

# Alonsa School

## October 2023 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to all the students and staff!

I am excited to be back at school and look forward to a great year.

This month has been a busy one, learning new classroom routines, the Terry Fox Walk, Meet the Teacher, Book Fair and internet safety presentations. Thank you to staff, students and the community for their continued support towards the Terry Fox walk.

October looks to be busy with senior volleyball, Jr soccer, and picture day. School pictures will take place on Thursday October 26th, look for more information to follow. There is no school on Tuesday Oct 3 and Wednesday Oct 4 as there is PD for the staff. The School will be closed on Monday October 9th to celebrate Thanksgiving and Again on Friday October 20th, for Professional Development.

Parents are reminded to keep students home if they are sick.

We look forward to a great month.

Nathan Dmytriw

Principal

*MAKING A DIFFENCE THROUGH  
EMPOWERMENT*



## CLASSROOM NEWS

I cannot believe that another school year has started already! The summer months flew by and now we are a month into school! Our classroom has been busy learning classroom routines and getting to know one another; we have 7 kindergarten students and 4 grade 1 students. We begin our school day by practicing and learning the letters in our name and the correct letter formation. After listening to a phonics song and singing our ABC's, we then start with a review of the alphabet for grade 1 students and kindergarten students are starting to learn to identify the letter name and sound each letter makes. After recess, students are excited to go to the gym with Mr. Schwartz and have a chance to play and learn the rules of the games played there. In the afternoon, students are learning to count by 1's and to count backwards. Grade 1 students are reviewing numbers and working in the Jump Math workbooks while the kindergarten students are learning to identify and count objects to 10. In Social Studies, we have been working in the unit 'All About Me' which is helping us to get to know one another. We all look forward to the end of the day when students have a chance to play and interact with one another.

This month students were learning about apples and fall activities. Next month, we are excited because it will be Thanksgiving and Halloween. Students will be making a calendar for the month of October that will contain some information regarding school days off due to in-services, picture day and spirit week dress up days—Mrs. Wendy Zalluski



What a fantastic start to the year, we have a great group of students who are eager to learn and this year will involve a lot of hard work and dedication.

Our ELA has a strong focus on literacy, including writing, reading with strong comprehension, word work, and reading out loud. In the first few weeks we have started the “Daily 5” as our main focus, which includes, reading out loud, reading to self, writing, word work and being read to. This has been an excellent way to re-introduce our students to a regular routine that includes daily literacy focus.

Mathematics has a strong focus on improving foundational skills, while offering a guided math experience to help focus on each student's strengths and areas that require additional support. Each class is separated into several activities in order to provide students with different styles of numeracy that allow them to stay engaged for the duration of the activity.

Science has been focused on the Human Body and the different types of systems exist within the human body and their functions. We will be focusing on what carbohydrates, proteins, and fats are, and why they are needed.

Social Studies has started with learning about Canada in 1867, the first immigrants to Canada, and Confederation. Students have started working on learning about the Indigenous Groups who were present that met the first immigrants.

I am excited about the year ahead and how much we get to learn. – Mr. Adam Martin

# CLASSROOM NEWS

Room 9 News by Mr. Reimer

The Grade 12 Essential Math 40S students began this new school year learning about Home Finance. A few of the topics taught in this unit was gross debt service ratio, mortgages and property taxes. They recently completed this unit and are currently studying the unit on Geometry.

The Grade 12 Applied Math 40S class have been studying the unit titled Financial Mathematics. In this unit students have been learning about compound interest, home finance, and investing. This unit also came to an end recently. The unit on logical reasoning will be studied next.

In Grade 10 Science 20F, students have been learning about the Dynamics of Ecosystems. In this unit students have been learning about the carbon and nitrogen cycles, as well as abiotic factors and ecology. The next unit of study will be Chemistry in Action.

Biology 30S students began this month studying Wellness and Homeostasis. This first unit focuses on how the human body works to maintain balance. Students recently completed this unit and have begun learning about the Digestive System.

