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Wacky Hair Day



Important Dates

Oct 26	Early Dismissal - 12:30 Parent/Teacher Interviews by phone
Oct 29	Costume Parade, Fruit & Veg Monster Creations, Pumpkin Carving
Nov. 1	Soup Day - Hamburger Soup and a Bun served to students,
Nov. 2	Student Photo Day
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day - No school
Nov. 19	Pro-D Day - No School
Nov 24	Last Day to Order Purdy's Chocolates from School Fundraiser
Dec. 20 - Dec. 31	Christmas Break



Alert Bay School Newsletter

October 2021

'magwabo'yi - Moon Round Beneath

Principal's Message

Dear Families;

It is hard to believe that we are heading into November. It has been a busy couple of months settling into our new configuration and learning about all of the students in our learning community. I look forward to meeting with families to review IEP's in the coming weeks as well as connecting with them during our Parent-Teacher interviews on Tuesday, October 26. Our learning community here at ABES is stronger when we all work together for the benefit of our students.

As we move forward into November our focus continues to be on supporting students in their learning journeys as well as helping them grow both socially and emotionally. Checking in with your child on a regular basis and having conversations about what they are learning at school will strengthen that learning for them. We also encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher should you have any questions.

Mrs. Harris and our senior students have begun to discuss special days to build community at school this year. The Wacky Hair Day was the first of many to come and we look forward to the continuing leadership of our senior students. We will also continue to build community with our Hallowe'en event in the gym on Friday, October 29 as we engage in fun activities together. Photos will be on our website!

Also, please do continue to use the school website and PAC Facebook page to stay up-to-date on the happenings at school and reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Hallowe'en this weekend,

Take care,
Judith Lowe

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Every Child Matters

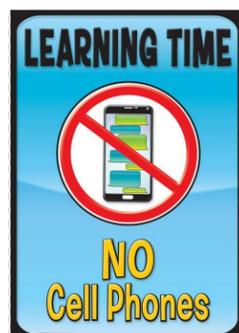


During the week of Sept. 27 - Oct 1 students participated in lessons and activities about residential schools. The lessons and activities were intended to encourage thought and investigation into this part of our history. A draw was held for a Every Child Matters Hoodie. Peter was our lucky winner. Our school partnered with the U'Mista to purchase a t-shirt for everyone in the school. Thank you to our PAC for providing the funds for this purchase. The design on the t-shirts was created by Johnathan Henderson. The phrase, l'TUSTOLAGALIS, means "Rising Up Together".

Hallowe'en Celebrations

On Friday, October 29 both classes will celebrate Hallowe'en with a costume parade at 1:00. After the parade the students will create fruit and vegetable monsters. Big thanks to 'Namgis Community Services for donating a pumpkin for every student.

On Monday, November 1st we will be serving students Hamburger Soup with a bun for lunch. There is no cost to students for this lunch.



Cell Phones in School

Phones need to stay in students' backpack during school hours, including during lunch and recess. If a parent needs to give an urgent message to a student please call the school office. If a student needs to use their phone during school hours they should check in with their teacher first.

Terry Fox School Run



Our students participated in the Terry Fox School run on September 24. 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.



October 21, 2021 - The Great British Columbia Shake Out

Every year our school district participates in the Great Shake Out which provides an annual opportunity to practice how to be safer during big earthquakes: "[Drop, Cover, and Hold On.](#)" To react quickly we must practice often. We may only have seconds to protect ourselves in an earthquake, before strong shaking knocks you down--or drops something on you. Practicing helps us be ready to respond.

This year our Great Shake Out drill took place during the big storm. After doing our Drop, Cover and Hold On we all went outside and took shelter on the bus for the remainder of the drill.



PAC

All parents/guardians of our students are members of our school PAC. The [School Act](#) gives parents the right, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the education of the students and the school. For more info about PAC visit <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/pac-dpac/what-is-a-pac>

Our first **PAC meeting will be held by Zoom on Thursday, October 28 at 7:30.** A Zoom link will be emailed to all parents. We look forward to seeing new faces.