

Alonsa School

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that it is almost December and soon the energy of the season will be prevalent in the hallway and classrooms of the school with students starting to rehearse for the Christmas concert. Our Christmas concert will be on Tuesday, December the 19th at 7:00 pm. We hope to see everyone at it! Watch our school Facebook page for updates. The month of November was very busy at school. We hosted a community Remembrance Day service, report cards went home, and we held parent teacher interviews. Thank you to everyone who attended! A huge congratulations goes out to our Senior Boys Volleyball Team. They will be playing in Provincials at Fisher River from Thursday Nov. 30 to Saturday Dec. 2. We wish them well!

On December 21st we will be holding a Christmas Dinner for students and on December 22nd we will be holding a Breakfast with Santa. We look forward to seeing all the students at these events.

A reminder that it is getting colder outside, and students need to dress warmly. They are outside for morning and afternoon recess and also lunch recess.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and we will see you back at school on Monday January 8th, 2024!

Nathan Dmytriv



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Kindergarten/Grade 1 Classroom

The month of December is here, and we are extremely excited in the kindergarten/grade 1 classroom. Students have many fun activities planned for in the classroom and in the school.

One day, in the first week of December, students will be writing a letter to Santa and if the weather is nice, students will be walking uptown to mail their letters. We have our Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 19 and students have started practicing their song and dance for the concert. We will all be treated to a delicious Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 21 and breakfast with Santa on Friday, December 22 in the gym for all students and staff. The Student Council is also planning a Spirit week for the last week of school before the Christmas break, more information will be sent home when it becomes available. Students are all looking forward to the Christmas break and a visit from a special someone!

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I will see students in the New Year when school starts on January 8, 2024.





Monthly NEWS

Mrs. Schultz and The Grade 3/4A Class

Important Dates

- **December 19 – Christmas Concert.**
- **December 20 – Movie Afternoon.**
- **December 21 – Christmas Dinner.**
- **December 22 – Breakfast with Santa.**
- **December 22 – Last Day of School.**
- **December 25 – January 8 Christmas Holidays.**

Reminders

- **The weather has been good to us but there are still some very cold days that are happening. Please remember to send the appropriate clothing with your child each day.**
- **Please remember to return home reading logs and watch for new ones.**

What Are We Learning?

- **English Language Arts – The students participate in guided reading. Guided reading helps students develop greater control over the reading process through the development of reading strategies that assist in decoding and constructing meaning. Every week the students get new spelling words the practice throughout the week. Every Friday the students will be tested on those spelling words.**
- **Math – The Grade 3 have been working on mental math with addition and subtraction with and without regrouping. They have also been working on identifying the place value of 3-digit numbers. The Grade 4 have been working on place value using 4-digit numbers, Fractions, and decimals. The students have been working very hard during math class.**
- **Social Studies – The students started off learning about the seven continents and the five oceans around the world. We have taken a deeper dive into our continent and our country. We are currently learning about the 13 provinces and territories and their capital cities in Canada.**

Merry Christmas from Alonsa School library!
Students in k/1 have been reading our selection of books
about 'Snow' but it all melted!
Next will be books about 'Christmas'. We have new Children's
Christmas books to explore! We have a steady influx of new
books from our Book Fair Rewards so all grades are
benefiting from those. Thank you once again for your
amazing support of our Scholastic Book Fairs over the
years!



Mrs. Trotter

The Alonsa School Student Council
was unable to order the
vegetables from Peak of the
Market as we did not reach the
order total of \$1000.

Mr. Martin's Grade 5/6 Class

Wow what a fast month November has been. Students in Grade 5/6 have been working diligently over the last 30 days and there has been a noticeable change in their confidence. We have been working on several different outcomes in numeracy and continue to improve our students' literacy every day.

Our grade 5 students have been learning about ordering decimals, demonstrate and understanding of fractions learning both equivalent fractions as well as fractions with like and unlike denominators.

Our grade 6 class has been on pace this year and are currently learning about multiplying and dividing decimals. They have all demonstrated a strong understanding of integers, percent, and ratios.

We continue to read a novel per month, understanding the vocabulary used by researching words that are new to our vocabulary and creating their own sentences for better understanding. This has resulted in a large increase in student vocabulary which has allowed them to write stronger paragraphs.

We are finishing our Science unit on Diversity of Living Things, which students learned about mammals, birds, amphibians, insects, and reptiles. Multiple presentation and research projects were done by students on each topic. They will be introduced to Flight in their next unit.

