

Alonsa School Newsletter

October 2021



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to all students and staff:

I am excited to be back in Alonsa and look forward to a great year. As you are aware, all students are required to wear a face mask on the school bus. Once at school, all students are to wear masks when walking in the school or when physical distancing is not possible. Students are asked to bring bagged lunches as the canteen is not available at this time. Each class does have access to a microwave if lunches require a warm up.

We are excited to welcome 3 new teachers to our school. Mr. Nogaj will be teaching Grade 5 and 6 and High School Phys.Ed, Lexi Ferland will be teaching Grade 3 and Jeffrey Schwarz will be teaching Elementary Phys.Ed. and Gr 5 and 6 French and

Science. We also have 2 new Educational Assistants, Echo Rudkewich and Rebecca Rudkewich, a new Librarian, Jennifer Trotter and a new Secretary, Barb Anderson. We look forward to all they bring to our school.

This month has been a busy one, learning the routines, becoming more efficient with entering and exiting the school at bus time, individual Terry Fox walks and Orange Shirt Day. Thank you to staff, students and the community for their continued support towards the Terry Fox Walk.

This month we are also observing a new Federal Holiday. The school will be closed on Thursday September 30 to observe The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Parents are reminded to screen students daily and to keep students home if they are sick. If exhibiting symptoms, please contact Health Links.

We look forward to a great month.

- Nathan Dmytriw

Dates to Remember:

Oct 5 – School Pictures (AM)

Oct 11 – Thanksgiving – No Classes – School Closed

Oct 22– SAGE/LIFT In-Services for Teachers
(No classes for students)

Oct 31 – Halloween Day

COVID UPDATE

Our school has moved to Covid level Orange from Yellow due to cases in the school. Currently the cases that we are aware of are in the elementary cohort. To help prevent the spread, we have gone to classroom zones for recess. This means that students will play with others from their classroom. Masks will be worn during Phys. Ed. Class. Students can distance themselves and take their masks off when they need a break. Students will also need to be mindful of distancing in the classrooms. It is very important that you screen your child daily. Students with symptoms should be kept home and taken for testing.

BUS LOOP

Parents and Guardians are asked to stay out of the bus loop on the South Side of the School from 8:25 to 3:40. Students are loading and unloading busses and coming in and going out for recess. With cars in the area this becomes a safety concern.

GRAD MEETING

There will be a Grad. Meeting for parents and students on Tuesday October 5th at 7:00pm. Zoom links have been sent out. If you did not receive one, please let the school know.

Alonsa School Student Council Report

September 20-25th.

Monday: Pyjama day
Tuesday: Tie Die Day
Wednesday: Wacky Day
Thursday: Throw Back Day
Friday: Future Ambition/Goal Day

A good time was enjoyed by students and staff!

News From Grade K/1

Hello, my name is Mrs. Wendy Zalluski and I will be the Kindergarten/Grade 1 teacher for this school year. Mrs. Tiffany Turko is another important member in our classroom who brings her experience, enthusiasm and many fun ideas to make our learning exciting. I would like to welcome the twelve Kindergarten and two Grade 1 students into our classroom.

We have started a daily Name Investigation activity where, each week, we study a student's name: the beginning letter and letter sound how many letters in the name and any other interesting facts about the student's name. While investigating the name, we also ask questions to learn more about the student.

This month we have discussed Terry Fox and what he has done to help with Cancer research, and then went on a walk around the school grounds in support of Terry Fox. We have celebrated Orange Shirt Day and completed various activities to bring an awareness of the topic. Next month's topics will include Thanksgiving and what we are thankful for, and activities with a Halloween theme.

Please check your Child's backpack and home folder daily for any school or classroom notes. If you have any questions or concerns, please write them in the home/school communication scribbler or phone me at the school 204-7672168.

- Mrs. Wendy Zalluski



News from Grade 3

Hello my name is Alexandra Ferland but most know me as Lexie. I am the grade 3 teacher this year. In our classroom we have 15 students and 2 Educational Assistants (EA). Our EA's in the classroom are Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Fiddler. The three of us have been working very well together and keep the classroom a safe yet fun environment for our students.

