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Grade 4/5 Art



Important Dates

Jan 25 - Feb 5	Kindergarten Registration for September 2021
Feb 8	Zoom PAC meeting at 6:30
Feb 12	Walk to School Day
Feb 15	Family Day - no school
Feb 26	Pro-D Day - no school
Mar 15 - 26	Spring Break - no school
Mar 29	First Day back to school after Spring Break
April 2	Good Friday - no school
April 5	Easter Monday - no school
May 7	Pro-D - no school
May 24	Victoria Day - no school



Alert Bay School Newsletter

January 2021

Wa'yax - Herring Spawning Time



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Principal's Message

Dear Families!

We are growing!

In the month of January, we gladly welcomed many new and returning students at Alert Bay School. Because of having a few more students in our school we are moving some students to different classes in order to keep our class size numbers lower. Our grade threes are moving to Ms. Nelson's classroom, and some of our grade five students are moving to Mrs. Harris' and Ms. Turner's classroom. We are also very excited that Mrs. Harris will now be with us five days a week!

We will move student desks on Friday afternoon and students will be in their new classes on Monday morning, February 1, 2021. Parents if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the school at 250-974-5569.

Kindest regards,

Jen Turner
Principal of Alert Bay School

Health and Safety Reminders

- Our school is **scent free**. Please help your child choose unscented products.
- Our drinking fountains are turned off. Your child needs to bring a water bottle everyday.
- Please continue to encourage/insist your child wear a coat to school. They do get cold outside without their coat. They also need a hat and gloves/mitts on frosty mornings.
- It's a good idea for students to keep a change of clothes in a bag on their hook so they can change if they get wet.

Kindergarten 2021 Registration

School District 85 invites all parents of Kindergarten-aged children to register their child for full day Kindergarten classes. Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2021 to enter Kindergarten. Registration to take place:

January 25 - February 5, 2021

Call for an appointment, 250-974-5569.

Please share this information about Kindergarten Registration with other families who have children turning 5 this year.

Finger Print Comic Strips



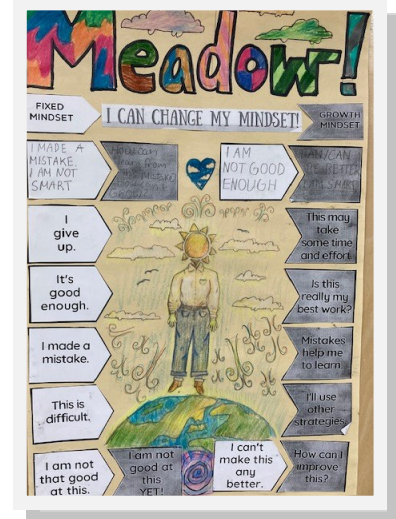
The Grade 6/7 students created finger print comic strips. Their own short, funny stories were laid out storyboard style. The characters were depicted with a fingerprint base and details added with a fine tip marker. They had a lot of laughs with this project.



Growth Mindset



Our senior class is working on adopting a growth mindset where we learn about how our brain is a muscle and with determination and hard work we can accomplish anything. Having a growth mindset teaches us to be resilient and to welcome mistakes as something to learn from and to persevere to welcome our challenges.



Foundation Skills Assessment

Students in **grades 4 and 7** will be writing the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) in February. The FSA is a set of reading, writing, and numeracy assessments given to grade 4 and 7 students each year. Along with classroom assessment, the FSA provides valuable information to parents, teachers, and the school to support student learning. For more information <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment> If you have any questions about the FSA please call the school to speak with the principal.

Healthy Living Challenge

Our school is participating in a healthy living challenge. Every week for the next six weeks your child will be working toward their personal best performing a specific exercise for one minute. This week the exercise we were working on is Jumping Jacks. Each week the student in each class that has improved the most will win a prize. Please help by reminding your child to work on this challenge.

