

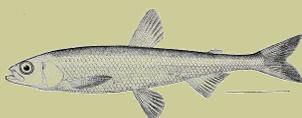


Alert Bay School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Families,

The season of the science fair project is about to start. Alert Bay School will be holding our Science Fair on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 1:00 pm. The District Science Fair is on April 11 at North Island Secondary School.

Here's some information to help you get ready.

Students may enter a project in one of three categories, experiment, innovation, or study.

Experiment	Innovation	Study
This is a classic type of science fair project. An experiment is an investigation that follows the scientific method.	This type of science fair project includes developing a device, model or technique that will have human or commercial benefit.	This type of science fair project is an in depth study of from the natural, social, biological or health sciences.

How can parents help?

Help your child establish a topic or direction.

Supervise your child's project to ensure all experiments are conducted safely.

Give your child advice about their project.

Help your child collect material.

Give your child moral support.

Try not to give in to temptation.

Let your child construct their model or experiment independently.

Let your child find the information they need.

Allow your child to create his/her own diagrams and board.

Our annual science fairs help students explore and consolidate the scientific method.

They foster critical and creative thinking and allow students to showcase their learning to the whole community, which in turn increases their communication skills. Please join us on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 1:00 pm to view our school Science Projects and celebrate the learning of our students.

Kindest regards,

Jen Turner

Principal

Rick Scott and Nico Rhodes



On Friday, February 15 our school enjoyed a performance by Rick Scott and Nico Rhodes. The duo are described as “A veteran dulcimer maverick and brilliant young keyboard ace join forces for an intergenerational smorgasbord of roots, rhythm and groove.” When asked if she enjoyed the show, Emily said “I loved it!”



Student Led Conferences, February 28

Student
Led
Conferences

On February 28th Alert Bay School is having its annual Student Led Conferences. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm. Parents and guardians are invited to drop in between 1:00 and 7:00 with their children. Students will have the opportunity to share with parents/guardians what they have been working on and what they have learned. This process is an empowering experience for the children. When they talk about and show what they have learned, they take responsibility for their work and develop confidence. Also, the simple act of showing and explaining is a review process that adds to their learning.

Pancake Breakfast on Valentines Day



Students were greeted to school on Valentine's Day with the wonderful scent of cooking bacon and pancakes. Everyone was served a breakfast of pancakes with berries, whip cream and bacon. Thank you to the cooks and dish-washers for this wonderful start to the day. Thank you to the afterschool program for helping fund this meal.



Photo left: Kasha, Rowen and Bianca; Right: Callum and Jason

100 Day



Mrs. Bragan's class celebrated the 100th day of school on February 12. The students made 100 themed hats, glasses, necklaces and enjoyed a 100 cake made by Rosalind McKinney.



Photo above: Jackson, Jace, Allie, Rylan, Brees, Kendell, Piper, Julian, Phoenix, Emily, Tony, Nora and Jonny

Attendance Policy

Last year, the School Board passed a student attendance policy. Regular attendance is important for your child's education. The more school a child misses the more likely he or she is to fall behind in coursework and to miss important concepts. The school is required to schedule a conference with the parent/guardian and student if there have been more than five excused absences in a single month, more than two unexcused absences in a month, or the student is consistently showing up for school late. If your child will be absent, please call the school, 250-974-5569, and let us know prior to the absence or at the beginning of the day or send an email to sdalton@sd85.bc.ca



School success starts
with attendance

Trades Afternoon at NISS



The Grade 6/7 class got familiar with the NISS Wood Shop on Feb. 13 when they participated in the Trades Afternoon. Each student made a cutting board with a little assistance from NISS students. The group travelled home with the high school students on the foot ferry.



Photo left: Senica using the band saw; Above: Julia, Danicca, Hailey, Sandra and Kyle

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A wallet was found on the school field. To claim the wallet, call the RCMP station and give a description of the wallet and how much money was in it.



Measles Information

Families are encouraged to review their vaccination records to ensure they are protected from measles. Please call your doctor or Nicole James, Community Health Nurse, at 974-5522 if you have any concerns.

Maya'xala Draw Winners



Dallas, Mya, Aydan, Phoenix, Trinity and Brees are the winners of the Maya'xala draw for December and January.

Important Dates

Feb 27	Pink Shirt Day - students and staff wear pink shirts to promote kindness and stand against bullying
Feb. 28	Student Led Conferences 1:00 - 7:00 Students dismissed at 12:30
March 1	Start of ISPARC Healthy Living Challenge. This year we are doing 6 weeks of salad, "Lettuce Eat Healthy".
March 11	PAC meeting at 6:30
March 12	Performance by Bollywood Dancer, Karima Essa 1:30 - 2:30
March 15	Report Cards go home
March 18 - 22	Spring Break - No School
March 25	School re-opens
April 4	ABES Science Fair 1:00
April 11	District Science Fair at NISS
April 19 April 22	Good Friday - No School Easter Monday - No School