To begin the year, we started working on unit one which is patterns and algebra. The students have completed their first grade 3 math test, which all students did AWESOME! In English Language Arts (ELA) we are working on spelling, writing and reading. Social studies we are working on cluster 1 Connecting with Canadians, so far we learned about what is a citizen is and our role and responsibilities of being a Canadian Citizen. Once we finished our first cluster in Social studies we will start our first cluster in science which is Growing and Changes in plants. We are looking forward to a great school year with lots of laughs, learning and fun.

- Ms. Alexandra Ferland

Grade 4/ 5 News!

Hello! And welcome back for another year. This year I am lucky to have both Grade 4 and Grade 5 in this room. We have been steadily working on getting back to routine, reviewing, and learning some new things too!

ELA

We have started ELA by building up our reading and writing stamina. They have all completed a reading assessment and are ready to start ELA rotations this month! We have also been reading the book Projekt 1065 by Alan Gratz about WWII as a class and it is quite the page turner!

Math

Both grades have been expanding their knowledge with place value and different ways to represent numbers (Grade 4 to 10 000 and Grade 5 to 1 000 000). They will continue to build number sense this month.

Social Studies

We have started this year with mapping, and the beginnings of a post confederation Canada.

Science

In science we have begun with our unit on "Diversity of Living Things". Students are learning what it means to classify objects and the animal kingdoms.

I have sent out invites for the **Remind** app. This is a place where I can contact you and send announcements. If you did not receive an invite please send word with your child or feel free to email me at kjanz@trsd.ca.

-Miss Kyla Janz

News from the Grades 5 & 6 Room

First month of the school is done. Students have already adjusted to our daily routine that starts with a circle where everyone shares information about things they did in the precious day, things they are thankful for, and things they would like to change.

In ELA, we are reading a book "FIRE GIRL". Students show interest about the book and have some activities related to each chapter completed. In Social Studies, students learnt and investigated World map, Maps of Canada with Provinces Territories and Capitals as well as we Physical Map of Canada. Some of them already did their first S.S. Test.

In Math, we follow our daily routine that starts with estimation 180. Then, we practice multiplication and division facts. This month focus is on LARGE numbers. Students in Grade 5 investigate numbers up to 100000, while grade 6 students practice numbers from 100 000 to billion.

- Mr. Michal Nogaj



Grade 7/8 September News!

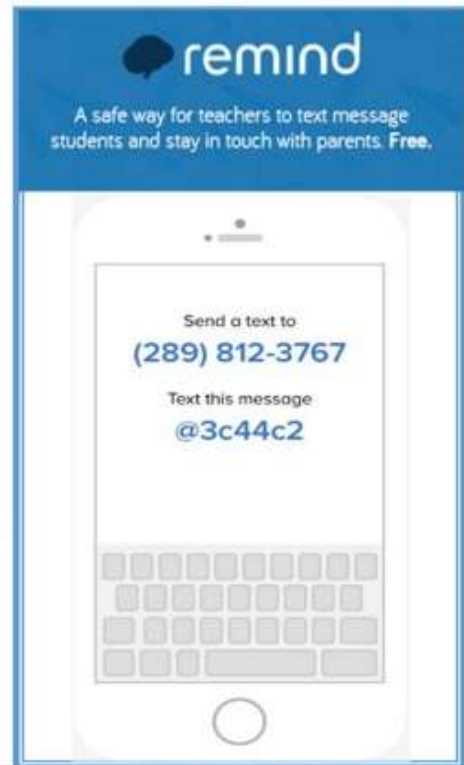
Welcome back to school! We are excited to be back at school with students and staff. This year, the grade 7/8 teachers are as follows:

Miss Sarah Doran is teaching Math, Science, Social Studies, French, Art, Music, and Home Ec.

Mrs Amanda Asham is teaching ELA and Home Ec.

Mr Jeffrey Schwarz is teaching physical education.

If parents or grade 7/8 students wish, they can join the Remind App to receive notes home electronically, or contact Miss Doran or Miss Asham. To join, see instructions to the right.



REMINDER:

Alonsa School will be closed for Thanksgiving
on Monday, October 11, 2021

and for a Professional Development Day on
Friday, October 22, 2021

Have a safe a Happy Halloween on Sunday,
October 31!

