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### A Message from Karen

To our awesome kids, I miss you all so much. I am going to be off work for quite a while. I am unsure of when I will be back.

Take care, Karen

### Important Dates

Dec. 1	Salmon Feast at 1:00 pm Everyone welcome!
Dec. 20	Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm Everyone Welcome!
Dec. 25	First Day of Christmas Break
Jan. 8	In-Service Day, no school for students
Jan. 9	Students first day back after Christmas break
Jan. 29	Missoula Theatre auditions
Jan. 29 - Feb 2	Missoula Theatre rehearsals
Feb 2	Performance "Treasure Island"
Feb 16	Pro-D Day, no school for students



# Alert Bay School Newsletter

November 2023

### Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As the festive season settles in, I am pleased to share important updates and reflections from our close-knit school community.

In a spirit of unity and reflection, our school community gathered for a poignant Remembrance Day assembly. Together, we honored and remembered the sacrifices of our courageous heroes. The atmosphere was one of gratitude and solemnity as we paid tribute to those who have served.

Our students have demonstrated exceptional creativity and thoughtfulness through their participation in the Royal Canadian Legion's Literacy and Poster contest. With poetry writing and poster creation, they have expressed their talents while paying homage to our veterans. Regardless of the results, we commend all participants for their dedication and artistic expression.

I wish to inform you that Ms. Jen Rowell is currently on leave, and we miss her presence in our school community. During her absence, I am honored to step into the role of the full-time teacher for the Intermediate class. We remain committed to providing a nurturing and engaging learning environment for our students.

Karen Reece, our esteemed Educational Assistant, is currently on a medical leave. Our thoughts and prayers are with her during this challenging time. We send Karen our most heartfelt wishes for strength, courage, and a swift and complete recovery.

This academic year marks a significant shift in reporting, with a proficiency scale replacing traditional grades on report cards. The scale includes terms such as IE (Insufficient Evidence), EMG (Emerging), DEV (Developing), PRF (Proficient), and EXT (Extending). This change aims to enhance student engagement and foster a deeper understanding of their learning journey.

Our open-door policy remains steadfast, and we encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns. Your partnership is invaluable as we navigate these changes and continue to provide the best possible education for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to a month filled with continued growth, learning, and collaboration.

Roberta Harris  
Principal

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### Remembrance Day



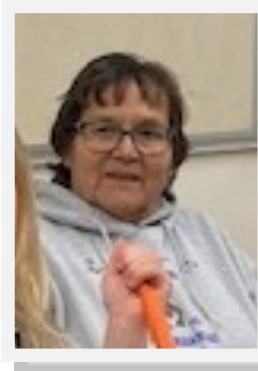
On November 10th, at 10:50, our school gathered for a moving Remembrance Day Assembly. Gratitude to students who shared heartfelt original poetry, infusing our tribute with poignancy. Together, we paid homage and remembered the significance of this solemn day.

### Pier 21



On November 3, students were transported through time by the captivating performance of "Pier 21," a musical blending Celtic and swing music. The rich narrative explored the journeys of refugees, immigrants, orphans, and war brides forging new lives in Canada. The production also depicted Canadian soldiers bravely departing for Europe. The talented cast left an indelible mark, providing our students with a moving and educational experience.

### We Miss Karen



An important member of our school community is sick. Karen Reece has been away from school unwell and we are unsure as to when she will return to work. We are going to be sending her a card and enclosed we would like to include a Scratch and Win ticket from each student and staff member. Hopefully, Karen will win some money to help her out, but, if she doesn't, it will be an enjoyable way to pass the time as Karen loves that sort of thing. Scratch and Win tickets range in price from \$1.00 up to \$30.00. Our goal and hope is to send Karen a Scratch and Win ticket from each student and staff member. We would like the tickets to be at the school by Friday December 15, 2023 so that we can put them in a card for Karen.

### Cross Country at AJ Elliott Elementary School

Alert Bay School recently participated in the District Cross Country meet hosted by AJ Elliott Elementary in Sointula . Led by Mrs. Bragan, six students represented our school, displaying resilience and sportsmanship. The event fostered camaraderie and healthy competition, reinforcing the importance of physical activity in our students' holistic development. Congratulations to our participants for their commendable performance and to Evah for placing fifth in Bantam Girls.



### Ecosystems with Jaimie of The Sierra Club

I spent the morning on November 29 with the primary students, we introduced ourselves and made connections about where we are from. We then shared an amazing discussion about how lifecycles interact with each other in different ecosystems (I was impressed with how much they already knew!). We left the classroom in search of lifecycles interacting in the ecosystems around our school and finished our time together building homes for other beings (worms, mice, puppies and ants!). In the afternoon I spent an hour with the intermediate students, we introduced ourselves and where we are from, and then shared what we already know about people's relationship with plants. Next we went on a scavenger hunt to build relationships with the plants around the school grounds.



Gilakas'la, Thank you for hosting me!

### Yu'sa

On November 1st we always enjoy salmon. After all the goodies and sweets at Halloween, we needed some yummy brain food. The students helped prepare and then enjoyed yu'sa. A few added taqastan, and tina.

