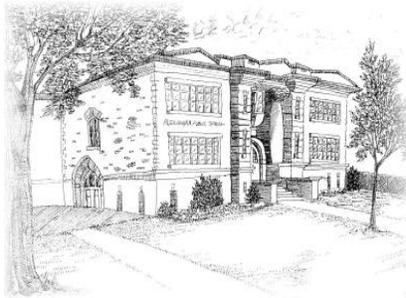


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Welcome to Full Day Kindergarten!

This September students eligible for Kindergarten will be able to participate in the Full Day - every day program at Alexandra. This is exciting news for our school and our students. Along with the new program we are also going to be creating a new and much larger classroom. If you know of a child in our neighbourhood who is eligible to attend this fall please encourage them to register as soon as possible so we can staff accordingly. Information about a Welcome to Kindergarten Event will be announced shortly.

UPCOMING EVENTS
April 4, 11, 18, 25 -
Pizza Day
April 5 - Character
Awards Assembly
April 9 - School
Council Meeting
April 24 - Parents
Technology Night
April 25 - Volunteer
Breakfast
May 17 - Jump
Rope for Heart
May 27 - June 7 -
EQAO testing

Grade 6 Central Sr. Visit

Grade 6 students will be invited to visit Central Sr. in May during the school day so they get a “feel” for the school. Notice about Parent Information will follow.

Parents Technology Night

April 24th from 6 until 8 pm! Save the Date!

Are you feeling under-prepared to help manage your child’s access to information online? On Wednesday, April 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, APS School Council is hosting an Internet Safety Workshop for all APS parents and caregivers. Come out and learn how to establish “safe” internet practices when using your electronic devices. Childcare will be provided. Watch for more information in your child’s school planner in the upcoming weeks.

Please note that the minutes from APS School Council meetings are now being posted on the APS Website. Click on the heading “Parents” , “School Council” then “School Council Minutes” for the most recent set of minutes.





Playground Donations

If you have any tricycles, basketball hoops (like Little Tykes), or other larger items which you are no longer using, please consider donating to the school for our Kindergarten students. These items will be used outside during recesses so weather resistance is important.

End of Year Trips

Each class will be taking part in an "End of Year" trip in June. Please watch for permission forms to be sent home in the near future.

Volunteer Appreciation Week!

April 21 to 27 is Volunteer Appreciation Week. The staff and students at Alexandra would like to thank our dedicated volunteers who make our school such a wonderful place to learn. On Thursday, April 25th we will be hosting a "Volunteer Breakfast." Please mark this date on your calendar! We look forward to joining you for breakfast.

Birthday Invitations

As spring arrives there seems to be an increase in the number of students celebrating their birthdays. Please do not send Birthday invitations to school to be distributed by the teachers. We understand that each child has special friends they want to invite but other children feel left out and experience hurt feelings if they are not invited. We would appreciate invitations being distributed outside of school hours to avoid this in the future.



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

Lost and Found

Our lost and found bin, located beside the computer lab is overflowing with wonderful treasures left at school. Please drop by and claim your child's possessions!

Jump Rope for Heart

On May 17 from 1:30 - 3:00, Grades 1 - 6 students will participate in Jump Rope for Heart. Pledge forms will be sent home in the near future. Please send your child to school in appropriate clothing for this event.

Character Recognition

In March our Character Trait was Fairness. The following students were recipients of the Fairness Award at the assembly on April 5: Hannah H., Selina, Breagh, Alex M. Ahmed, Emelia, Payton, Colin, Akash, Sebastian, Abigail, Ella H. Rein, Liam S., Danton, Paige, and Wazi.

EQAO

EQAO testing will begin on May 27 and end on June 7. Please try to book appointments for your children, outside of these dates.

Next month's Character trait is Citizenship.

Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22, 2013. The students at APS will take part in activities to help clean up our school environment. We will also have an Assembly to recognize how everyone can be good citizens and help protect our planet!

School Council

The next School Council meeting will be held April 9 at 6:30 pm in the small meeting room in the Office. Everyone is welcome. Child care will be provided.



Community News

Capitol One Race for Kids

Capital One Race for Kids™ is a return to the best adventures of childhood, embracing the carefree days of being a kid, and a bonding experience for participants as they challenge their skills while raising funds for all boys and girls to have the same opportunity. In 22 communities across Canada, teams of four will compete in a series of 10 themed checkpoint challenges in a race to the finish line. Checkpoints will be designed to incorporate activities that focus the mind and challenge the body. At the finish line, there will be a celebration party and awards ceremony to commemorate completion of the race! To find out more about an event near you, see www.raceforkids.ca



Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada
Clubs Garçons et Filles du Canada

Kawartha Lakes Ice and Water Safety Bulletin

With the spring season comes warmer weather and water from melting snow flows into rivers, lakes and streams. Locks and dams along the Trent-Severn Waterway have been opened up to return water levels back to the normal operating levels for the coming year. As a result, water flows faster increasing the danger of mishap to anyone who ventures near the water's edge.

Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue Service urges all residents to take extreme care around lakes, rivers, and streams and to warn children to stay away from the water.

The following is a guideline to encourage outdoor enthusiasts to be safe around the fast moving water during spring run-off.

Ice Factors

- Know the dangers of ice. Many factors affect ice thickness including: type of water, location, the time of year and other environmental factors such as
- Water depth and size of body of water.
- Currents, tides and other moving water.
- Chemicals including salt.
- Fluctuations in water levels
- Logs, rocks and docks absorbing heat from the sun.
- Changing air temperature.
- Shock waves from vehicles traveling on the ice.

Ice Colour

- The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength.
- Clear blue ice is strongest.
- White opaque or snow ice is half as strong as blue ice. Opaque ice is formed by wet snow freezing on the ice.
- Grey ice is unsafe. The grayness indicates the presence of water.

The minimum ice thickness should be:

- 15 cm for walking or skating alone
- 20 cm for skating parties or games
- 25 cm for snowmobiles.
- Check with local authorities before heading out and avoid going out on ice at night.

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If you get into trouble on ice and you're by yourself:

- Call for help.
- Resist the immediate urge to climb back out where you fell in. The ice is weak in this area.
- Use the air trapped in your clothing to get into a floating position on your stomach.
- Reach forward onto the broken ice without pushing down. Kick your legs to push your torso on the ice.
- Once you are able to get back on the ice, crawl on your stomach or roll away from the open area with your arms and legs spread out as far as possible to evenly distribute your body weight. Do not stand up! Look for shore and make sure you are going in the right direction.

When You Are With Others on Ice

- Rescuing another person from ice can be dangerous. The safest way to perform a rescue is from shore.
- Call for help from trained professionals (police, fire fighters or ambulance) or bystanders.
- If you go onto ice, wear a PFD and carry a long pole or branch to test the ice in front of you. Bring something to reach or throw to the person (e.g. pole, weighted rope, line or tree branch).
- When near the ice break, lie down to distribute your weight and slowly crawl toward the hole. Have the person kick while you pull them out.
- Move the person to a safe position on shore or where you are sure the ice is thick. Never put yourself in danger. **Don't become another victim.**