In the Biology 40S class, students have been learning about Understanding Biological Inheritance. This unit focuses on how traits are passed on from parents to offspring. Students have been creating Punnett Squares and Pedigree Chart that help predict what traits might be passed on to the next generation.

What is going on everyone? Welcome back to another year of school, and sports. I am the K-12 physical education teacher this year, while doing some of high school classes like Personal Finance.

Let start with the classes. With the younger students, we been working on transport skills like skipping and galloping. Every time I see the young students in the hall, they seem to be skipping from and to classes, so it must be working. We also started practicing throwing with the proper step, and catching. With the older students, we have been working on the volleyball unit; understanding the rules, dimension of the court, and the proper way to make passes and hit the ball for example. In Personal Finance, we have been working on SMART goals, and decision making progress with in financial literacy.

Into the world of sports, I will start off with it has been a busy month of sports. We had golf divisionals, and we hosted golf zones at McCreary Golf Course. Thanks to McCreary Golf Course for hosting, it went wonderful. Next, both high school, and juniors have been practicing for soccer as well. Lastly, all of the volleyball teams have been practicing (JV boys, Varsity girls and boys), with the Varsity boys, having a couple of tournaments where they were successful.

That is all the information that I have. Hope the beginning of the school year is going well for everyone, and I will see you next month.

Mr. Schwarz



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## Classroom 8 News

We are back in full swing with classes and courses. This semester I am teaching ELA 30S and ELA 40S, Psychology 40S and a new course Drama 15S with the Gr. 9 & 10s. It's hard to believe that September has flown by and October is almost here! ELA 40S are wrapping up their poetry unit and doing final assessments in constructed response writing. ELA 40S will be starting their novel unit on "Night" by Elie Wiesel which is centered on Wiesel's experiences during the Holocaust. Believe or not, but as a reminder; the Grade 12s/ELA 40S will be writing their Provincial ELA exam as soon as they return back to school after Christmas break in January/2024. Please make note of this on calendars because we will back to the format of writing a six hour exam broken down over four days. The ELA Provincial exam will start Tuesday, January 9/2024 – Friday, January 12/2024. ELA 30S are also completing their poetry unit and will be doing final assessments. Psychology 40S have completed their first unit of psychology and presented interesting, well-done presentations on chosen psychologists and their contributions to psychology as an important facet of modern society. Drama 15S students are in full swing learning about acting fundamentals, doing drama activities, and presenting scenes. I'm impressed with the level of enthusiasm and "professionalism" that all the Gr. 9s and 10s are bringing to the class. Participation is high and for "first-timers" in a drama course for credit they are bringing their A game. I have confirmation on a "secret" that I have been working on since the beginning of September regarding the drama course. The Drama 15S class (Gr. 9 & 10) will be going to the Manitoba Theatre Centre (MTC) in Winnipeg to see the live stage performance of "Clue" on November 1, 2023. The performance is based on the actual game of Clue and should be fantastic to watch live. Loads of mystery and intrigue! MTC is generously donating the \$350 for the cost of the bus. Students will be required to bring in \$14 for the ticket before Oct. 20. This is such a great opportunity for the Drama 15S class to see live theatre at its finest. I hope this event will make a lasting memory for everyone in Gr. 9/10. I will be sending out a detailed letter/permission form for parents/guardians early next week (by Friday, Oct. 6/2023).

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy Everyone! Mrs. D. Grimstead

