

# Alonsa School Newsletter

## November 2019



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### Principal's Message

Greetings from Alonsa School!

It is sad to see the snow and all the havoc from the accumulations at Thanksgiving. With a cold winter coming, there is a bright side; spring is just 5 months away.

As a reminder, the exit doors are locked throughout the day. The east doors have a teacher monitor to admit students, staff and parents up till 8:45 am. After that time there is no monitor at the east doors and everyone has to enter using the south doors where there is a doorbell to notify the office of your arrival. We ask that all parents coming to the school to pick up or to drop off students to notify the office at the time of the visit.

Now that the weather is turning colder and wetter, we ask parents to ensure that their children are appropriately dressed for the weather. Students are to be adequately dressed for the weather, as they need to go out during the recess and lunch breaks to burn off some energy. Unless it is  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  (temperature or wind-chill) or raining, students in K to 6 will be outside for part if not all of the break at recess and/or lunch. Between  $-20$  and  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , students will be out for a short period-of-time but not necessarily for the entire break. The office makes a decision prior to the start of break, considering the conditions at the time. At  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  or colder then students remain indoors.

At this time, there has been one progress report issued to students at the end of September. The report is a communication to inform parents about the performance of their children. Because some students forget, lose or misplace these reports, if your child does not have a report to show you near the end of each month be sure to ask about it. The progress reports are normally distributed during the last week of each month issued. The exceptions happen during the months when full reports are distributed.

The student's council has been active planning for this year. They work as volunteers in the canteen at lunch and they are preparing a special afternoon for Halloween spirit week and activity day.

Our students performed well at the division cross country and soccer competitions this year. All students put forth extra effort and determination to carry the name of our school to higher levels of competition and recognition. Congratulations to all our competitors for a well-played season. Currently there are students competing in senior and junior volleyball.

We will be having our Remembrance Day ceremony on November 8 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Students from Grade K to 8 will be taking part as individual classes. The Grade 9 to 12 will have representatives. We welcome all who would like to attend our ceremony in memory of the veterans of past years.

### Dates to Remember:

**October 30** – Progress Reports distributed for all students

**October 31** – Halloween

**November 1** – Inservice – No Classes

**November 3** – Daylight Saving Time ends - clocks turn back one hour at 2:00 AM

**November 8** – Remembrance Day Program will begin at 10:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**November 11** – Remembrance Day – School Closed

**November 18** – First formal report for all students, K to Grade 12

**November 21** – Parent-Teacher Evening – Interviews are scheduled from 5 PM to 8 PM

**November 22** – Parent-Teacher/Administration Day – Interviews are scheduled for the morning from 9 AM to 12 PM. – No Classes all day

# News from the Library

We have had some fun themes this month! Autumn, Thanksgiving & Snow storms, and Halloween. We read themed picture books for the Pre-School to Grade 2 classes and we have activity pages to coincide with our stories.

Miss Caumartin's Grade 3s and I are reading a chapter book, "The Berenstain Bear Scouts and the Humongous Pumpkin". With Mrs. Buchanan's Grade 3s I am reading the "Arthur" chapter books and we are on Book 3, "Arthur Makes the Team". The Grade 4s and I are reading the "Upside Down Magic" series and we just finished Book 2, "Sticks and Stones". The Grade 5s and I are starting a new series, "The Chronicles of Avantia" Book 1 "First Hero". With the Grade 6s and Grade 7s I am finishing up "The Blackwell Pages" trilogy we started last year, each grade is on Book 3, "Thor's Serpents". Also continuing from last year, the Grade 8s and I are reading the "Tombquest series" and we are on Book 2, "Amulet Keepers".

High School students are welcome to come to the library between 8:30 to 8:50, 12:30-1:00 and during their breaks and other times at their teachers' requests. The schedule is as follows for the Pre-School to Grade 8s:

Pre-School – every Thursday

Kindergarten & Grade 1 – Days 1, 3 & 5  
(Alternating days between Ks and 1s)

Grades 2 & 3 (Miss Caumartin's class) – Days 2, 4 & 6  
(Alternating days between 2s and 3s)

Grade 3 (Mrs. Buchanan's class) – Day 3

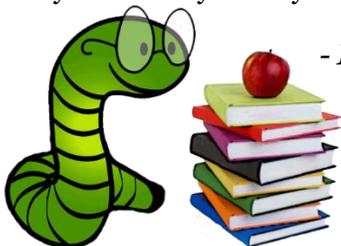
Grade 4 – Day 5 & Grades 3 & 4 I Pick – Day 1

Grades 5 & 6 – Day 6

Grade 7 – Day 2 & Grade 8 – Day 4

All students, any grade are welcome to exchange their books between 8:30 AM and 8:50 AM daily if they wish, they do not have to wait until their library day if they are anxiously wanting another book to read!

