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November 2018 Newsletter



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

Principal's Message:

Well we are two months into the school year, and students are settling into routines and our report cards and parent teacher interviews are in our sights. At A.B. Daley we have focused on growth mindset this year, and our report cards (which will be sent home on November 27th) will attempt to capture the growth and progress your child has made already this year.

Teachers also have progress and check in points throughout the year where we need to evaluate our own practice and make changes when necessary. Each group of students is different and will demand us to use different skills in order to reach them. We use a variety of information which includes report card marks and assessments in order to assist your child in developing his or her own skills. Our assessments of each child also help to focus our teaching on what skills the students (as a group or as individuals) may need more practice at, or what we may need to reteach in order to help all students become successful. As teachers, we also have professional growth plans which guide our own development and help us to continue to learn and grow so that we can help all of our students become successful.

Please know that although we have set parent-teacher-student conferences, we welcome parents to ask about their child's progress at any time, to come in and visit or volunteer and to communicate with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Looking forward to seeing you at our conferences on November 29th & 30th.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school (403-646-3161) or by email if you have any questions or concerns this year. We also invite you to check our **website** www.abdaleyschool.ca and our **twitter feed** @ABDaleySchool for school information and updates.

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Important Dates:

- **October 30**- School Council Meeting (7pm)- We are holding our elections for School Council positions for Chair, Co-chair and Secretary. We will also discuss our playground updates and go through our Play First Lunch Time survey's.
- **October 31**- Halloween Dress Up & Costume Parade at 10am (parents welcome to join us in the gym!)
- **November 1**- Gotcha Celebration- Students can wear their PJ's and we will watch Hotel Transylvania at 12:45 (Students will need to have their permission forms signed)
- **November 2**- **Grade 6 Assembly** at 9am; All students will receive a hot dog lunch for FREE today. Thank you to Tova from Haywired for providing the lunch, and to a kind and generous donation made by a community member!
- **November 7** - Book Orders due to Mrs. Adie
- **November 9**- Remembrance Day Ceremony with J.T. Foster in A.B. Daley Gym at 10:30am
- **November 12**- Day in Lieu for Remembrance Day, no school
- **November 27** - Report Cards sent home
- **November 28**- A.B. Daley School Council Meeting (7pm)
- **November 29** - Parent -Teacher-Student Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm
- **November 30** - Parent-Teacher- Student Conferences 9:00-1:00pm

Healthy Hunger Lunch Program:



Go to www.healthyhunger.ca to order your child's lunches this week.

Parent Council Information:

Our next meeting will take place on October 30th at 7pm. This will be our Annual General Meeting and we will discuss nominations for positions of Chairperson, Co-Chair and Secretary. Please note that all parents are always welcome to come to these meetings to share ideas and opinions with our school community and your feedback is valued. Babysitting is provided for these meetings. Mrs. Becker will share data regarding our lunch time changes based on teacher, parent and student feedback.

Playground Project:

- The new playground equipment for the swing area was delivered! Thanks to LRSD maintenance staff and Brad Wickett for helping us unload.
- Installation Day for the new swing area has been set for November 4th. Thanks so much to Peter Anderson and Jason Dozeman for getting the area ready for installation.
- The playground Committee is also in the beginning planning stages for Phase 2 of the Playground Upgrade.

Intramurals with Mrs. Gammie and Mrs. Wickett:



- With our new bleachers installed, the gym is finally open and **Tripleball** (a modified version of volleyball) for **grades 4-6** is underway during the lunch recess. **Gr. 5 & 6** students who have signed up will have the opportunity for some friendly competition at home games on **Wed. Nov. 14th after school here at ABD vs. Fort MacLeod** teams who will be bussed here. They also will be invited to play in the **W.A. Day Wolf Pack Academy of Sport Co-Ed Elementary Volleyball**

Tournament on November 23rd. Information and permission forms will be sent with those students interested just as soon as the details are worked out.

