

Alonsa School Newsletter

May 2017



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Principal's Message

Greetings from Alonsa School

It's nice to see the sun and the warmer temperatures for most of the day. Maybe now, the snow of last week will be the last until next winter. The countdown till graduation has begun as there are only two months to go with the provincial assessments beginning in about a month.

The course selection sheets had been distributed to the grades 8 to 12 students. The returned selections were used to select courses for a timetable for the 2017/2018 school year. Although the timetable has not been finalized, it has been planned based upon requests of staff, students and parents to address course hours, option requests and the impact of students missing class time due to the shops programs.

There are no expected changes from timetables of the previous years. The 6 period day will remain. The morning classes will run all year while the afternoon courses will run for a half year. The first semester will have a few examinations scheduled but the second semester will have most of the exams scheduled. The lunch break will run from 12:05 to 1:00.

Until the staffing and class enrollment requirements are finalized no definite decisions can be made about all class combinations. Decisions have been made for 3/4, 5/6, and 7/8 combinations which leaves K, 1, 2 and some high

school combinations and staff allocations to be decided.

On May 15, there will be an orientation session for all parents who have children who will be going into Kindergarten class in the fall.

On June 29, the school will have the awards ceremony for all students in Grades K to 11. Please come and join in our celebration of student success at 1:30 pm in the gym.

PAC will have a meeting on May 15 to re-organize the committee to finish this school year and continue into next year as the Parent Advisory Council. The first order of business is to establish the executive membership.

Dates to Note:

May 2 - Junior Divisional Badminton

May 15 - PAC meeting in the science room of Alonsa School at 6 pm

May 2 - Victoria Day—School Closed

May 29 - Provincial ELA Assessment for Grade 12 ELA students (runs for 4 days)

Grade 2/3 Class

The Grade Twos and Threes have been very busy in the month of April. For Easter we drew and coloured Easter eggs. We also decorated glass vases, filled them with chocolates and sent them home to their mothers for Easter. They have started working on their Mother's Day gifts. I am sure their Mothers will enjoy these.

In Social Studies, they are researching ancient homes found in different parts of the world. They found that many were similar except for the material used.

They have learned about solids, liquids and gases in Science. They write weekly fiction stories and are showing good improvement in their work.

We are planning an exciting and educational field trip for some time in June. We are looking forward to weather that will let us be able to enjoy it outside. Have a good month in May.

- Mr. T. Bales

Kindergarten/Grade 1 News

We welcomed two new students into our classroom this month: Lux in Kindergarten and Jaxson in Grade 1. In April we also celebrated two birthdays: Rylie M. and Dyllan.

The Kindergarten class continues to work with letter blends and numbers to 20. They also got to experience their own restaurant in the classroom where students would take orders and experience the various jobs related to restaurants.

The Grade One class continues to practice spelling words each week for a test on Fridays. We continue to read every day in class building upon our reading vocabulary to become proficient readers. In math, we have completed a unit on 2-D shapes and will soon begin a unit on 3-D shapes.

Both the Kindergarten and Grade 1 students have been discussing ways that we may help the environment in honour of Earth Day. We have been sorting items as either recyclable, reusable or ways that we may reduce our garbage in the classroom.

We have also started to fundraise for our field trip with a sundae sale that Mrs. Buchanan organized. Our field trip has been planned and I will send home more information at a later date.

- Mrs. W. Zalluski



Student Council News

The student council is planning another Spirit Week for the week of May 8 - 12.

Monday, May 8 - Pajama Day

Tuesday, May 9 - Sour Milk Day - Dress in clothes that do not match, that are inside out or backwards

Wednesday, May 10 - Plaid Shirt Day

Thursday, May 11 - Black and White Day - We will have a sign-up sheet for any students who want to participate in a Milk & Cookie race in the gym during noon hour

Friday, May 12 - Farmer Friday - Come dressed as a farm animal, a farmer or farm girl, anything associated with a farm.



