



# ***ALONSA COMMUNITY REPORT***

## ***2023/2023***

### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

To recognize, encourage and celebrate student learning.

### ***SCHOOL MOTTO***

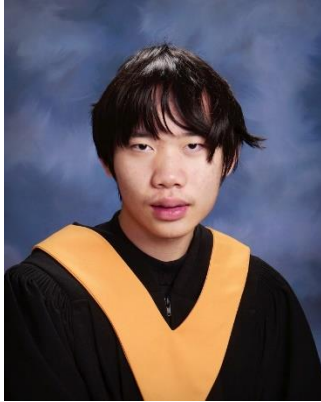
To make a difference through empowerment.

### ***SCHOOL OVERVIEW***

Alonsa School is a community-based Kindergarten to Grade 12 school with an enrolment of 105 students. Our school has a teaching Principal, a teaching Resource teacher, 9 Teachers, and 6 Educational Assistants. We also have a secretary, a librarian, a custodian, a cleaner, a community connector, a community connector support worker and 5 bus drivers. Alonsa School offers programs in Human Ecology, Woods, Automotive, Electrical, Resource and a wide range of Academic Studies. We offer full time kindergarten, a nursery program that runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays, a school social worker clinician, speech language services and student services. Our school Social Worker Clinician is shared by the division and is in our school every Thursday to work with students, our Speech and Language Pathologist visits our school a few days a month, while Education Assistants work with students the remainder of the time. Alonsa School has a Smart board in every classroom, a portable iPad cart, two portable Laptop carts, a designated computer lab and 2 new touch TVs. Alonsa School, with the support of Turtle River School Division, prides itself on its ability to keep up with technological advances. Grade 9 students receive a new laptop for their use and are able to keep it if they graduate from Turtle River School Division.

## **2023 ALONSA SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Congratulations to the Graduating class of 2023!



*Michael Chen*



*Jaelyn Stevenson*



*Hayley Oleschak*



*Raine Welburn*

**Good luck with your future endeavors!**

## ***SCHOOL PRIORITIES***

### 1. LITERACY

By June 2023, 75% of students in grades 2 to 8 will be either reading at grade level or have gained at least one full grade level of reading achievement (based on the divisional reading assessment)

### 2. NUMERACY

By June 2023, 70% of students in grades 4-9 will demonstrate an understanding of 70% or more of the “Essential Outcomes” in math.

### 3. MENTAL HEALTH

By June 2023, 75% of grade 7-12 students will report low levels of anxiety and 65% of students grades 7-12 will report low levels of depression.

## ***SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS***

This year has been busy at Alonsa School. Students attended presentations and special events, participated in sporting events, and enjoyed many different school activities.

Below is a sampling of some of the activities:

Meet the Teacher	Orange Shirt Day	Vision Testing
Christmas Concert	Spirit Week	Halloween Activities
Remembrance Day Service	Parent/Teacher Interviews	Christmas Concert
Breakfast with Santa	Virtual Career Fair	Valentine Activities
Career Fair	Jump Rope for Heart	Oak Hammock Marsh
Pow-Wow Presentation	Earth Day	Town Clean-Up
Human Rights Museum	Prom	Rob Nash Concert
Field Trips	Manitoba House Métis Day	Awards Day

## ***COMMUNITY CONNECTOR MRS. GURKE***

This school year has seen the return of many of our favorite programs. Daily breakfast is served along with a once per week free hot lunch, empathy programs, numerous presentations and the ever popular volleyball nights!

Our grades 7-12 students participated in the Robb Nash Project Curriculum during their health classes. The Robb Nash Project- A Living Curriculum is a student-focused mental wellness curriculum that uses real-life stories and music to support social and emotional learning. After completion of the curriculum, the students attended a free Robb Nash concert in Winnipeg.

We also saw the introduction of the Harmony Program in one of our classrooms. Harmony is a social and emotional learning program for Pre-K-6 grade students. Harmony fosters knowledge, skills, and attitudes youth need to develop healthy identities, create meaningful relationships, and engage productively by providing SEL learning resources, tools, and strategies. It is our hope to introduce the program in multiple classrooms during 2023-2024 school year.

