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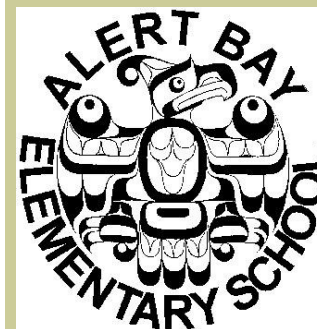
Ready Set Learn



Our school's recent Ready Set Learn event for preschoolers was a big hit. With enthusiasm and care, our intermediate class took charge, setting up and running engaging stations for our little ones. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who joined us, making the day a memorable one filled with laughter, learning, and fun.

Important Dates

June 3	6:30 Zoom meeting to answer questions about Wildlife Viewing Boat Trip
June 7	Cultural Celebration at 1:00 at the Gukwdzi Everyone Welcome!
June 10	Wildlife Viewing Boat Trip
June 12	Sports Day
June 14	Primary Class swimming lesson
June 17	Bike Rodeo at 12:30
June 20	Awards night at 7:00
June 21	Whole school swimming at Port McNeill pool
June 27	Last Day of School



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Principal's Message

Greetings Alert Bay School families,

Can you believe all the action-packed moments we've had lately? Our annual Ready Set Learn event was a blast, with our Grade 4-7 students leading the charge, creating and running awesome early learning stations for the little ones in our community. They really stepped up as leaders, guiding our younger students through the fun activities.

We also had a special visit from the school board of trustees and welcomed them in a traditional way with food, and a cultural presentation. They were very impressed with what we are doing at our school and mentioned how welcomed our school made them feel. We even had the chance to showcase our school data and share our progress.

We were happy to welcome Const. Seanan Sharp to our school for a special presentation on the Moose Hide Campaign. The Moose Hide Campaign began as a BC-born Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. Follow this link for more information about the [Moose Hide Campaign](#).

And let's not forget about our mouthwatering hot lunches. Thanks to the Feeding Future's program, we've been enjoying delicious meals twice a week, with occasional pizza Fridays adding an extra treat to our menu. Plus, a shoutout to Ms. Dalton for whipping up those delightful fruit salads every Wednesday.

In other news, Mrs. Bragan's class has been making a splash with their weekly swimming lessons, and they've been warmly welcomed at Sunset School in Port McNeill, where they join in on lunch and activities.

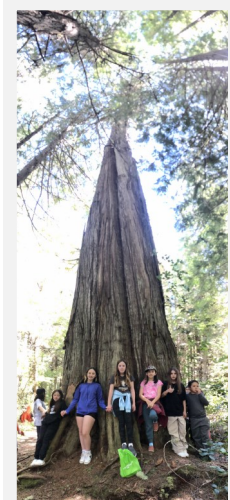
A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Loonie Auction fundraiser for Karen Reece! Your generosity and kindness have made a significant impact, raising a whopping \$8783.50 to help Karen during her medical leave. Your support means the world to us, and it's moments like these that truly showcase the strength and compassion of our school community. Thank you for making a difference.

Gilakas'la from Mrs. Harris

Heritage Tea



Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Heritage Tea event. On May 29th, students showcased their personal explorations into their family histories. Families and friends gathered to delve into the diverse narratives shared by each student. Amidst the stories, we enjoyed fruit salad and cake, deepening our connection to our roots.



Ecological Park & Media Literacy

Accompanied by Mr. Anketel and Mr. Alfred, our intermediate students recently went on an educational excursion to the Ecological Park. Guided by their teachers' expertise, they had the opportunity to explore and appreciate the park's natural beauty. With the help of AI technology, the teachers creatively added a purple alligator into some of the photos, sparking discussions on image authenticity and media literacy—an important lesson for our young learners in today's digitally-driven world.



Leif David, Magician



On Tuesday, May 28, magician Leif David wowed our students with his uproarious performance, leaving everyone in stitches. Sponsored by Alert Bay Library/Museum, the show was a hit, captivating audiences with laughter and wonder. Students loved every moment. We have library card sign-up forms available at the school, allowing your children to dive into the world of books at the public library. Let us know if you would like one.

School Garden Update

Since April, the Grade 4,5,6,7 class has excitedly been tending to their plants and monitoring their growth and development from seed to seedling in our Agriculture in the Classroom Program. The students and staff of ABE would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the kind and generous donations from the following individuals and organizations: Hele- ne Waugh from SeaSoil for 2 yards of SeaSoil, Duncan Williams from RONA for an abundance of WestCoast seeds and a planter box, Josh Hotte from Home Hardware for 6 bales of peat moss, Heather Menicanin from Home Depot for 6 bags of vermiculite, Mike Roblin from Ace Hardware for manure, soil, and strawber- ry plants and the Harvest Bin Project for 5 Harvest Bins to house our Square-Foot Gardening initiative. Thank you all so very much for helping us to grow and bloom in the classroom!!



Science World MicroBit Coding Presentation

On May 23, Science World brought the future of coding to our classrooms with MicroBit Coding presentations. Led by a knowledgeable representative, students dove into the world of programming, exploring the endless possibilities of MicroBit technology. From creating simple games to designing innovative solutions, our students were inspired to think critically and creatively. Thanks to Science World for sparking curiosity and igniting a passion for STEM education.



Galgapolatlan's in Fort Rupert

A group of our students traveled to the Fort Rupert Bighouse on May 16 to attend Galgapolatlan's Cultural Celebration. This event was a collaboration between Fort Rupert Elementary School, Exe Me-Xi Learning Centre and Port Hardy Secondary School. The students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in traditional dances, songs, and teachings, fostering a deeper appreciation for Indigenous culture and heritage.