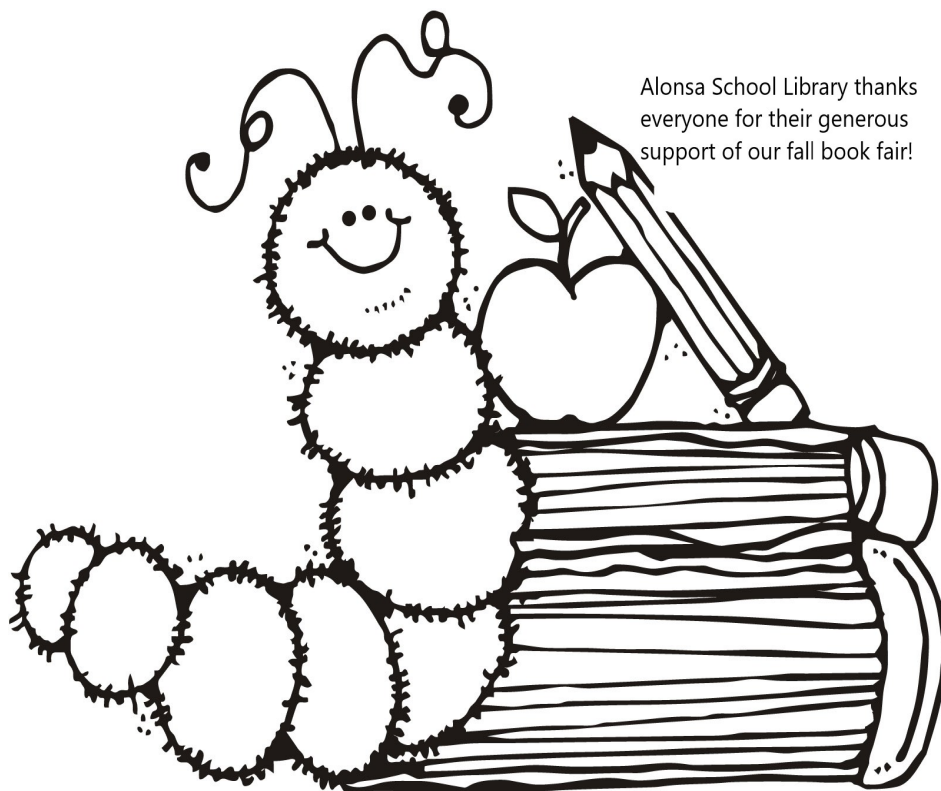


# CLASSROOM NEWS

Another school year is now well underway! I am pleased to once again be in the 7/8 room for most of the day, stepping out for one period in the afternoon to continue teaching Grade 9 math this term. The 23 students in the 7/8 group are joining me in a new classroom this year, which has been quite different! These 23 students have been keeping me busy, as we have been getting lots accomplished in our classes. Grade 7's have completed their first chapter in math, which focused on converting between fractions, decimals, and percents. They are now starting to learn all about adding and subtracting fractions, which will be keeping them busy for the next couple of weeks. The Grade 8 group has completed a math chapter on operations with integers and will be wrapping up a chapter on operations with fractions.

We have also completed our first social studies unit, which focused on world view, recognizing different stories of origin, and discussing the concepts of primary and secondary sources. As we are alternating science and social studies units, we are now in the middle of completing a science unit on Cells and Systems. We are currently focusing on the pathway that blood follows as it travels through the body!

In art, the 7/8's have been doing some work with pastels, and have also been working on numbers, colours, and calendar vocabulary in French. I am also very excited for the 7/8's, as they are participating in weekly guitar lessons this year! - Ms. Doran



Alonsa School Library thanks everyone for their generous support of our fall book fair!



# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## 4/5 CLASSROOM



Welcome back to what will be another great school year! We have a total of 12 students in our class this year made up of

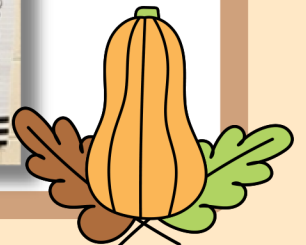
both grade 4 and 5. So far we have:

- completed reading assessments
- learned about genres in our book tasting,
- learned about the ice age
- discovering what makes our bodies healthy
- and are working with numbers to 10 000 or 100 000.

As a class, we have already been learning so much and look forward to what this year has in store for us!