- **Run Club will continue on Fridays** at lunch recess either outside or in the gym (depending on weather conditions).

Breakfast Program:

- **All of our breakfasts include fresh fruit** and we ask that you **please inform your child's teacher of any food allergies** and make sure that this information is updated at the office.
- Please note that we are fully certified by Food Safety to run this program.
- Thank you so much to our parent volunteers for the outstanding start up to the Breakfast Program. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the breakfast program please contact Danielle Sroka by email: dsroka6618@gmail.com

Trickster Theatre Program:



November Update: Students and teachers have been working on thought circles to develop the stories that will be presented to the community in our evening performance on December 20th at 7pm. This performance is in lieu of a regular Christmas Concert and will not disappoint!

This year A.B. Daley has been the recipient of an Alberta Fine Arts Grant for our Artist in Residence Program. The Trickster Theatre program will be running from December 17th-21st and each student from kindergarten to grade six will be involved in our performance the evening of December 20th. The Trickster troupe will create classroom based performances with each homeroom which will be linked to our Social Studies curriculum & involve music, multimedia and technology elements. We are very excited to have this opportunity, but we are searching for volunteers to help make this project a success. For more information please contact Mr. LaCoste lacosteg@lrsd.ab.ca or visit www.tricksterttheatre.com

Cut and Paste Link into your browser to sign up for volunteer opportunities:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4DAEA923AAFB6-abdaley>

Office Information:

- Invoices for all student's agendas, as well as CTF program fees for students in grades 4, 5, and 6 are available for payment. Please plan to make payments at: <https://lrsd.schoolcashionline.com/>

Please note that change cannot be provided at the office for fee payment. Please bring correct amount if paying cash.

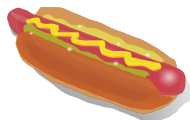


SHOUT OUTS!!!



We would like to send a sincere thank you to the Nanton Golf Course for their generous donation of excess supplies to our breakfast program. They were very kind to think of us and the bread and hotdogs will be put to good use.

Thank you to Tova at Haywired Cafe for organizing and providing a free hotdog lunch to our students. This effort is entirely possible due to the generous donation by an anonymous community member!





We would like to thank Costco for once again donating backpacks to our school. If your child could use a new backpack please contact the office at 403-646-3161 and we will make sure that they receive one.

Once again we would like to thank Shanda Deforest for bringing litterless lunch containers and ice packs for our Kindergarten students to use in their lunches. We would also like to thank her for the larger recycling bins that teachers are using in their classrooms.

Congratulations A.B. Daley students and families. Your generous donations allowed us to donate **\$308.15** to the Terry Fox Foundation!!!



Way to Go!!!



COUNTRYSIDE
LANDSCAPES & GARDEN CENTRE

Another thank you to **COUNTRYSIDE LANDSCAPES & GARDEN CENTRE** for their donation of pumpkins in support of Friends of A.B. Daley. They were a wonderful decoration for our lobby and raised important funds for Friends. With your generous support we were able to raise \$460.00 for Friends.



Thank you to Tim Hortons in Nanton for supplying coffee and donuts this upcoming weekend for our Playground Volunteers! Your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you also to all the fabulous volunteers who were able to donate their time and effort.

A poster for National Child Day. At the top, it says "NOVEMBER 20TH NATIONAL CHILD DAY" in blue, textured letters. Below the text are several white squares, some containing icons like a heart. The main illustration shows three yellow cartoon rabbits with long ears, sitting on a large white scroll that they are drawing on with colorful markers. The scroll has various colorful shapes and patterns on it. Below the illustration, there is a quote: "IF FROM THE BEGINNING THEY TOLD US THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH OF AN ADULT WILL BE DEFINED IN CHILDHOOD... THEN WE WOULD TREAT A CHILD'S IDENTITY WITH MORE LOVE". At the bottom of the poster are logos for PHECC, ECDCOALITIONS.ORG, #NATIONALCHILDDAY, first2000days, and ECCA.