Parents and guardians, please feel free to contact me at any time at 204-767-2168 or via email at [banderson@trsd.ca](mailto:banderson@trsd.ca) with any questions about the library schedule, book circulation procedures or any concerns you may have. Have a great month!



- Mrs. Barbara Anderson ☺

## REMINDER:

There are **NO CLASSES** on:  
**Friday, November 1** due to a Professional Development Day  
**Monday, November 11** – closed for Remembrance Day  
**and Friday, November 22** for Parent-Teacher Interviews (AM) & Admin. (PM)



Enroll now for preschool



### Alonsa Preschool -2019/20

2 days a week –Tuesday& Thursday

Taught by a QUALIFIED Early Childhood Educator 3 with many years of experience.

**When:** Every Tuesday and Thursday  
**Where:** Alonsa School- Kindergarten Room  
**Time:** 8:45- 3:30  
**Cost:** \$40 every four weeks (which makes it \$5.00 a day/\$10 a week.)  
Due at the beginning of every month. (Prepaying is new this year)

**Subsidy** is available and highly recommended. Forms are available at the centre or go on line. ([gov.mb.ca/childcare](http://gov.mb.ca/childcare)) You need to apply BEFORE your child starts.

**Who can attend:** 2, 3, 4 & 5 year olds. 2 year olds may attend even if they aren't toilet trained.

**Things to bring:** healthy lunch (peanut free) and pm snack, inside shoes, a large backpack, old shirt for a paint smock, and a blanket for rest time. SORRY Busing is no longer available.

**Register** at 204-835-2531 ask for Laurie Ann  
Spacing is limited so don't put off registering and be disappointed.



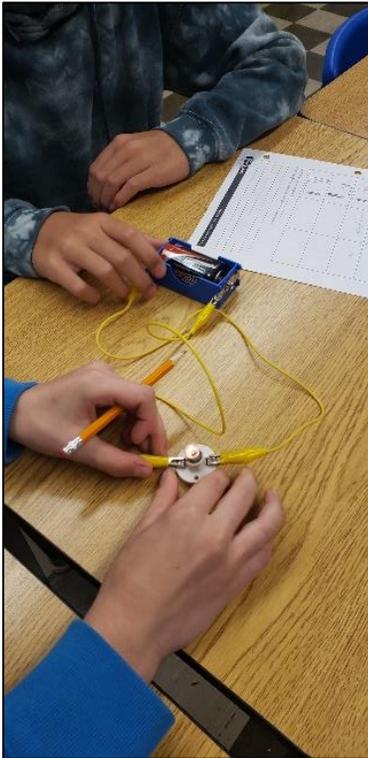
## News from the Grades 5 & 6 Room

October flew by and we are getting ready for a busy November!

We have been working hard at building our independent reading skills. Each student has been set up with a good fit book and bright orange duo tang to record in. Students are to be reading every night for 15 minutes. Please help by listening to your child read out loud or having them read out loud to a sibling.

We did several experiments in science related to circuits. Students built circuits and tested several

materials to see which were conductors of electricity and which were insulators. We are currently reviewing and getting ready for a final test to finish the unit. In November we will begin our unit on Solar Systems. Students have had several spelling tests and have



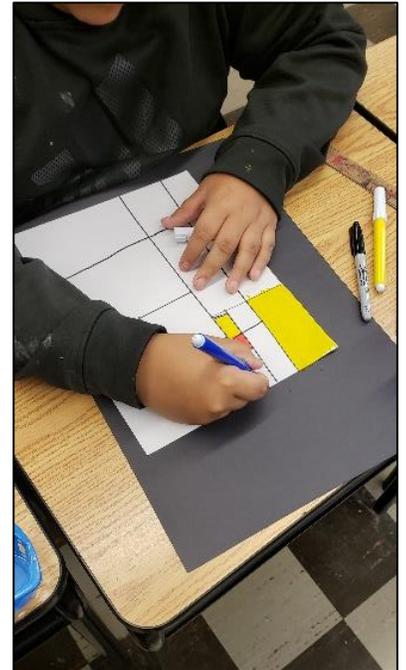
completed one personal narrative piece of writing with guidance. Now they are working on applying what was taught to complete a piece independently.