-Ms Kyla Janz

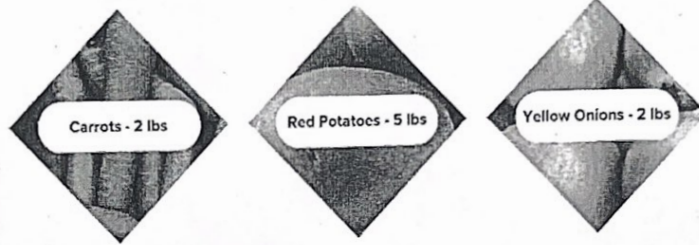
BOOK "TASTING"



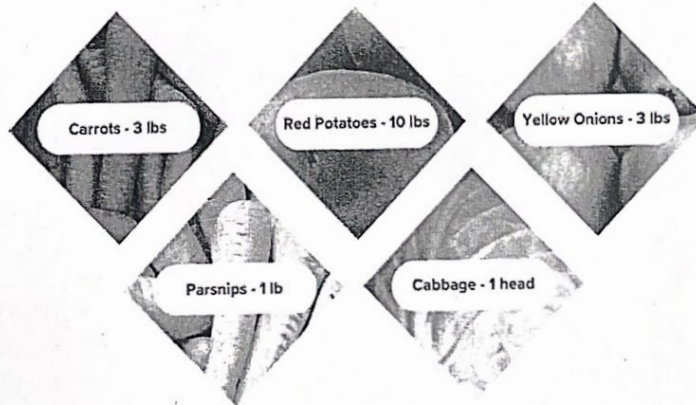
## Alonsa Student Council News

**Who would like to purchase fresh vegetables?** The Alonsa Student Council wants to participate in the Farm to School fundraiser to raise money. Farm to School is an excellent fundraiser as the Student Council would receive 50% of the total orders sold, however we would need to reach a minimum of \$1000 in sales before we would be able to participate in this fundraiser. If you are interested in ordering a vegetable bundle, we are asking you to send in your pre-order form by October 19, 2023. We do not require money now, as we need to see if we will reach the target of \$1000 before we can contact Farm to School. Please return pre-order forms to Mrs. Wendy Zalluski or Mrs. Barb Anderson in the office.

### Bundle A | \$15 each



### Bundle B | \$25 each



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bundle A \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Bundle B \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_



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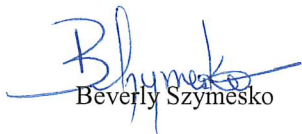
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## RE: VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers:

Please be informed that during the months of October and November we will be screening your child's vision and hearing. Our vision and hearing screener has been scheduled to come to your child's school to complete the first screening. This year, we are doing odd grades (K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11) and new students who had registered with our schools. If your child is flagged, they will be referred to our Speech Pathologist who will do a second screening. You will also receive a letter notifying you that a follow-up will be occurring. If they are flagged a second time, you will receive a letter recommending your child be further checked with your optometrist or audiologist.










Yours in Education,

  
Beverly Szymesko

*"Learning today for tomorrow"*



# OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Day 1 -Orange Shirt Day -Sr. Girls Volleyball Alonsa at McCreary (4 PM) 	3  Professional Development No Classes	4  Professional Development No Classes	5 Day 2 -Sr. Boys Zone Soccer at Swan River (Leave at 6:10 AM)	6 Day 3	7
8	9  Thanksgiving School Closed	10 Day 4	11 Day 5 -Provincial Cross Country (Leave at 8 AM) -Jr. Soccer Ste. Rose at Alonsa (4 PM)	12 Day 6 -Jr. Divisional Soccer at Alonsa (All Day) -Sr. Boys V-ball at Ste. Rose (4 PM) -Sr. Girls V-ball at Glenella (4 PM)	13 Day 1	14
15	16 Day 2 -Sr. Girls Volleyball Glenella at Alonsa (4 PM)	17 Day 3  Vision & Hearing Screening	18 Day 4 -Sr. Girls Volleyball Alonsa at Ste. Rose (4 PM)	19 Day 5	20  Professional Development No Classes	21
22	23 Day 6	24 Day 1 -Sr. Girls Volleyball McCreary at Alonsa (4 PM)	25 Day 2 -Sr. Divisional Volleyball Girls at Glenella Boys at McCreary (All Day)	26 Day 3  Lifetouch Pictures (Morning only)	27 Day 4	28
29	30 Day 5	31 Day 6  Happy Halloween!				

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