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Morning Bus Schedule

8:00-LEAVE ABES
8:02-LARCH&POPLAR
8:04-DAN COOK'S
8:05-APARTMENTS
8:07-COOK SHACK
8:08-HEMLOCK&SYCAMORE (FLETCHER'S)
8:09-TOP OF STAIRS
8:10-GATU&ATLI
8:12-BAND OFFICE
8:13-75 WOOD ST
8:14- SOCCER FIELD
8:15- WHE-LA-LA-U
8:17-14 FRONT ST
8:20-OLD COMMUNITY HALL
8:22- ARRIVE ABES

Please have students arrive at their bus stop five minutes before their bus time as listed times are approximate.

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. 11	Thanksgiving - No school
Oct. 22	Pro-D - No school
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day - No school
Nov. 19	Pro-d - No school



Alert Bay School Newsletter

September 2021

Li'xam - Wide
Faced Moon Time

Principal's Message



Dear Families,

Firstly, I would like to thank all of you who have reached out to welcome me to Alert Bay Elementary this summer. I look forward to meeting you in person throughout the year. Secondly, on behalf of our entire staff I would like to welcome all of you back to school. We look forward to a fantastic year full of learning adventures, delving into our interests and collaborating with each other. Our school start-up has been successful; however, we are still looking for a full-time teacher for our grade 4/5 combined class. In the meantime Mr. Purdon and I will be working with the students in this class. We will update you as we find out more.

As last year, we are continuing to practice regular hand hygiene, and social distancing as well as entering the classroom from the outside doors. In addition, we are unfortunately still not able to have visitors or volunteers in our building, however, if you would like to speak with a teacher, you are encouraged to reach out to that teacher via email or call the school for an appointment. We hope that we may be able to welcome both visitors and volunteers back to our school soon.

Our newsletters will be a place to not only share important information, but to also document and celebrate some of our learning here at school. If you have any questions at any time, please contact your child's teacher, or me, at 250-974-5569 as we will be happy to hear from you.

Mrs. Judith Lowe
Principal

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Measures, Practices and Policies to Reduce the Risk

Masks

All grade 4 - 7 students and staff are required to wear a mask indoors at school and on school buses. Masks are optional but encouraged for grades K - 3. Exceptions will be made for those who are unable to wear a mask because they do not tolerate it for health or behavioral reasons, those who are unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person and while eating or drinking.

Daily Health Check

Before school every morning assess your child for any signs or symptoms of illness. Do not send your child to school if they any symptoms of illness or are a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19.

Sick Students

If a student becomes sick at school parents/guardians will be called to come and pick them up. There is a designated space where they can wait for pick up comfortably and separated from others. This space is cleaned between uses.

Hand Hygiene and Cleaning

Rigorous handwashing with plain soap and water is the most effective way to reduce the spread of illness. Handwashing should be encouraged upon school entry, before/after breaks, eating, using washrooms and using frequently touched shared equipment. Hand sanitizer is available at all entrance and exit doors, in classrooms and throughout the school. Our two custodians will be cleaning touch points mid-day and end of day.

Bussing

Grade 4 - 7 students will wear a mask on the bus. K - 3 students are encouraged but not required to wear a mask on the bus. Students will spread out when boarding and seating on the bus. Students in the front seats will exit the bus first maintaining proper distancing as they exit.

Late and Absent Students

Students arriving late to school should go to the main entrance. Students will check in at the office so their attendance status can be changed. If your student will be absent please let the school know by calling 250-974-5569 or emailing sdalton@sd85.bc.ca.

Building Access to Families and Visitors

Our school's exterior doors will be locked to limit access to our school building for continued Health and Safety reasons. To drop off lunches or packages please ring the door bell and you will be met at the door. If family members/guardians wish to meet with any staff member please call the school to make an appointment. Please wear a mask to your appointment, sanitize your hands and sign in at the front door.

Vaccinations

Rachel Fulmore, Community Health Nurse, will be sending home consent forms with Grade 6 and Grade 7 students who are eligible for vaccinations. Students born in 2009 and before are eligible to be protected against Covid-19.

Communication

Communication with families will continue throughout the year using email, monthly newsletters, our PAC's Facebook page and paper notices sent home with students. Please ensure the school has a correct email address for your family.

Daily Health Check

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 or if they are a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19.** Illness symptoms include: fever, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat/trouble swallowing, runny nose or red eyes, loss of taste or smell, not feeling well, tired or sore muscles, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

The [British Columbia Daily Health Check](https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca) website is an easy way to decide if your child should come to school based on their symptoms. Learn more at [k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca](https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca)

Families can also call 811 or their family physician for guidance.



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) and the 'Namgis Health Centre's Counsellor. If you would like your child to receive school counselling services, please ask your child's teacher or Mrs. Lowe 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.



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.