In Math we had our first unit test on Patterns and Equations. I will be sending the test home for parents to see and sign. We are now working on reading and writing large numbers. This is a short unit and there will be a test early November.



In Music students have improved greatly at playing the Boomwhackers. They have learnt Hot Cross Buns, Mary Had a Little Lamb and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. We will continue to practice with the Boomwhackers but also begin the recorder in November.

In art, students have been working with the element of value, color and now line. They have looked at one famous artist Piet Mondrain and replicated one of his pieces.



We will have a class party on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> for Halloween. More information about that will be coming home next week.

Please continue to check your students backpack daily for notes/homework.

- Miss. Steiner

## **Remembrance Day Service**

*Friday, October 8 - 10:30 AM  
In the Alonsa School Gymnasium  
Everyone welcome to attend*



*Lest We Forget*

# NEWS FROM MISS DORAN

October has gone by very quickly! We have been looking at ecosystems in science, and will be wrapping up the unit mid-November. Students will be writing a test covering all unit 1 topics. Once we finish our study of ecosystems, we will be starting a unit on chemistry. One of the goals for students to understand in our first science unit is that everything is connected: what we do today affects the world tomorrow, and the world is in a state of very delicate balance because of the connectedness.

The Grade 8's have made good progress in their math. The integer unit wrapped up at the end of September, and we have been working on multiplying and dividing with fractions. The hope is to have this unit wrapped up early to mid-November, so we can start in on unit 3!

The Geography class has also been working hard. We have been looking at maps, criteria for maps, and most recently, map scales. We will be moving onto aerial and satellite imaging for the end of October, followed by graphing and more focus on geologic history and connections between geology, climate, and vegetation.

In Grade 9 math, we are wrapping up a unit on exponents. Students are reminded that this is a course with a lot of work, and if students need help or have questions on any work, they are encouraged to ask for help during class. If they need additional help, students are asked to come into the room during lunch, as I am available most days at lunch for extra help. Another option for students depending on when they arrive at school is to ask for help before the bell rings at 8:50.

Afternoon classes have been going very well. In Home Ec. (Human Economics), we have been focused on nutrition and the main types of nutrients for our book work, and we have narrowed down different items to cook in the canteen on the basis of affordable meals that have potential for using or being used as left overs. After January, we will transition into sewing instead of cooking. In art, students are working on 'shadow' portraits, a different take on a self-portrait.

Lastly, in Family Studies, students have begun to look at what personality is and how personality develops.

I am also hoping that there are some pictures from senior soccer and junior soccer that have been taken by parents, guardians, students, siblings etc. as we have very few pictures of any soccer games overall. If anyone has pictures of soccer, or any other school related event and would like to contribute to the yearbook, please send them in to [alonsaschoolyearbook@trsd.ca](mailto:alonsaschoolyearbook@trsd.ca). I will be gathering a list of students interested in helping with the yearbook during November, so we can start planning the layout and getting organized!

## **CLASSROOM 8 REVELATIONS**

**October has been a super busy month and it's hard to believe that "Hocus Pocus" time is nearly upon us.**

**The Gr.12s and Gr. 11s have completed their Essay Writing Unit and it's amazing to see the improvements and writing growth that has been accomplished.**

**Currently, both Gr. 11s and Gr.12s are starting their Music Video Analysis Unit which will be an enjoyable switch from essay writing.**

**The Gr.10s submitted their Memoirs which were beautifully written and very emotional. The class has begun their Independent Reading Program and will be reading various genres throughout the year. The Gr.10s will also begin their Music Video Analysis Unit. Between the Gr. 12s, Gr. 11s, and Gr.10s, most of our mornings will be spent rocking to some great lyrics and music. Won't Mr. D. be jealous?! Who says ELA is boring???**

**Gr. 7/8 Social Studies students are putting the finishing touches on their Early Man projects. Discovering fun and interesting facts is producing interesting projects. We will be moving on to Ancient Egypt and all the glories of that ancient civilization.**

**Gr. 7 Home Ec have completed their Spice Postcard research project. Many interesting facts and info has been revealed about common cooking spices.**

**Wishing you a "Fantabulous" upcoming new school month!**

**- Mrs. D. Grimstead**

# Don't let the sugar bugs get you this Halloween

Don't be afraid of having candy and treats this Halloween

Just remember:

- Sugar **increases** your child's risk of **cavities**
- Brush your child's teeth **2 times** per day for **2 minutes** with a **soft toothbrush** to SCARE away the sugar bugs!
- **Flossing** helps to get rid of the sugar bugs **in between** your child's teeth!
- Enjoy **special treats after mealtimes** instead of snacking on treats all day! Eating candy all day can increase acidic conditions in the mouth leading to an increased risk of cavities!