We will also have a contest for grade 6 - 12 students. Every morning students will listen for a mystery mooer that will be played during announcements. Students will write down one guess as to the identity of the mystery mooer along with their name that they will put into the guess jar in the classroom they are in at the time. A student council member will collect the guesses and only those correct guesses will be placed in a draw at the end of the week. The winner will receive a canteen voucher to be used sometime before the end of the school year.

The Kindergarten to grade 5 students will have a similar contest except they will have to guess on a mystery animal sound. The sound will be played during announcements and they will have to write their guess down along with their name to be placed in the guess jar. The correct guesses will also be in a draw for a chance to win a canteen voucher to be used before the end of the school year.

We are also planning a Taco in a Bag sale for May 26. Student council members will be taking around pre-order forms for the taco sale. Look for more information at a later date.

News from the Grade 4/5s

The Grades 4/5 class has had presentations on bullying for Day of Pink, a play about bullying by Manitoba Theatre For Young People, and watched a very funny production of Robert Munsch stories this month. They have been learning about making choices and setting goals through a weekly program by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and presented by Mrs. A. Gurke.

In ELA we finished reading "The BFG" and enjoyed watching the movie and discussing different aspects of the novel and movie.

On April 28th the students will enjoy a presentation on trapping and the fur trade that fits in nicely with studying about the Fur Trade in social studies.

We look forward to spending some time outside for Phys Ed in May as well as helping with the school and community gardening program.

Our class continues to head the recycling program at school and will be planting a small planter that we won through the "Bag Up Manitoba" recycled shopping bag program.

We are also busy planning our field trip and activity days for June.

- Ms. A. Buchannan

Senior Sports Report (Jr. Report in May)

FALL

-Senior Men's Soccer team captured the divisional championship and fell 3-2 to Dauphin in the Zone Championship Semi Finals.

-Senior Ladies' Soccer team finished second in within TRSD and dropped a 7-0 decision to Swan River in the Zone Semi Finals.

WINTER

-Senior Ladies' volleyball team showed well with at the divisional championships and finished 2nd.

-Short of players, regardless the Men's volleyball team battled through the season with a .500 record.

-With the division only have two schools with basketball teams in the ladies division, our Ladies Aces squared off with Ste. Rose on multiple occasions and are gearing up for a successful season next year.

-There was no men's basketball team this year.

-Our Senior Mixed Curling Team captured the TRSD Championship.

SPRING

-Badminton featured our mixed team of Carly L. and Dylan D. placing second at the Divisional/Sectional Championships which earned them a Zone Championship placing. Moving forward we are in full swing with baseball (men's) and fastball (ladies') as practices began for the men two weeks ago. The men have earned a bye into the Zone Championship being held at Burnside Park (Ste. Rose) on May 24th. Along with baseball Track and Field practices are also under way. Approximately 10 students have regularly trained (speed-strength-agility) twice per week with the intention of defending out MHSAA Provincial 'A' Track & Field title.

A special thanks to Mrs. A. Asham who organized and acted as convener for the Zone Curling Championships. Great job Mrs. Asham!!! As well a thank you to the following teachers and community members who have given or are giving their time as Senior Coaches in the following sports:
Mr. Reimer (Men's Volleyball), Ms. L. Ferland (Ladies Volleyball), Mr. Dmytriw (Ladies Basketball), Mrs. A. Asham (Golf and Curling), Mr. Dupasquier (Men's/ladies Soccer, Badminton, Baseball, and Track & Field), Ms. B. Napper (Ladies Fastball), C. Rudkewich (Coached/Assistant Coach for nearly all the above mentioned sports).

TURTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION

School Year 2017-2018

FALL TERM: Opening date: September 5, 2017

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES: September 6, 2017

Number of teaching days for fall term:

September	-	19
October	-	21
November	-	22
December	-	16
TOTAL		78 days

Last teaching day before Christmas vacation: Friday, **December 22, 2017**

Holidays and vacations during the fall term:

- 1) Labour Day - Monday, September 4, 2017
- 2) Thanksgiving Day - Monday, October 9, 2017
- 3) Christmas Vacation - Monday, December 25, 2017 – Friday, January 5, 2018

Inservice and administration days during the fall term:

- 1) Administration - Tuesday, September 5, 2017
- 2) Professional Development - Friday, September 22, 2017
- 3) Professional Development - Monday, September 25, 2017
- 4) Professional Development - Friday, October 20, 2017
- 5) Administration - Friday, November 24, 2017
- 6) Professional Development - Friday, December 1, 2017

SPRING TERM: Opening date: Monday, **January 8, 2018**

Number of teaching days for spring term:

January	-	18
February	-	19
March	-	17
April	-	21
May	-	22
June	-	21
TOTAL		118 days

Holidays and vacations during spring term

- 1) Louis Riel Day - Monday, February 19, 2018
- 2) Spring Vacation - Monday, March 26 to Friday, March 30, 2018 inclusive
- 3) Victoria Day - Monday, May 21, 2018

Inservice and administration days during the spring term:

- 1) Administration - Thursday, February 1, 2018
- 2) Administration - Friday, March 16, 2018
- 3) Professional Development - Friday, April 20, 2018
- 4) Administration - Friday, June 29, 2018

Last day of classes for students: June 28, 2018

The official closing date of school: June 29, 2018

TOTAL DAYS: 196 days

Alonsa School Travel Club



Upcoming Events include:

- May 13th - Paint Event
 - o 2:00-5:00 or 6:00-9:00
 - o Tickets: \$45 (also includes appetizers, punch, dessert)
 - o Vendors available to shop
 - o Contact Amanda Asham at Alonsa School to purchase tickets.

Current Ongoing Fundraisers:

- Summer Prize Pack Raffle
(approx. value: \$285)
- \$2 per ticket
- Draw Date: May 25th



REMINDER:

**THE SCHOOL WILL BE
CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 22
for Victoria Day.**

ALONSA GO GETTERS

4-H CLUB REPORT

APRIL 2017

By: Payton & RJ - Club Reporters

Congratulations to Carly, who won the District Communications Event with her Senior One-Person Visual "Distracted Driving" in Dauphin on March 4. She went on to present at the Provincial Communications Event in Winnipeg on April 22.

The 4-H Club has two fundraising events coming up—hosting a 2 day lunch on April 29 & 30 for the Trapper's Workshop at the Alonsa Hall and the second fundraising event is providing the food at the Waczko Auction Sale in Alonsa on May 6.

The Club is ordering new T-shirts this year.

The Achievement Day is set for June 5, 2017 at the Alonsa Hall—watch for posters.

The Club is deciding what to do for a year-end activity.



Would you like to attend **DAUPHIN**



BIBLE CAMP this summer??

Would you like to receive a **discount** for your week at **DBC**?

Do you live in the area of **Alonsa, Glenella, Laurier, McCreary, Kelwood or Riding Mnt.?**

If you answered **YES** to all the above questions please send in your name, address, phone number to:

Marlene Boerchers
Box 59 Laurier, MB R0J 1A0

squeakles36@inethome.ca
or call 447-2574 or text 647-5100

Please contact ASAP to reserve your coupon.

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(Coupon amount is determined by how many people apply and will be deducted off of remaining balance owed at time of registration)

DBC Online registration is available at dauphinbiblecamp.com

*You must apply before your
child attends camp!*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>Jr. Divisional Badminton at McCreary & Ste. Rose</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 <i>Sr. Baseball at McCreary</i>	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Divisional Baseball at Ste. Rose</i>	18	19	20
21	22 <i>Victoria Day School Closed</i>	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 <i>Gr. 12 ELA Provincial Exam</i>	30 <i>Gr. 12 ELA Prov. Exam Gr. 7/8 Turtle Derby</i>	31 <i>Gr. 12 ELA Prov. Exam Gr. 5/6 Turtle Derby</i>			



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