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Terry Fox Run



Our students participated in the Terry Fox School run on September 23. Terry was an example of courage, humility, determination, and perseverance. Our students learned about Terry's dream of a world without cancer. His legacy continues to be an inspiration to young people.

Important Dates

Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day observed
Sept. 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - No School
Sept. 27 - Oct 1	Truth and Reconciliation Week
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving - No school
Oct. 13	Student Photo Day
Oct. 21	Pro-D - No school
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day - No school
Nov. 19	Pro-d - No school



Alert Bay School Newsletter

September 2022

Principal's Message

Hello Families,

We have a new principal, Jill Cook, and a new vice principal, Roberta Harris (me). I feel very privileged about being chosen for the current role I am in. We have a great team whose hearts are in the right place with students' first and foremost in all of our minds.

We have faced a few barriers to our start up but have prevailed with staff and student support and parents' patience and understanding.

We would like to take the time to thank everyone for banding together and helping to get the children safely to school. The issue is not solved as of yet so we will need to persevere until a bus driver is found.

We have been very busy during the month of September with our welcome back to school spaghetti lunch, the annual Terry Fox run, Truth and Reconciliation day and other school events.

We look forward to a year full of new learning, achievements and accomplishments. We will strive to overcome our challenges and continuously broaden our horizons.

We are excited about the upcoming school year as we continue to enhance our leadership, academic and maya'xala skills.

Our door is always open (post-covid) so please feel free to come by and visit us anytime.

Yours truly, on behalf of Jill Cook and myself, Roberta Harris,
Gilakas'la

Li'xam - Wide Faced Moon Time

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Whale Watching



On September 28 the whole school went whale watching on the Naida Explorer. We saw nine humpbacks, sea lions, seventy five sea otters, porpoises and four cruise ships. It was a beautiful day to be out on the water.



Back to School Spaghetti Lunch



It was wonderful to have families in the building at our Back to School Spaghetti Lunch on September 21. Thank you to everyone who came. Big thanks to Karen for cooking for everyone. Thank you to the intermediate students for setting up and taking down tables and chairs and to Anne and Mason for helping with the cooking.

Communicable Disease Plan

Before coming to school all students and adults must conduct a daily health check/self assessment. **Please do not send your student to school if they have any signs or symptoms of illness.** Alert Bay School has its [Communicable Disease Plan](#) posted on its website under the About drop down menu. For further information about K-12 Schools and Covid-19 visit the [Provincial Health Services Authority website](#).

Chaperones and 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.

Counselling Services in the School

Counselling services are available at our school with School District 85 Elementary School Counsellor, Angela Hagen (ahagen@sd85.bc.ca). If you would like your child to receive school counselling services, please ask your child's teacher or Mrs. Harris for a school counselling referral & parent permission form. These forms are required to be filled out each year.

Form for Medication at School

If your child has any allergies please let us know about them. 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.

Message from PAC

As parents/guardians 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 vice-principal and 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 October 6 at 6:30 by zoom. Parents will be emailed a link to the zoom meeting. We hope to see many new faces at our first meeting.