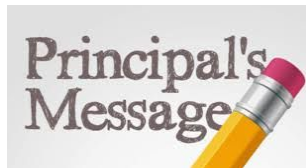




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February 2019



Welcome to February! While the snow is still falling, the days are getting noticeably longer, with the sunlight lighting our paths a little later each night. Our first month of 2020 went quickly! With the start of a new calendar year, it is always exciting to take stalk of the growth in our students now that we are approaching half way through the school year. For example, our youngest learners are gaining increased confidence and independence as they can now zip up their own jackets and are working on identifying common sight words. Be sure to take a moment around the dinner table to celebrate your child(ren)'s growth over the past few months and talk about what their goals are for the next half of the school year.

We would like to welcome Jane Brooks to the Alma Public School teaching team. Jane is filling in for Ms. Echlin in our Grade 1/2 class for the remainder of the year. We wish Ms. Echlin all the best in the arrival of her baby in the next few weeks!

A quick reminder to all walkers and families who drop off students before the start of the school day. Yard supervision starts at 8:20am. In order to ensure everyone's safety, please do not leave children unattended on the school yard prior to 8:20am.

Have a great month of February!

Ms. Spike

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the School Year 2020 – 2021 has taken place during the month of January. If you know of a child in your neighbourhood that does not have an older sibling at school, please pass this information on to them as there is still time to register for Junior Kindergarten for September, 2020.



Bus Lanes

Please do not park in the bus lane when picking your child up at the end of the day. If you keep left in the parking lot there should be lots of room for the buses to get into their pickup zone. Thanks for understanding!

Around the School

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

Student Leadership Opportunities:

- Lunch supervision
- Crossing guards
- Healthy snack program
- Milk distribution
- Morning announcements
- Office helpers
- Kindergarten helpers
- Composting & recycling

Term 2 Individual Education Plans (IEP)

- If your child receives an IEP, please note that Term 2 IEPs will be sent home on Tuesday, February 19th, 2020. If you have any comments or concerns regarding the IEP, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



February 17th, 2020 is family day. There will be no school on this day. We hope you have a great day with your family and friends.



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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).

Bus Zone: This area must be kept clear between 8:10 – 8:30 a.m. and again between 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. We do not want to have an unfortunate accident occur.

Walkers: For our walkers, who have to cross County Rd 7, we continue to encourage you to use the crossing guard. This is in place for the safety of all.



<https://www.stwdsts.ca/>

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) is 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.



Help to support our Live Free Campaign that supports our Food & Friends student nutrition program by making a donation with your child (ren) on March 6, 2020



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(Live Free Day). Every dollar raised at our school/agency comes back to support our program.

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Alma Minor Ball Registration Dates

Registration is on the following dates at the Alma Community Center

- Wednesday, February 19th, 7-9 pm
- Saturday, February 29th, 9 -11 am
- Wednesday, March 4th, 7-9 pm
- Saturday, March 7th, 9-11 am

All registration days will take place at the Alma Community Centre. Please visit the website for additional information: <http://www.almasoftball.ca/index.html>