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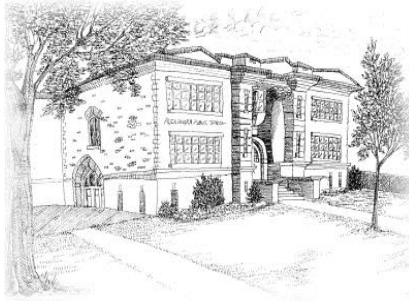
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 8 – Parent

Council @ 6:00 p.m.

Mar. 8 – 4/5 to Olde

Gaol Museum

Mar. 9 – Swim to

Survive

Mar. 9 – Chicken

Pick Up 3:00-5:00

Mar. 10 – Interview

Night 4:30 – 8:30

Mar. 11 – PD Day

Mar. 14-18 – Mar.

Break

Mar. 23 – 1/2

Scientists in the

Classroom

Mar. 25 – Good

Friday

Mar. 28 – Easter

Monday

Mar. 31 – Zone

Volleyball

Mar. 31 – Mrs.

Brown's Class to the

Academy Theatre for

"GoldiRocks"

Of Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected

Principal's Message

I have heard a rumour that spring is just around the corner, however the cold temperatures and the snowy days have me wondering! I have been grateful for the spring-like days that have been sprinkled through January and February. I am now anxiously awaiting more of these!

Letters will be coming home with the children inviting you to a parent-teacher conference. Most of these will take place on Thursday, March 10th from 4:30 until 8:30. If you are not able to make the interview, please make sure you let your child's teacher know so that they can adjust their schedule accordingly!

The March Break is approaching quickly! This is a reminder that Friday, March 11th is a Professional Development Day. This day was added recently and was not on the original calendar. The staff will be engaged in learning about math and collaborating with staff from other schools to enhance their learning.

Students return to school on March 21st! It will be a short week as Good Friday is on March 25th and Easter Monday is March 28th!

Elmira Chicken Orders will be here for pick up on Wednesday, March 10th between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Orders must be picked up on Wednesday as we do not have freezer space at the school to accommodate any boxes! Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!!!

Citizenship is about being an informed, responsible, and caring participant in your community. It means doing your share to make your school and community better.

Have a great March!

Mrs. Leeder



Staffing News

Mrs. Hawkshaw is off for knee surgery and we are pleased to have **Mrs. Groenwold** and **Mrs. Oldfield** here to take over for her! She is doing well and we hope that she makes a speedy recovery. **Mrs. Groenwold** will be here until the end of the month when she will begin her maternity leave as she awaits the arrival of her second child, a brother for Brynn!

Mrs. Zimmermann will be returning on Monday after her hand surgery. We appreciate Having Mrs. Power and Mrs. Pickett in the office covering for her! We were in good hands but it will nice to have her back!

Mrs. Myers began retirement by welcoming her third grandchild, Carter Evans! Everyone is doing well and Mr. and Mrs. Myers are heading back to the sunny south! When she dropped by to see everyone last week, she was treated like a celebrity as everyone was so excited to see her! We are also pleased to have **Mr. O'Brien** here as our night custodian until Mr. Firlotte returns.

Character Award Winners

The following students were honoured for their good character at the assembly on February 11th:

Self-Control: Brock T.

Perseverance: Ayden G., Hannah M., Julia W.

Trustworthy: Sariah F., Colby J., Kaleb S., Hudson B.

Citizenship: Jessica W., Nathan M., Ben D.

Compassion – Patrick D., Olivia W., Katelyn A., Cooper D.,

Fairness – Lily K-B.

Responsibility - Clara G., Lewis K., Hayen R., Brooklyn M., MaKenna H., Nicholas M., Olivia Re.,

Honesty – Logan B.

Goal Setting – Ashley M., Zoe S.

Tawingo

On March 4 and 5th, Mr. McGregor's class travelled to Tawingo for two days of learning in the great outdoors! Thank you to Mr. McGregor for organizing this trip and being flexible in moving it from a June trip to March. This was necessary due to the snow day that caused the students to have to postpone Yearley until June. Thank you to the many parents who came along to help supervise.

140 William Street Visits



It was heartwarming to stop by 140 William Street on February 18th to see Mrs. Stone's grade 4/5 class solving puzzles with the residents. While the puzzles were being put together the students and residents learned a little bit more about each other. It was clear that everyone enjoyed the opportunity to share a little joy! The students will be heading back later this month.



Bus Loading Area

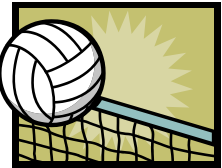
This is a reminder that the area in front of the school is our bus loading ramp. In the morning and afternoon, the Boys and Girls Club Van uses this area to drop off and pick up our students. Please use the side parking lot or Francis Street for pick up and drop off.

Boston Pizza Gives Back to APS

Don't forget that if you are dining out at the Lindsay Boston Pizza, you can indicate on the back of your receipt that you are supporting Alexandra Public School. When you do this, drop your receipt in the box at the restaurant and we will receive 10% of the total amount. Last year we earned over \$300 for our school, thanks to APS supporters and the kindness of Boston Pizza!

Volleyball

Many of our junior students have been honing their volleyball skills under the excellent coaching of Mr. McGregor. They are preparing for Zone play at the end of the month! We also appreciate the help of volunteer, Alexander Winters who is a great role model for our students.



EQAO

EQAO for grades three and six will be written from **May 25 until June 8**. Please avoid holidays and appointments during this time.

Keeping Up With the APS News

The Royal News Crew is so excited to announce we have our very own section on the Alexandra webpage! Check out the "Royal News Crew" tab directly below the school logo to see student created news articles. Our team of reporters covers a variety of topics and events that take place at the school. Royal News Crew members collaborate with each other on their articles and submit them to Mrs. Ferguson prior to publication. Be sure to check out APS' latest news by visiting our school website <http://aps.tldsb.on.ca/>. Who knows, the news crew just may be posting exciting challenges for students and families to participate in the upcoming months.

QSP Magazine fundraiser

There are other ways to keep up with the APS news. There are regular updates to our school website <http://aps.tldsb.on.ca/>, Facebook, Twitter (@infoAlexandraPS) and Peachjar. Keep on top of all the happenings with the Royals!