Our social studies has had a strong focus on Louis Riel, and the importance of the role he played in our Province. A small group presentation was done on Louis Riel which explained his life from the Red River Resistance, to Batoche. We will begin to learn about the importance of British Columbia joining Canada, and the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Our class has started to practice our Christmas Play, which will involve all students and provide a great amount of entertainment at the Christmas Concert on December 19, 2023. There has been a strong interest in this play and students are enjoying practicing.

December is a few short days away and the Christmas buzz is alive and strong. We are all looking forward to December, and the fun that month brings.

Adam Martin



Welcome back to another installment of 'What's Going on in the Gym. With the younger students, we were working on offensive and defensive strategies in different team games like ultimate Frisbee and team handball. Next with the K-1 class, we began striking with a racquet in the hand to work on hand-eye coordination. For the older students, we just finished the unit on Ultimate/Handball and started working on Pickleball/badminton. Learning all the new terms, and strategies that go with racquet sports.

In the world of sports, The Alonsa/McCreary Mavericks are heading to provincial for the second year in a row. They will be heading to Fisher River on November 30th, December 1st, and 2nd to try to take home a gold medal. Also Congratulations to the two players on the team on getting a graduating all-star. They will go to Winnipeg on December 9th, for a banquet and to play in an All-star game. For Junior sports. They will be playing in the divisional on November 29th. The boys are going to Glenella, and the Girls are going to McCreary. Good luck to both teams. Once volleyball is done we head to the next sport Basketball.

That is all for the Gym of Alonsa, I'll catch you next time, Peace!! Mr. Schwarz



News from Ms. Doran

It is hard to believe that we are already looking at the month of December! November has been a busy month. We had our Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, November 10, and Parent-Teacher Interviews two weeks after. Thank you to all of the people who came out for those events.

In Grade 7 math, students have learned to add and subtract both integers and fractions. We are going to spend the next month looking at patterns, expressions, and basic algebra. Grade 8's have been moving along with their math very quickly, as we have already started our December topic: learning about the Pythagorean Theorem! The grade 9 math class has also been moving along, as we are now learning about scale factors and similarity.

We wrapped up our social studies unit on Ancient Egypt and are working on a science unit that focuses on optics. If we have time after we wrap up our unit on Optics, we will be revisiting some topics from Ancient Egypt as well.

Students have been very interested in Christmas themed art, so they are busy working on a 'stained glass' project using tissue paper instead of actual glass. The 7/8 group is also continuing to participate in music classes on Wednesdays. Grade 7 students have now finished their electrical course, and grade 8 students have completed their industrial arts course, and both grades are now going to automotive classes on their respective days.

All this work will help keep students busy as we spend the next few weeks in class before the winter break! As this is also the last newsletter before the winter break, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, and Happy New Year!



Room 9 News by Mr. Reimer

In the month of November, the Grade 12 Essential Math students completed the unit on Trigonometry. They then studied Precision Measurement and are currently learning about Probability. The probability unit taught students about probability, odds for and against an event occurring, as well as expected value. Statistics will be the next unit of study.

The Functions unit came to an end at the beginning of the month for the Grade 12 Applied Math 40S class. Sinusoidal Functions was studied next followed by the unit on Probability. Currently, students are learning about such topics as probability of independent and dependent events, odds in favour and odds against and event occurring or not occurring, as well as mutually exclusive events. Techniques in Counting will be the next unit of study.

In Grade 10 Science 20F the Chemistry in Action in came to a close. This unit was followed by the unit titled "In Motion". This unit deals with topics such as velocity, acceleration, displacement, the applied force and force of friction, and calculating breaking distance. Students have been participating in various labs involving these topics mentioned. The last unit that will begin next month is "Weather Dynamics".

Biology 30S students completed the unit on Transport and Respiratory Systems. They will soon be wrapping up the unit on Excretion and Waste Management. The next unit of study will Protection and Control. In this unit they will be learning about the immune system, lymphatic system, and the nervous system.

In the Biology 40S class began the month learning about Evolutionary Theory and Biodiversity. This unit will be coming to an end shortly. The next unit of study will be Organizing Biodiversity. In this unit students will be learning about defining biodiversity, defining a species, systems of classification, the three domains of life, and evolutionary trends. The final unit, Conservation of Biodiversity, will begin later next month.

Classroom 8 News

Ela 40S students are currently working on formal essay writing skills along with analysis writing skills. A reminder that after Christmas break ELS 40S students will be writing their Provincial ELA assessment starting on Tuesday, January 9/2024 – Friday, January 12/2024.

