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New Bell Schedule:

8:32 - Warning Bell
8:37 - 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



Hotdog Lunch

We all enjoyed a hotdog lunch on Friday, September 6. Thank you Mrs. Harris for donating the hotdogs and Karen for cooking them. Rebecca, Peyton and Jason shared a lot of laughter while serving the hotdogs.



Important Dates

Sept. 11	Back to School Spaghetti Lunch 11:30—12:30
Sept. 12	PAC Meeting at 6:30. All parents welcome.
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving—no school
Oct. 25	Provincial Pro-D - no school
Oct. 23	School Photo Day
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day - no school
Nov. 25 - 29	Book Fair
Nov. 22	School-based Pro-D - no school
Dec. 23 to Jan. 3	Christmas Break - no school
Jan. 6	Pro-D - no school
Jan. 7	School re-opens



Alert Bay School Newsletter

September 2019

Principal's Message

On behalf of the staff at Alert Bay School I'd like to welcome students, and families to another wonderful school year! It was a gorgeous summer and we are looking forward to an incredible school year ahead!

Our school goal this year focuses on improving our Math Learning, and connecting to how we use Math every day. We are looking for family and community members to share their story of how they use math in their lives. If you would like to share your story of how you use Math, please connect with any staff member of our school.

We have a new school website where we will not only have information for students and families, but also where we will document our learning. You can find our new site here:
<http://abes.sd85.bc.ca/>

We want you to know that you are welcome in our school, always. If you would like to come in and say hello, volunteer in our school or your child's class, or ask some questions, our door is always open and would love to have you.

Who we are:

Ms. Turner: Principal and Learning Resource/Music Teacher, Mrs. Bragan: K/1/2 Teacher, Ms. Nelson: 3/4 Teacher, Mrs. Harris: 5/6/7 Teacher, Mrs. Cole: ELL Teacher/Teacher Librarian, Ernest Alfred: Culture and Language Tutor, Karen Reece: Education Assistant, Anne Dalton: Education Assistant, Steven Wong: First Nations Support Worker and Library Clerk, Ms. Dalton: Secretary, Kim Silvery: Bus Driver/Custodian

Running Late for School

Teachers take attendance first thing in the morning. A child who is not in class is marked absent. The attendance is delivered to Ms. Dalton, who begins phoning parents to ensure student safety. When arriving late please come and sign in at the office. This will help so that only necessary phone calls are made.

We look forward to another year ahead!

Kindest regards,

Jen Turner

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Faced Moon
Time

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Back to School Spaghetti Lunch

Students and their families are invited to a Spaghetti Lunch on Wednesday, September 11 from 11:45 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

Parking Lot:

Please **drive slowly** in our parking lot.

Allergies:

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

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

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 values 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. The Code of Conduct is in the information package that went home on Wednesday and can also be found on our new school website, <http://abes.sd85.bc.ca/>

Message from the Parent Advisory Council

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 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 12 at 6:30 at the school. We plan to elect our executive at this meeting. We hope to see many new faces 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 School District 85 Elementary School Counsellor, Angela Hagen (ahagen@sd85.bc.ca), the 'Namgis Health Centre's Counsellors, Rena Hanuse and Brenda Deakin (250-974-5522). 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.