

Alonsa School Newsletter

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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 will be gone until next winter. The countdown till graduation has begun as there are only two months to go with the provincial assessments beginning at the end of May.

There has been a new safety protocol instituted at the school. For school security, the exit doors will be locked so that no unsupervised entrance will be made. Staff will be monitoring the east and south doors from 8:30 till 9:50 to admit students and parents who arrive by vehicle and go to that entrance. All bus students will enter through the south doors. After all the buses arrive and students enter the building the south doors are locked.

During the regular day, anyone coming to the school is to use the south doors where there is a doorbell on the right side of the entrance that is used to notify the office. Please use the doorbell as the exit doors are not staffed for monitoring when the regular classes are in process.

The timetable course selection sheets had been distributed to the Grades 8 to 11 students. From this sheet students will be selecting their timetable of courses for 2018/2019. The

courses offered were selected from the most popular courses chosen by students in prior surveys.

There will be changes to next year's schedule of classes. The current weekly schedule will change to a 6 day cycle. The holidays and in-service days will not be included in the cycle. They will not count as a day. Shops classes will be on a particular day of the cycle and not on a particular day of the week. For example: This year Grade 9 Woodworking shop was scheduled for Tuesday morning. Next year it will be scheduled for Day 2. Students will go to Woodworking every Day 2. What that means is this week Day 2 is on Tuesday, next week after the completion of cycles and the start of the new ones Day 2 will be on Wednesday and the following week on Thursday. It will take time for students and parents to get accustomed to the new cycle.

Staffing for next year and teaching assignments are in process. However the class combinations are now set. Next year there will be a K/1, Grade 2 (stand-alone), Grade 3/4, Grade 5/6, Grade 7/8, Grade 9, Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12.

- Mr. Vern McMichael



Dates to Remember

May 1 – Jr. Divisional Badminton at McCreary and Ste. Rose (All Day)

May 8 – “My Life Online” – Presentation for Gr. 4-8

May 9 – “Culture Wheel” – Presentation for K-Gr. 8

May 16 – Sr. Divisional Baseball at Ste. Rose

May 17 – Grades 5/6 Field Trip to the Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg

May 21 – Victoria Day (School Closed)

May 23 – Law Class Trip to Dauphin

May 29 – Grades 7/8 Turtle Derby (Track & Field) in Ste. Rose (All Day)

May 30 – Grades 5/6 Turtle Derby in Ste. Rose (All Day)

Interviews from the K/1 Room

Name: T-O-P-A-N-G-A

Favorite food: Umm, lemonwatermelon...that's a lemon and a watermelon

Favorite colour: Purple

How old are you? Six

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A police

What's your favorite thing about school?

Umm, snack time and recess

Name: Rylie

Favorite food: Yogurt

Favorite colour: Black

How old are you? Six

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A teacher

What's your favorite thing about school?

Doing work

Name: Lux

Favorite food: Strawberries

Favorite colour: Red, Blue

How old are you? Six

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Be a mom and a doctor

What's your favorite thing about school?

Learning



**Alonsa School is excited to share
our new website with you on
Monday, May 7, 2018!**

News from the Grade 2 Room

The Grade 2's have been busy this month; we made paper mache globes for Earth Day as well as earth globe keychains made out of soil and paint. We also planted sun flower seeds and made our very own chia pets. We are looking forward to the nice weather ahead, so we can enjoy activities outside!

-Miss Selista Langan



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

squeakies36@inethome.ca
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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!

News from the

Grades 3 & 4 Room

We have started a new novel study in April called "The One and Only Ivan". The students have been very interested to know how Ivan the gorilla got to be in a domain in a shopping mall. There have also been some thought provoking discussions as students see the world through the perspective of an animal and think about how they feel about wild animals living in captivity.

The grades 2/3/4 Phys Ed class has been enjoying time outside as the weather cooperates.

In art the grades 3/4 class has made animal totems to represent themselves as well as worked on some sketching.



