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Bell Schedule:

8:40 - Warning Bell
8:45 - Classes begin
10:15 - Recess
10:30 - Classes resume
11:45 - Lunch (eating
time)
12:00 - Outside Play
12:25 - Warning Bell
12:30 - Classes resume
2:30 - End of day
dismissal



Our Alert Bay School staff this year is:

Jen Turner – Principal/ Learning Resources Teacher
Susan Dalton - Secretary
Sheila Bragan – K/1/2 Teacher
Tidi Nelson – 3/4/5 Teacher
Roberta Harris 5/6/7 Teacher
Gloria Cole – Teacher Librarian and ELL Teacher
Steven Wong – Library Clerk
Ernest Alfred - Culture and Language Tutor
Steven Wong - First Nations Support Worker
Anne Dalton – Education Assistant
Karen Reece - Education Assistant
Kim Silvey - Bus Driver / Custodian

Important Dates

Sept. 13	Back to School Spaghetti Lunch 11:30—12:30
Sept. 17	PAC Meeting at 6:30. All parents welcome.
Oct. 8	Thanksgiving—no school
Oct. 19	Provincial Pro-D - no school
Oct. 23	School Photo Day
Nov. 12	Remembrance Day observed - no school
Nov. 26 - 30	Book Fair
Nov. 23	School-based Pro-D - no school
Dec. 24 to Jan. 4	Christmas Break - no school
Jan. 7	Pro-D - no school
Jan. 8	School re-opens



Alert Bay School Newsletter

September 2018

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

I would like to welcome you to another year at Alert Bay School. We are excited to see everyone, and are looking forward to another incredible year of learning ahead.

We created our current classes for September start-up based on class size and composition, the needs of our students, and our enrollment numbers. If we receive an influx of new students in September, a reconfiguration of classes may become necessary later. Please know that our staff will be working diligently to ensure that all children have the smoothest and most successful start to the school year.

Last year our school embarked on the goal of striving for improvements in Self Regulation. We will be continuing on this goal for a second year helping students gain confidence in their ability to work through challenges and focus on their learning. In September of 2017 our school Counsellor Angela Hagan started to introduce the Zones of Regulation Program in the different classes. The Program offered students activities, lessons, tools and skills and strategies to learn how regulate emotions, moods, and feelings to ready themselves for learning. We saw an immediate improvement in student's abilities to work through challenges and use the right strategies for them to improve their readiness to learn. With the help of Ms. Hagan and all staff; we are going to continue to work on The Zones of Regulation Program with all classes this fall, and into the school year.

Family is very important to us at Alert Bay School and we welcome you into our school to spend time and learn with us. We would like to invite you to our school for our Annual Spaghetti Lunch Thursday, September 13, 2018 from 11:30-12:30 to celebrate the start of another amazing year.

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Jen Turner
Principal of Alert Bay School

Li'xam - Wide
Faced Moon
Time

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Back to School Spaghetti Lunch

Students and their families are invited to a Spaghetti Lunch on Thursday, September 13 from 11:30 to 12:30. Lunch will be provided free of charge. Please bring your own beverages. The whole school regularly does quiet reading at 12:30. Family members may stay to read with their child(ren).



Health and Safety Reminders:

Alert Bay School is a **Food Allergy Aware School** we:

Ask the teacher about student allergies before bringing treats for the whole class.

Don't share snacks or lunch with other students.

Wash our hands before and after eating to keep ourselves and other students safe.

If your student has an allergy please let us know by calling 250-974-5569.

Form for Medication at School:

In order to maintain a uniform, safe and efficient way of dispensing medication at school, if your child requires medication and you have not filled out the required form, Medication and/or Treatment Data, please contact your principal and request a form. Please have the form completed by your doctor, sign it yourself and return it to the school as soon as possible. This procedure complies with school board policy regarding medications to be taken at school. This form refers to medication that must be taken on a regular or emergency basis. If you have any questions, please call the school principal. Where applicable, the child should be encouraged to wear a Medic Alert bracelet.

Volunteers:

All volunteers in our school must complete a volunteer criminal record check every two years. This check is done through the RCMP. If you would like to accompany your child on school field trips or help out at special events let us know as soon as possible.

Code of Conduct

Last school year, we developed a new Alert Bay School Code of Conduct with our school community. The School Code of Conduct exists for the safety of our students and the efficient operation of the school. It helps provide a caring, orderly, safe and supportive environment for students, staff, parents, and family members. Alert Bay School honours Maya'xala, and it is expected that all students will act in a respectful manner both at school and at school-sponsored events, by being respectful of others, themselves and their environment. We invite you to come to our first PAC Meeting at Alert Bay School on Monday September 17th at 6:30 pm to revisit our Code of Conduct, and help us update or make any changes to the Code, that work best for our School Community.

Message from the Parent Advisory Council

As a parent/guardian of a ABES student you are all members of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). We typically meet once a month, either at lunch time or in the evenings. It's a great opportunity to hear from our principal about what's been happening during the last month. PAC meetings are the place to give input on school policies and plan events for our students like the Grade 7 graduation celebration. Our first PAC meeting will be on September 17 at 6:30 at the school. We plan to elect our executive and discuss the Alert Bay School Code of Conduct at this first meeting. Please make note of this meeting date/time on your calendar. We hope to see many of our members at our first meeting.

Bus Safety and Rules

Students who travel on the bus to and from school need to follow safe, respectful rules which are:

Students will:

- board or disembark a bus in an orderly manner.
- remain seated in a seat from the time they board a bus until the time when they arrive at their destination
- be kind and respectful to all passengers, as well as the driver.
- maintain a quiet noise level on the bus at all times (refrain from talking to the bus driver while the bus is in motion).
- do everything possible to keep the bus clean, tidy and neat.
- abide by instructions given by the bus driver.

Travelling on a school bus is a privilege which may be suspended or revoked for a student who does not observe or respect bus rules. The Principal or Bus Driver may notify the parents in writing and/or by phone about misbehaviour on the bus. Prior to restoration of riding privileges, a pupil whose riding privileges are suspended shall be required to meet with the Principal to determine the terms and conditions of restoring the privileges (the pupil must be accompanied by the parents or legal guardians).

Counselling Services

Counselling services are available at our school with SD 85 District Elementary School Counsellor, Angela Hagen (250-230-7711), the 'Namgis Health Centre's Counsellors, Rena Hanuse and Brenda Deakin (250-974-5522) or with Kayleigh Erasmus (250-230-7684), Child and Youth Counsellor specializing in sexual abuse with the North Island Crisis and Counselling Centre Society. If you would like your child to receive school counselling services, please ask your child's teacher or Ms. Turner for a school counselling referral & parent permission form. These forms are required to be filled out each year. Alternatively, you can contact the service providers directly.