, Hats off to our recycling team. Each week the four boys don their plastic gloves and sort and dump all the paper and plastics from each class. Great job student helpers!

Volunteers

Samantha McArthur is a dedicated Kindergarten volunteer. She is an Educational Assistant who volunteers in the classroom 2-3 days per week and assists students in tasks/activities and at play centers. Amanda Walker is also a Kindergarten volunteer. She works with students doing guided reading activities one day per week. The assistance of both of these individuals is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Concert: Thursday, December 20th

This year we are having an afternoon celebration beginning at 2:00 pm. Each class will be performing a skit or song. We hope you are able to attend.

QSP Fundraiser

Magazines will be delivered to subscribers within 10-16 weeks, depending on the magazine (i.e., Canadian vs American, # of issues/year). If you have any questions regarding orders placed, please contact the QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536. Please **do not** call the school, call QSP directly as they will be able to answer specific questions more accurately and investigate any concerns. All orders placed helped raise money for the school as well as allow students to earn prizes. Throughout the year, you are still able to order magazines at discounted rates on-line at www.qsp.ca. Quote the school code -9891 and money from these sales will profit the school; however students will not be awarded prizes for any more sales this year.

Kinsmen Toy Drive

The Kinsmen will again be collecting new unwrapped toys and distributing them to families in the area in need. If you wish to contribute, there is a large blue barrel in the hall outside the office where you can place a new, unwrapped toy. The barrel will be picked up by the Kinsmen Friday, **December 14**. Please help those less fortunate.

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.**



Dressing for Winter

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.

A note from your Trustee

Every good wish for peace and happiness to share with your family and friends over the holidays and much success in 2013., Judith Hayes, Your School Board Trustee, Trillium Lakelands District School Board

COMMUNITY NEWS

City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library

Has many Special Events Planned for December.

For further information, please contact:
Library Administration 705-324-9411 ext. 1291
call the Lindsay Branch at 705 324-5632
Or <http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/residents/library-services>

**December 6 Vigil
And National Day of Remembrance &
Action on Violence Against Women**
*A time to reflect, to think, to remember, to
take action*

December 6, 2012
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
The Lindsay Gallery
(Upstairs at the Library)
190 Kent St. West, Lindsay, ON

Key Note Speaker:
Pamela Cross
Feminist lawyer, trainer & educator
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