News from Ms. Doran

Welcome back to another school year! I am pleased to be back in Alonsa school for my fourth year of teaching. This year, I am teaching Math 10F (Grade 9 Math), as well as Grade 7/8 social studies, science, art, music, French, and math. As the Grade 7/8 group is a mixed grade class, this year the science and social studies courses are based on the Grade 8 curriculum, as last year we completed the Grade 7 courses.

In the Math 10F course, we have started the year by talking about rational numbers. Grade 7 Math is focused on fractions, decimals, and percent's. Grade 8 math students are working with integers.

The social studies and science courses are alternating units through the year. To start the year, we have been working on the first unit in social studies, which is introducing different views on human creation as well as the scientific view of early humans. In October, we will be starting our first science unit, Cells and Systems.

Students have shown a good enthusiasm for the first music project, where they are creating posters that represent their musical interests. I am looking forward to seeing the completed projects!

For French, we have started discussing vocabulary focused on family. We have not had many French classes yet, but we will be continuing with vocabulary that is more commonly heard or used.



In art, we have started two different projects. The first project is an 'accordion' folder that showcases the different elements of art. Students were to pick a silhouette and use that silhouette to showcase the different elements. These elements of art are something we will be revisiting through the year. We have also started a cave painting project to go along with our social studies unit.

- Miss Sarah Doran

News from Mr. Schwarz

Hello, my name is Jeffrey Schwarz; I am a new Teacher here at Alonsa School. I teach K-8 Physical Education, 5/6 French, Arts, Science and Grade 11 Lifeworks. The Things we have been working on in Physical Education this month was a little bit of throwing, and getting to know some new games, such as different tag games for the younger ages, and kickball (soccer baseball) for the older ages. In Science we're learning about the Sun and the Universe. I am looking forward to getting to know the students as well as the parents this school year.

- Mr. Jeffery Schwarz



Alonsa Nursery School 2021-2022

2 days per week (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Taught by a QUALIFIED Early Childhood Educator III with over 25 years of experience with the help of a childcare assistant

When: Every Tuesday and Thursday starting September 14, 2021
Where: Alonsa School- Kindergarten Room
Time: 9:00 AM - 3:15 PM
Cost: (\$104.00 prepaid at the beginning of each month) (works out to \$13 a session) Due to the gov't pulling our grant the fee is now the normal \$13.00 a session.

Plus, a onetime \$50.00/child registration fee which will be returned at the end of the year and is due upon registration

Subsidy: If you're interested in applying for subsidy apply online @ gov.mb.ca/childcare. You need to apply BEFORE your child starts.


Who can attend: 2 - 5 year olds. 2 year olds may attend even if they aren't toilet trained.

Things to bring: Healthy lunch (peanut free) and afternoon snack, inside shoes, a large backpack, old shirt for a paint smock, and a blanket for rest time.

Everyone must pre-register

To register or if you have any questions contact Laurie Ann at 204-835-2531

Spacing is LIMITED so book your spot today!
SORRY...busing is no longer available.
COVID-19 guidelines will be followed as per ELCC regulations!



News from the Library

Welcome to Alonsa School Library!

Dear Parents & Guardians:

I am so excited to be your child's librarian this year! Libraries are great resources for students; you can find books, entertainment, educational and cultural enrichment, literacy tips and other valuable information.

I will be teaching students how to find and use resources, appreciate literature and more.

The library is open to each k-8 student every day. Students can return/borrow books, read or work quietly.

There are no fines for overdue books but please encourage your child to return his/her books each week (or sooner). No student can borrow another book if they didn't return their book. Sometime accidents happen. If a library book is lost or damaged (just let me know) the book must be paid for or replaced.

Families can search our library database at home by going on AlonsaSchool.ca. At the bottom right side, click on Edsembli library. Click on criteria then type in what the search is.

