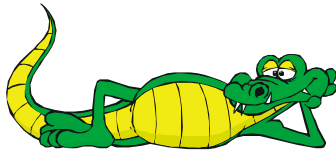


# ALMA NEWS



April 2015

Alma Public School, 12 Simpson St E. Box 118, Alma, ON N0B 1A0  
Principal – Mr. Andy Hill

Visit our WEBSITE: <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/AlmaPS/>

## Principal's Message



**MUCH APPRECIATION AND THANKS** to our School Council Co-Chair, Angie Litzen and Laura Freeman, also other members, for organizing the eighth Annual **EcoFair** - promoting Environmental Awareness & Healthy Choices. Many individuals worked together to prepare before, during and after the big event! Once again this year a week night was chosen instead of a Saturday and we believe this was more doable for many who often could not make a Saturday time. Local vendors find it much better during an evening as well. We had many people who attended the evening and we appreciate you for coming out to support the event!

## Around the School

During the past month, students have been involved in many and varied ongoing academic and social learning activities:

- Primary & Junior Reading Tutoring (Thanks to Shannon Pegg)
- Fundraisers (Thanks to the School Council and parents )
- Student Leadership Opportunities:
  - Lunch supervision
  - Character education
  - Crossing guards
  - Healthy snack program
  - Environmental incentives
  - Milk distribution
  - Morning announcements
  - Office helpers
  - Kindergarten helpers
  - Composting & recycling



## Are You Moving?

We are working on staffing again for the next School Year. If you know that you will be moving it would be helpful for us to know. Please contact the School if you are planning on moving.

## School Safety Check

Please continue to help keep our school safe:

- ✓ Call the office if your child will be absent and, **if they are ill please say that** as we have to report to Public Health daily.
- ✓ As the weather worsens, ensure your child has appropriate clothing, and for the little ones, you may consider sending extra clothing should they need to change (i.e. mittens, socks).
- ✓ **Thanks to the many parents who are picking up their children in the front foyer.** This has reduced the number of people in the main hallway where students line up for buses at the end of each day.
- ✓ **Bus Zone** – This area must be kept clear between 8:10 – 8:30 a.m. and again between 3:40 – 4:00 p.m. We do not want to have an unfortunate accident occur.
- ✓ **NEVER drive into the school parking lot, or out of the school parking lot when there are children boarding busses. PLEASE , SAFETY is PARAMOUNT where our children are concerned.**
- ✓ For our walkers, who have to cross County Rd 7, we continue to encourage that you use the crossing guard. This is in place for the safety of all!!

## Bus Cancellation Days

On a day when the buses are cancelled and the school remains open, all walkers can come to school if parents feel it is safe to walk, or if parents decide it's safe to drive them. **We need the parents of the students who walk** to call the school if their child is not going to be at school (sick, unsafe to walk).

When buses are not running, we do not need a call from parents who have children who are bused because we know why your child(ren) are away. If you're driving your regularly bused students to school, remember to pick them up at the end of the school day (3:30 p.m.). Once buses are cancelled in the morning, they do not run in the afternoon.

Thanks so much for helping us with our efforts with safe arrival for all students.

Announcements will be made on the following radio stations in the event of bus cancellations and/or school closure: 1460 CJOY AM - Guelph, 106.1 Magic FM - Guelph, Oldies 1090, 99.1 FM CBC, 105.3 Kool FM, 570 AM, and 96.7 FM CHYM.

CKCO TV will also announce bus cancellation and parents can check the Alma Public School website (site at top of this newsletter) for bus cancellations and on the Board website under Transportation.

**EQAO:** A letter will be sent home, along with a brochure to all parents who have children in Grades 3 and/or Grade 6, with more details about what is involved during the selected days of administering EQAO this Spring.

Grade 3 - Will happen the week of May 25 - 29

Grade 6 - will happen the week of June 1 - 4



## Volunteer Appreciation

THANK YOU to our many parents and some grandparents who come into the school regularly to give of their time to help children with reading tasks, problem solving, educational games, Scientist in the Classroom activities, field trips and more. Your input is valuable and much appreciated!

## Live Free Campaign

Thank You for your "Live Free Efforts" - the funds collected will directly help our School's Healthy Snack Program. We raised \$101.11 for the "Live Free Campaign". Thanks to everyone for supporting this campaign!

Thanks to Paul & Betty-Sue Driedger, and Alma students who regularly do the work necessary to provide healthy snack choices available for students. Our School Council donates \$200 each year to this program and all funds go directly into our school Healthy Snack Program.

**Food & Friends:** Our school is proudly supported by Breakfast for Learning, which provides funding towards our nutrition program so we can offer our students a healthy snack when they are finished their lunch and are still hungry. Breakfast for Learning, founded in 1992, aims to educate and empower communities to start and sustain child nutrition programs to enhance learning and healthy development of Canadian children and youth.

As the country's first national charity dedicated to child nutrition programs, Breakfast for Learning provides program funds, nutrition education resources and research to promote and demonstrate the vital link between child nutrition and learning. Here at Alma we have a snack program that is funded by the Food & Friends that we set out at the second nutrition break. After children finish their lunch from home, and are still hungry, the snack program is available for them.



Where? Alma Bible Church  
59 Peel St. East, Alma  
519-846-9153

When? July 6th-10th, 2015  
8:45am-11:30am

Who? SonShine club is open to all children who have completed JK to those who have completed grade 7.

How much? FREE!

Go online to register at [www.almabiblechurch.ca](http://www.almabiblechurch.ca).

Questions? Contact Wendy McCready at 519-846-9153 or [wrmccready@gmail.com](mailto:wrmccready@gmail.com).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 <b>Good Friday</b>	4
			5	6 <b>Easter Monday</b>	7	8 Scholastic book orders due. Council Mtg. At 6:30 p.m. in Library
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <b>EARTH DAY</b>  Copernicus will supply a seedling for each student.	23	24 <b>P.A. Day</b>	25
26	27	28	29	30		

**Education Week – May 4 – 8, 2015**