Ela 30S students are completing their novel study unit "Code Talker" by writing a compare and contrast essay due Monday, December 4. Students are comparing and contrasting the treatment of the Navajo in the US with their treatment in the Marine. Students will be doing their short story unit after this is completed.

Psychology 40S students are engaged in learning about cognitive psychology with emphasis on the topics of learning, memory, thinking and languages, levels of consciousness, and intelligence theories.

Drama 15S students (Gr. 9&10) have finished learning about non-verbal communication through tableaux and mime. Drama students learnt the importance of using body language along with facial expressions in acting. Drama students are now engaged in doing the final units on Voice and Movement (Unit 4) and Unit 5 which is the Acting Process and Monologues.

Our field trip to see the play "Clue" at the Royal Manitoba Theatre Center was awesome. The stage set design was fabulous simply because it was a two story house with the first floor being a revolving set of rooms, staircase, and library on the second floor. The acting was superb. It's not often that you have a major death scene that takes fifteen minutes and has the main character reviving himself so that he can have a conversation with the audience about sending money to his website account or his funeral costs. He was asking for \$50 to be sent and he got at \$40 from an audience member. Hilarious! After the play was over, the actors came back on stage for a question/answer session with the students which was very informative. I truly hope that this was a memorable experience for the Gr 9/10 Drama class and that they will see that going to live theatre performances is well worth it.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy
Mrs. D. Grimstead

SPIRIT WEEK IS HAPPENING DECEMBER 18-22!!



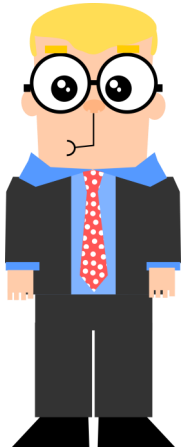
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**WEAR ANYTHING
CHRISTMAS ON TUES-
DAY DEC 19**



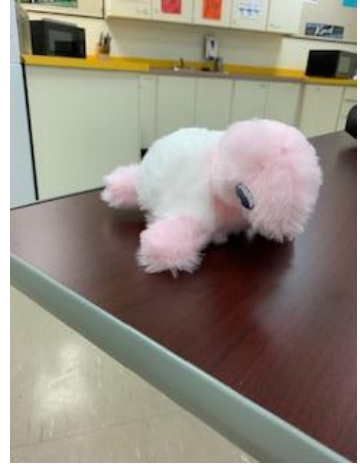
**CHANNEL YOUR FLANNEL ON
WEDNESDAY DEC 20**



**FORMAL—COME DRESSED
IN YOUR BEST ON THURS-
DAY DEC 21**

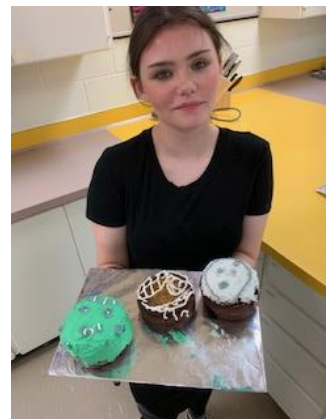


**PAJAMA/COZY DAY
FRIDAY DEC 22**



GRADE 9

SEWING AND COOKING PROJECTS





We have many fun events planned for
the last week of school!

December 18-22- Christmas Store

December 21- Christmas Dinner

December 22- Breakfast With Santa

Our school will once again be collecting non perishable items for a hamper to be given to a local family. If community members wish to donate, items can be sent to school with students, added to the bin at the Christmas Concert or dropped off at the school.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Mom's Pantry fundraiser. We raised \$979.05 and all proceeds will go to elementary year end activities!

DECEMBER 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Day 4 Provincial Volleyball | 2 Provincial Volleyball |
| 3 | 4 Day 5 | 5 Day 6 | 6 Day 1 | 7 Day 2 | 8 Day 3 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Day 4 | 12 Day 5 | 13 Day 6 | 14 Day 1 | 15 Day 2 | 16 |
| 17 CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK DECEMBER 18-22 | 18 Day 3 CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY!! | 19 Day 4 Christmas Concert - 7 PM ANYTHING CHRISTMAS!! | 20 Day 5 CHANNEL YOUR FLANNEL!! | 21 Day 6 Christmas Dinner!! FORMAL, DRESS YOUR BEST!! | 22 Day 1 Breakfast With Santa!! COZY PAJAMA DAY!! | 23 |
| 24 Christmas Eve | 25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> | 26 Boxing Day | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | January 1 | January 2 | January 3 | January 4 | January 5 | |
| SCHOOL CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 25, 2023-JANUARY 5 RETURN TO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 | | | | | | |



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