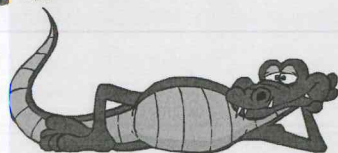


ALMA NEWS



April 2017

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

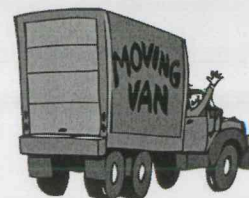
This year April first really did fool me, it seemed to come up so fast this year! Be sure to try to join us on the 12th at 6:30 pm for our Council meeting. New members are always welcome! Please note: if you are not able to attend the meetings, we still appreciate your support from behind the scenes with things like fund-raisers. With your help we are able to enrich your child's experience at Alma Public school. The school will be closed on April 14th and 17th for Easter, I hope you enjoy spending some quality time together as a family.

Mr. Hill

Around the School

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

- 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. 519-846-5110

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.**
- ✓ **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 3:35 – 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!!

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 23rd

Grade 6 - Will happen the week of May 29th



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 \$84.00 for the "Live Free Campaign". Thanks to everyone for supporting this campaign!

Thanks to Crystal Schnarr 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. *Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to make our Food & Friends student nutrition program such a success this school year. The donation of time that you have given and your ongoing support says so much about your capacity for compassion and generosity.* <http://www.childrensfoundation.org/downloads/positioning-statement.jpg>

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.

Follow & retweet @WDGASRTS in April & you could win a grocery gift card!

April 22nd is Earth Day! Are you looking for an easy way to celebrate Earth Day every day? Walk, bike or wheel to and from school! In addition to reducing air pollution around school, kids will benefit from more exercise, social time, independence and concentration at school.

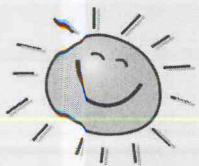
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Active & Safe Routes to School (WDG ASRTS) encourages families to walk, bike or wheel to and from school safely every day. @WDGASRTS posts **useful tips, news and information** on Twitter to help your family's feet hit the pavement on your school commute.

Follow & you could win!! If you begin to follow @WDGASRTS in the month of April and retweet one of our tweets, your name will be entered to win a grocery gift card! **@WDGASRTS #wdgwalkstoschool**

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph

**Active
& Safe**

ROUTES TO SCHOOL



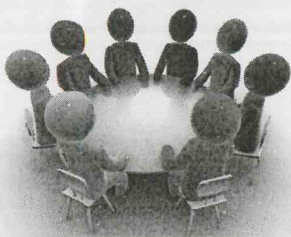
Happy April. They say if March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb. Hoping that this is the last of the snow we will see till next winter. I am ready to open windows, hang laundry on the line and wear my sandals!

Thanks to everyone who supported our chicken fundraiser, it was great to raise some money to put towards the various projects we support throughout the school. A BIG thanks to Crystal S. and Natalie D. for helping with sorting and pick up!



Like always please visit our Parent Council Facebook Page to stay in contact with parents between newsletters. To join the group, check us out at "Alma Public School Parents". It's a great way to get a quick reminder about special days at the school too!

Our next fundraiser will be our Family Fun Night, June 8. Please watch for information coming home!



With many snow days this winter falling on Wednesdays I am looking forward to our April meeting coming up on April 12. Like always we welcome new parents to join us to hear about the projects going on in the school. Every month we have a teacher come and share their part about what's going on in the school for them too. Please join us!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me
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The Alma Optimist Club is pleased to offer an



Easter Egg

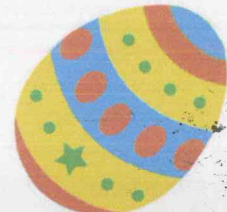


Scavenger Hunt



On Good Friday, April 14, 2017

At the Alma Community Centre



(Dress for the weather as this hunt will take place outdoors!)

From 9:30am-12noon

For Children ages 1-12years

We ask that you please visit our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/Alma-Optimist-Club-892310890857785/>

for more information and to sign up for the event by adding a comment with the number of children that will be attending the event.



These numbers will help with planning!





If you are unable to sign up via Facebook, you are still welcome to attend the event!

This will be a drop-in style scavenger hunt, so feel free to join us any time during the event time frame and hunt at your leisure. All participants will receive a bag of Easter treats!

Please register on arrival in the foyer of the Community Centre.

Admission is by donation.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <div>2017</div>						
2	3	4	5	6 Linamar (Gr. 1 & 2) Performing Arts	7	8
9	10	11	12 School Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	13 Centre Wellington Basketball @ Elora P.S.	14 Good Friday	15
16 	17 Easter Monday	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Lunch Orders Go Home	25 Linamar (Gr. 5 & 6) Production	26	27	28 P. A. Day	29 Lunch orders due May 3 rd
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