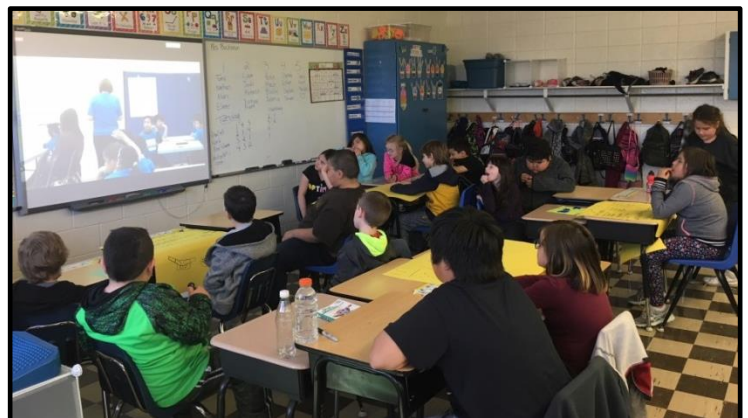
On April 24th the grades 3/4 class participated in a Cooking Quest with 3 schools remotely via video conference and FaceTime. Two classes from schools in Winnipeg were at the Sunova Centre in Winnipeg (where we went to the Super Chef Academy in March) and our students in Alonsa did research to help them solve the quests to complete the recipes they were given. The students enjoyed this FaceTime classroom experience that was sponsored by the Dairy Producers of Manitoba and our Community Connector arranged for our participation. Our class also participated in our own Food Quest and made couscous salad as a class. I am excited to report that all of the students tried the salad and many came back for seconds! I have submitted the recipe below and I hope many of our students will be excited to make it for their families at home.

-Mrs. Amy Buchannan

Couscous Salad

1 cup uncooked couscous
1 ¼ cup chicken broth
3 Tbsp olive oil
2Tbsp lime juice
1 tsp red wine vinegar
½ tsp cumin
3 cloves garlic, finely minced
8 green onions, chopped
2 red bell peppers, seeded and chopped
1 can corn, drained
1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 Pkg feta cheese
Salt and Pepper to taste

- Measure couscous into a small bowl. Bring chicken broth to a boil in glass measuring cup in the microwave. Pour over couscous, cover, and let sit for 5 minutes.
- In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lime juice, vinegar, minced garlic, and cumin. Add the green onions, red pepper, corn and beans and toss to coat.
- Fluff the couscous well with a fork, up any chunks. Add to the bowl with the vegetables and mix well. Add the crumbled feta cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve, or refrigerate until ready to serve.



News from the Grades 5 & 6 Room

In grade 5/6 April has been a slow month. Everyone is waiting for the snow to melt and the water to dry up so we can play outside.

In ELA we are doing a Narrative writing unit. We have learnt about Narrative writing, we have written a story together, and we are writing our own stories. When we are done this unit we would like to make a book out of all of the stories we wrote.

We talked about Earth Day and made some Earth Day art to display in the hallway. We are now concentrating on water colors and making some spring art to hang up in our school.



We are focusing on doing our genius hour and learning about things that interest us. We have been learning lots from other students in our classroom. We also did a hockey draft and are following who is winning in the playoffs. We are excited for the second round of hockey to start this week. It has been a long month of April and we are really looking forward to the fun May will bring.

- Miss Catherine Stebeleski

The Kindergarten-Grade 6 Students are having a BBQ Hotdog & Ice Cream Cone Sale on Friday, May 18 and an Ice Cream Float Sale on Friday, May 25 in support of the Elementary Field Trips.

The Grades 7/8 Class is selling raffle tickets on a Spring Cleaning Basket for \$2 each, also in support of their Field Trip.

Community Members Needed

Due to depleting Bingo crews, the Alonsa Hall Committee is in desperate need of volunteers to help out at our Friday night Bingos. The money earned from our Bingo nights help to keep our hall, skating rink, curling rink and senior centre running. If we do not have a sufficient amount of Bingo workers by the end of June, we will have no choice but to shut down. We appreciate all the help and support we have and hope that we can receive even more.

Please contact our Secretary Desiree West at 204-767-2290 to sign up