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EVERY CHILD HAS RIGHTS!
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first2000days
Early Childhood Development Network

ECCA
Early Childhood
Coalitions Alberta

Family School Liaison Counselor:

Wow, can you believe 2 months have gone by already? This year seems to be moving very quickly. So hopefully you have worked out all the bugs of your morning routine, your child's classroom, and any other areas or glitches of this school year by now. While the excitement may have worn off of this new school year, it is sometimes this time of year that we see some different attitudes or behaviors. I included a link to an article to support you to build a love for school, life and general learning within your child. Good luck and Keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher, as that will always help. [For the Love of Learning!](#)

Peacekeepers:

Peacekeeping is in full swing and going like gangbusters! Thank you to all the students who commit to donating a recess or 2 to support all our students to follow the expectations.

My peacekeepers for the month of October were Sage Mowat, Jessica Marthaler, Iris Simon, Jaycee Mowat!! (Holy Team Mowat.....way to represent).

Tracey Wallace

Learning Commons (Library):

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our October Book Fair by buying and donating books. Our 9 parent volunteers were essential to the success of the Fair, and we are indebted to them. We were able to choose \$976.45 in books and other resources for the Learning Commons, which is much appreciated.

Congratulations to Suzy, Michelle; Kayden; Elias; Kehler; Brooke and Katie for winning the draws - and to True for perfectly estimating the number of candies in the glass jar.

Scholastic Book Orders for November are due to Mrs. Adie on Wednesday, November 7th. If you are choosing gifts for someone, please include your name and phone number on your order and we'll let you know when your items arrive. Thank you for the support, and for making a difference in lives with literacy.

Story Dogs Program:

When children read to a dog, the outcomes are amazing! It is a non-judgemental setting, the children's focus improves, their literacy skills increase and their confidence soars. The accepting, loving nature of dogs gives this program its magic and helps children relax, open up, try harder and have fun while reading to a friendly, calm dog. Contact Jocelyn Stangowitz joscelyn11@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer with your dog!

Musical Notes:

Hello parents of ABD School,

The students have been working very hard on a piece of music titled: "Sing for Peace". It involves echo singing and actions, and they do sound wonderful! It will be a special

Remembrance Day ceremony for them to perform it for you on November 9 at 10:30 in the A. B. Daley School Gym.

For the past two months students have been hard at work in music class. We have been reading and clapping rhythms. What a great skill it is to listen to a rhythm and then have to clap it back to the teacher. Once echo clapping is well established, we move on to reading and clapping the many rhythms we have learned. This involves listening carefully to be able to successfully clap the exact rhythm back. We also work hard to have a steady beat while clapping the rhythms, otherwise we will not be together. I tell the students when they are learning to read the rhythms that they are learning a second language. They are learning the ABCs of music.

We have also been enjoying playing the many instruments that A. B. Daley School has. We have worked hard to get the C major scale just right. To play the instruments correctly we have to learn to sit tall, hold the mallets correctly, hit the bars with just the right pressure, hit the correct bar (note), and develop a great deal of self-control ("I just can't wait to play the instrument, Mrs. LaCoste!" "Oops, that was by accident!") Indeed it is very hard to wait for instructions of when to start which are usually: "One, two ready, go!" The students love this poem I use: "If you play before I say, I will take your instrument away!"

In order for us to learn to respect the instruments we enjoyed viewing this [video](#). I hope you visit my [website](#) or connect with me on twitter [@movesingandplay](#). If you are curious about my approach in teaching the many music outcomes in the Alberta Program of Studies, do read [this article](#).

In music class it is my expectation that students will always be:

Respectful (raising their hand and waiting to be called upon, waiting their turn, and treating others with kindness)

Responsible (treating classroom instruments with respect)

Safe (watching where they are going when moving around the room, staying in their assigned spots, and keeping their hands and feet to themselves)

When students show respect to each other, to themselves, to property and learning they earn a "Gotcha".

Sincerely,

Mrs. LaCoste