Wishing you and your teeth a Happy Halloween!



For more information, visit Healthy Smile Happy Child at:  
[http://www.wrha.mb.ca/healthinfo/preventill/oral\\_child.php](http://www.wrha.mb.ca/healthinfo/preventill/oral_child.php)



**PARENT'S DAY - Form for Scheduling of Interviews**

**Parent's/Guardians Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teachers are as follows:**

**Mrs. Amanda Asham** –Resource & Curling 11G

**Mrs. Wendy Zalluski** – Kindergarten & Grade 1

**Miss Kendell Caumartin** – Grades 2 & 3

**Mrs. Amy Buchanan** – Grades 3 & 4

**Miss Katie Terrick-Steiner** – Grades 5 & 6

**Miss Laura Grant – Grades 7 & 8 Homeroom** - Gr.7&8 ELA, French, Art, Music, Gr.7 Math & Canada in a Contemporary World 10F

**Miss Sarah Doran- Grade 9 Homeroom** – Math Grade 8. Math 10F, Science 20F, Geography 20F, Visual Arts 10S, Fam. Studies 10F & Home Ec. 20G

**Mr. Brad Dupasquier - Grade 10 Homeroom** – Grade 2 to Grade 12 Physical Education, Music Gr. 9 to 12, Personal Finance 20S & Hockey 11G

**Mr. Matthew Reimer - Grade 11 Homeroom** – Math (Essential) 20S, 30S,40S, Biology 40S, Chemistry 30S & Psychology 40S

**Mrs. Darlene Grimstead - Grade 12 Homeroom** - ELA 10F,20F,30S 40S, History 30F, Grades7&8 Social Studies and Science & Grades 7&8 Human Ecology

**Mr. Vern McMichael (Principal)** – Math 30S (Applied), Math 40S (Applied), Intro. to Applied & Pre-Cal Math 20S

**Do You Prefer a Group Meeting?** \_\_\_\_\_ **or Individual Meeting?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What Day Do You Prefer?** **THURS. November 21st, (5-8 P.M.)** \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY, November 22nd (9A.M. to Noon)** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHICH TEACHER(S) WILL YOU BE VISITING?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Amanda Asham

\_\_\_\_\_ Wendy Zalluski

\_\_\_\_\_ Kendell Caumartin

\_\_\_\_\_ Amy Buchanan

\_\_\_\_\_ Katie Terrick-Steiner

\_\_\_\_\_ Laura Grant

\_\_\_\_\_ Sarah Doran

\_\_\_\_\_ Brad Dupasquier

\_\_\_\_\_ Matthew Reimer

\_\_\_\_\_ Darlene Grimstead

\_\_\_\_\_ Vern McMichael

Generally, appointments will be made on the basis of the date these forms are completed. Earlier return of forms gives us a better chance of you getting your desired date and time. Forms due back by **Friday, November 15th**. Only one form per family.

**School Use**

**Date Received**

**Time**



# November 2019



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>PD</i> <i>No Classes</i>	2
3  <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends - Clocks go back 1 hour</i>	4 Day 4	5 Day 5 <i>Zone Volleyball in Alonsa</i>	6 Day 6 <i>Jr. Volleyball in Glenella (3:30 PM)</i>	7 Day 1	8 Day 2 <i>Remembrance Day Service 10:30 AM Everyone Welcome</i>	9
10	11  <i>Remembrance Day</i> <i>School Closed</i>	12 Day 3	13 Day 4	14 Day 5 <i>Jr. Volleyball in Ste. Rose (3:30 PM)</i>	15 Day 6	16
17	18 Day 1 <i>K to Grade 12 Report Cards Sent Home</i>	19 Day 2 <i>Jr. Volleyball in Laurier (3:30 PM)</i>	20 Day 3	21 Day 4 <i>Parent-Teacher Interviews (5 to 8 PM)</i>	22 <i>Parent-Teacher Interviews (9 AM-12 PM)</i> <i>Admin - PM</i> <i>No Classes</i>	23
24	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30

