

# ALEXANDER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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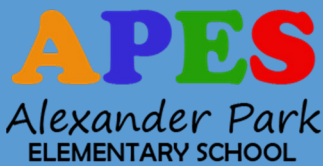
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## January 27, 2021 Newsletter

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### Alexander Park Vision

Welcome to Alexander Park, where we discover our world through progressive practices in a respectful, caring environment.

### Alexander Park Values

- \* Everyone belongs; our differences make us better.
- \* We are considerate of others, our environment, and ourselves.
- \* Every moment is an opportunity to learn and grow.
- \* We own our actions and learn from them.
- \* We find joy in each day.

### Upcoming Dates to Note:

Monday, Feb. 1	PAC meeting via Teams 3:30 (contact school for link)
Monday, Feb. 15	Family Day (no school)
Monday, Feb. 22	Professional Development Day (no school for students)
Wed., Feb. 24	Pink Shirt Day

### Kindergarten Registration:



Do you have a child who is ready to start Kindergarten in September? Do you have a friend or neighbour who has a child born on or before December 31, 2016? Kindergarten registration has started!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are shifting registration to an online form. To gain access to the form please call the school (250) 344-5513 and we will send the link once we gather your contact information. If you do not have a computer or device with internet, please let us know and we'll make arrangements for you to complete the form online at the school with one of our devices.

### Calendar Consultation:

The Board of Education is seeking input and feedback about future school calendars, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Please go to the [Calendar Consultation Survey](#) and give us your insights until February 4. The draft calendars are attached. The calendar for 2021-2022 has already been approved.



### Toys at School:



We have had many pocket toys and stuffies come to school recently. This is a friendly reminder that our COVID-19 protocols request that toys stay at home, unless otherwise asked for by the classroom teacher. The reason is because toys from home often get passed around, and they are not part of our disinfection routine.

### Valentine's Day:

Teachers will be in contact with families to share their Valentine's Day routines. Generally speaking, paper valentines (homemade or store purchased) are OK to bring to school and share. If your child's valentines have envelopes please to not lick the envelopes to seal them. Please do not send treats or gifts with cards this year.

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### Thank you Parent Advisory Council!



The Parent Advisory Council has purchased class sets of both binoculars and monoculars for student use in outdoor studies. Thank you very much for these excellent resources!

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### Thank you Meg Langley!

Meg Langley, a local teacher and environmental educator, received a grant for environmental educational materials. At Alexander Park, one class received a class set of backpacks with materials for outdoor studies, and each classroom teacher received a backpack loaded with resources and a first aid kit for teaching outdoors. As well, this grant covers the cost of signage for our outdoor learning space at the horseshoe pits beside the Seniors' Centre, the area we call "Dirtland".

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### Head Lice:

From time to time we are faced with the minor nuisance of head lice at school. While head lice neither transmit or cause disease, nor jump from head to head, it is important for me to let you know where to find reliable information in order to treat any cases you may come across with your children and to prevent further cases from arising.

It is a good idea to check your children's hair and scalp regularly. The Health Link page linked here may answer any questions you might have: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice>.

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### Staff Parking Lot:

We have staff coming and going at all times from our staff parking lot. If you are walking through the lot on the way to your child's pick-up/drop-off place, please be aware of car movements, or walk along the side of the bus loop. The public should not be parking in the staff lot, but rather use the arena lot, the Senior Centre's lot, or the street parking around the Rec Plex.

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### **Thank you Families!**

**We continue to be thankful to our families for all they do to keep us safe during the pandemic. The guidelines and restrictions we continue to follow from public health are challenging at times, both in our homes and at school, but our collective efforts have kept Alexander Park a safe place to work and learn. Keep it up Alexander Park!**