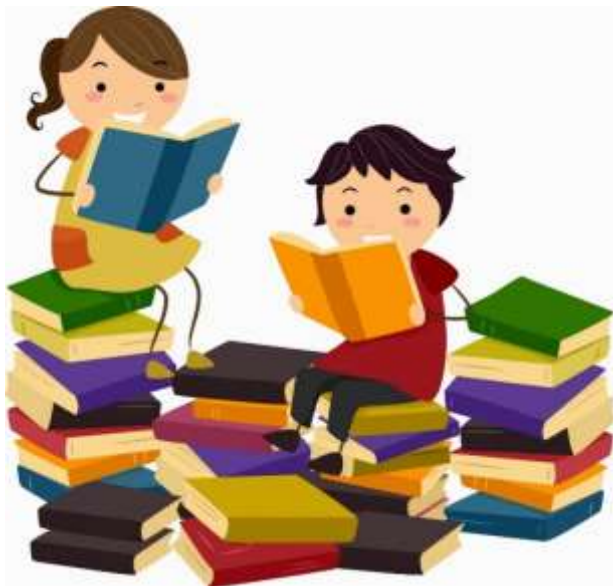
Please help to reinforce the good habits of the library

- How to handle books carefully.
- How to keep books in a safe place.
- How to return books to the library on time.

I am looking forward to a great year and many happy memories!

Happy Reading!

- Mrs. Jennifer Trotter



Room 9 News from Mr. Reimer

This semester the following subjects are taught:

Grade 10 Essentials Math 20S, Grade 10

Applied/Pre-Calculus

Math 20S, Grade 12 Essentials Math 40S, Grade 12

Applied Math 40S, Psychology 40S, and Biology 40S

Over this past month the Grade 10 Essentials Math 20S students have studied Personal Finance 1, Consumer Decisions 1, Measurement 1a: Length, and Measurement 1b: Area.

In the Grade 10 Applied/Pre-Calculus Math 20S course students have been studying Unit 1: Measurement. Topics covered thus far have been Measurement Systems, Surface Area and Volume.

Home Finance was studied in Grade 12 Essentials Math 40S. We recently began the Geometry Unit. As for Grade 12 Applied Math 40S, students have been learning Financial Mathematics.

In Psychology we recently concluded Unit 1: Introduction to Psychology and Research Methods and began Unit 2: Biopsychology Theme.

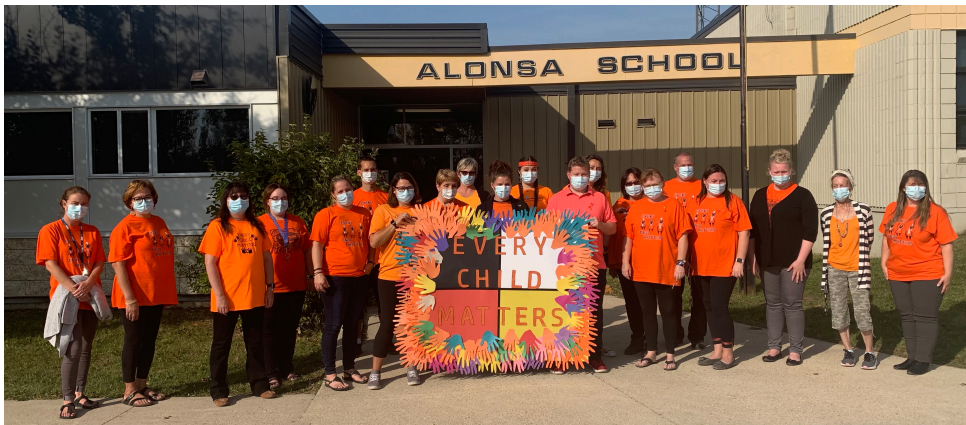
In Biology 40S, students have been studying "Unit 1: Understanding Biological Inheritance.

- Mr. Matthew Reimer



Community School News

**Welcome back to all of our students!
It is great to be together again. We
are looking forward to a fun school
year together.**



THANK YOU!

A special thank you to the Alonsa Green Team members for taking such good care of our gardens over the summer. Because of this partnership, our students will enjoy delicious homemade meals prepared by Mrs. Pettit.



**Free
Lunch**

**Remember!
Each
Wednesday
will be Free
Hot Lunch
Day. Please
watch the
school
Facebook
Page for
what will be
on the menu!**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Day 5	2
3	4	5  School Pictures (AM) Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9
10	11  Thanksgiving School Closed	12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16
17	18 Day 3	19 Day 4	20 Day 5	21 Day 6	22  Professional Development No Classes	23
24	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30
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"Making a Difference Through Empowerment"