We are celebrating the end of the school year with our annual barbeque alongside our second annual Manitoba House Métis Heritage Day! Students will be showcasing the skills they have developed through their fiddle lessons with Mr. Campbell through their fiddle lessons over the school year. A huge thank you to the Northwest Métis Council for supporting this important program at our school!

The annual summer programming will continue this summer with free transportation to and from swimming lessons at the McCreary Swimming Pool!

We are excited to report that Alonsa School has once again submitted a proposal for the Teachers' Idea Fund. If selected, the students and families of Alonsa School will see many important and exciting programs added to our school year. Stay tuned!

We want all of our students and families to know that although the school year has come to an end, we are still here to provide supports where we can throughout the summer months. Should a family find themselves in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to Amanda Gurke our Community Connector - (204)870-0726.

Please have a safe and fun summer!!

## ***SPORTS NEWS***

This year sports were back, and students enjoyed the competitions. In September, soccer started the year. At the senior level we did not have a team. The junior mixed team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the divisional level. Next was volleyball. We were unable to have a senior level girls team but the boys were able to combine with McCreary School to form a team. The team finished 1<sup>st</sup> at the divisional and zone levels. They participated in Provincials and placed 4<sup>th</sup>. At the junior level, the boys finished 5<sup>th</sup> at divisionals and the girls finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Next was basketball, with no senior level teams. At the junior level, the girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and the boys finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in divisionals.

During curling the senior boys finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at divisionals but did not go on to compete at the zone level. The mixed doubles team placed 1<sup>st</sup> at zones and 4<sup>th</sup> in their pool at provincials. At the junior level, the girls placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, the boys placed 4<sup>th</sup> and the mixed team placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the divisional level.

For badminton at the senior level Hayley and Ethan placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in zones. At the junior varsity level Hunter placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at zones. At the Junior level, CJ placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in boys singles, Summer and Aloyse placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in girls doubles, Jade and Colter placed 1<sup>st</sup> in mixed doubles and Rocky and James placed first in boys doubles.

Finally there was track and field. We had 3 boys, Colt , Liam, and Ethan compete in the junior varsity pentathlon at the provincial level, Sam Gurke competed in the senior varsity pentathlon, Hayley competed in the senior varsity girls pentathlon and in the high jump.

The results of the Grade 5/6 Turtle Derby and the Grade 7/8 Turtle Derby:

### **Grade 7/8 Turtle Derby**

- Jade: 1st place shot put, 2nd place discus, 4x 100m relay, 3rd place 100m
- Brooklyn: 2nd place 200m, 100m. 4x 100m relay
- CJ: 2nd place in kick punt pass, 3rd place discus
- Nate; 2nd place 100m, 3rd place long jump
- Rocky: 2nd kick punt pass, 3rd shotput
- Summer: 2nd place 800m, 2nd 4x100 m relay
- Daxton: 3rd place shotput
- DJ: 1st place 1500m, 400m, and 3rd place jump

## **Grade 5/6 Turtle Derby**

- Izareia: 1st 800m, 3rd 4x100m relay
- Leaben: 2nd 400m, 3rd discus
- Sophia: 2nd place 200m
- Melvi: got 1st in the 800m, 1500m, triple jump, and high jump
- EJ: 1st place 400m, 2nd place triple jump
- Terrence: 3rd in Kick punt pass
- Ella: 1st place in 200m, 2nd place in high jump, shot put, and 3 place in 4x100m relay
- Lux: 3rd in high jump, and 4x100 m relay.
- Maddison: 3rd 4x100m relay
- Nicole: 3rd place

The students of Alonsa School trained hard this year and represented our school well at all of the competitions.

A huge thank you to all of the staff who work tirelessly coaching the different teams!

## ***ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES***

We would like to send best wishes to Mr. Nogaj who will be leaving us this year. We thank Mr. Nogaj for his hard work and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Martin to our school in September. He will be teaching grade 5/6 and we look forward to the strengths and experiences he will bring to our school.

## ***PRINCIPAL'S FINAL THOUGHTS***

It has been a very busy school year, but it is great to get back to the routine of school. I have greatly enjoyed this year and look forward to the return of students in September. I hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday!