

WHAT STARTS HERE CHANGES THE WORLD

B.E.A.R. NECESSITIES

October 30, 2015



Daylight Savings Time
Don't forget to FALL
BACK 1 hour **Sunday,**
Nov. 1

Key Dates

Please see page 2 of the newsletter for a visual snapshot of what's happening this month. Please visit our website calendar frequently for changes and to look ahead at upcoming events.

<http://www.al.gsacrd.ab.ca/about/calendar>

Booster Juice Mondays:

Nov. 2 (& Wraps)

Nov. 9, Nov. 16

Nov. 23 (& wraps),

Nov 30

Hot Lunch

Thursday, Nov. 5 – Nitza's Pizza

Thursday, Nov. 12 – Panago Pizza

Friday, Nov. 13 – Darcy's

Thursday, Nov. 19 – Boston Pizza

Friday, Nov. 20 – Extreme Pita

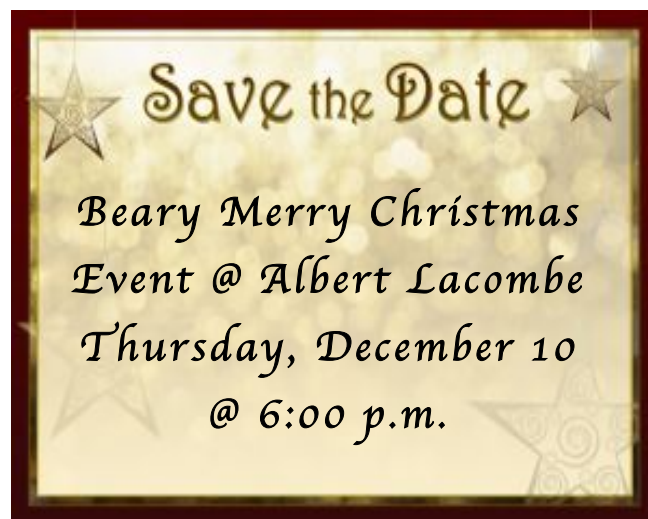
Thursday, Nov. 26 – Dairy Queen

REPORT CARDS

Is it that time already? Our Report Cards will be coming home to parents on November 20. You will shortly receive a letter inviting you to send in your requests for parent-teacher interviews.

It is important for the parents of our students to receive information on student progress. If you need an extra set of report card documents for your child so that both parents can be well-informed and be effective partners with us in supporting your child's growth, please send an E-mail request to your child's teacher or call our school office. Also, we do count on parents to pass on interview times so both can attend. If you need to clarify interview times, please contact our office.

We look forward to celebrating student growth and progress and collaborating on plans to support continued improvement at our parent-teacher interviews!



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Previous	November 2015						Next
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>1</p> <p>Catholic Education Sunday - All Saints Day All Day</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends - Turn your clocks back 1 hour 2:00 am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Gr. 4 Waste Management Field Trip All Day</p> <p>SEEALS Booster Juice & Wraps 12:21 pm</p> <p>DARE - Gr. 6 1:15 pm</p> <p>School Council Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>ALL Preschool Children Attend 8:15 am</p> <p>Girl's Volleyball @ Albert Lacombe 4:00 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Confirmation Preparation Session 2 @ S. Albert Parish Hall - for parents & children 6:30 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>SEEALS Hot Lunch - Nitza's Pizza 12:21 pm</p> <p>Boy's Volleyball @ Albert Lacombe 4:00 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>PD Day - No classes for students All Day</p>	<p>7</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>SEEALS Booster Juice 12:21 pm</p> <p>DARE - Gr. 6 1:15 pm</p> <p>Gr. 5 Immunizations 1:30 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>CCLC All Day</p> <p>Remembrance Day Celebration 1:30 pm</p> <p>Girl's Volleyball @ JJ Nearing School 4:00 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Remembrance Day - No School All Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>SEEALS Hot Lunch - Panago Pizza 12:21 pm</p> <p>Boy's Volleyball @ JJ Nearing School 4:00 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>SEEALS Hot Lunch - Darcy's 12:21 pm</p> <p>DARE - Gr. 6 1:15 pm</p>	<p>14</p>	
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Student Retreat Day K - 6 All Day</p> <p>SEEALS Booster Juice 12:21 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>SEEALS Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza 12:21 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Jersey Day in support of Sport Day Canada All Day</p> <p>SEEALS Hot Lunch - Extreme Pita 12:21 pm</p> <p>Report Card Distribution 3:00 pm</p>	<p>21</p>	
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>December Hot Lunch Orders Due 12:00 am</p> <p>Preschool PUF Children Attend 8:15 am</p> <p>SEEALS Booster Juice & Wraps 12:21 pm</p> <p>DARE - Gr. 6 1:15 pm</p> <p>Parent/Teacher Interviews 5:00 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>ALL Preschool Children Attend 8:15 am</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Parent/Teacher Interviews 5:00 pm</p> <p>Reconciliation Preparation Session 3 @ St. Albert Parish Hall - for parents & children 6:30 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>SEEALS Hot Lunch - Dairy Queen 12:21 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Day in Lieu for Parent/Teacher Interviews - No School All Day</p>	<p>28</p>	



PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US

Albert Lacombe
will be marking
Remembrance

Day on Tuesday, November 10, with a special Assembly at 1:30 p.m. Parents, grandparents and family members are welcome to join us. We invite all students who are Scouts, Brownies, Guides and Cadets to wear their uniforms as well as any guests who are members of service.

BLACK & ORANGE DAY

October 30 was Black and Orange Day at our school. We invited our students to dress in one or both of these colours as they participated in regular classes and special classroom activities. We also enjoyed a performance from the Earth Rangers in the morning, in which students learned about how to protect and appreciate wildlife. Live animals were part of the presentation as well: a baby skunk, a hawk, and a lizard.

We have two requests of parents with regard to students bringing Hallowe'en candy to school. First, please use discretion and parental supervision to monitor the quantity of treats that are sent to school, hopefully 1 or 2 per day. Second, ingredients are often not listed on the smaller portions of candy and it becomes very difficult to determine whether or not these treats pose a danger to students who have anaphylactic allergies. To help keep children safe, please avoid sending treats that could possibly contain nut products.

A BEARY MERRY CHRISTMAS EVENT

The staff of Albert Lacombe are excited to invite all Albert Lacombe families to join us in our BEARY Merry Christmas Event! This year, our Christmas concert will take place at Albert Lacombe School. We are excited to be trying a new format this year that will allow for all family members to take part in the Christmas event and experience the season with their children. Our program will include:

1. Musical performance where students from preschool to grade six will entertain you with songs of the Christmas season. This will take place in the gym. Grades Pre-K to 3 will perform beginning at 6:30 p.m. A 15 minute intermission will be followed by performances from grades 4 to 6 beginning at approximately 7:15 p.m. Students from our Sports Academy Gymnastics-Cheer-Dance program will also perform. Audience members can stay for the performances they wish to see and then move to enjoy the other activities.
2. A Christmas hay ride in the backfield for all family members to enjoy.
3. A variety of interactive stations including:
 - i. Hot chocolate
 - ii. 3 craft stations
 - iii. cookie decorating station
 - iv. preschool activity station
 - v. picture with Santa
 - vi. Christmas story time
 - vii. hockey skills drills in the Small Gym

We hope that this format will allow for more family members to enjoy the evening and be a part of the school community. Our students love it when they get to create, sing, and play with their parents.

The BEARY Merry Christmas Event will take place on Thursday, December 10th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Grandparents, friends and other family members are also welcome to join us for the evening. Tickets will be available for purchase on-line in late November. Students will not need tickets but other friends, siblings and family members will need tickets..

We can't wait to see you at our BEARY Merry Christmas Event.

Sincerely,

The staff at Albert Lacombe

Hello Parents,

It has been brought to our attention that there are price errors on the Beautiful Holiday Gifts From HOLE'S order form.

Three of the prices on the back of the order form are incorrect. Santa Baby should be \$39.99, Deck the Halls should be \$89.99 and the Glasshouse gift certificate should be \$25.

A new order form is attached with the correct prices. We apologize for any inconvenience.

If you have any questions please contact Candice: cfrayne5@gmail.com.

Thank you for your understanding,
SEEALS



We invite families to join us at St. Albert Parish to celebrate the gift of Catholic Education Sunday, on November 1, at 9:00 a.m. as we host this Mass and invite students and families to celebrate with us! As we know, we are blessed to be able to educate our children in an environment in which we openly and deliberately live our Faith, in Religion classes, in other subject areas, and in our every interaction and event. With Christ as our brother and example, we celebrate God's love and work to build his Kingdom through every kind word and action. What Starts Here Changes the World, when we follow in the footsteps of Christ!

Our Advent season will be celebrated throughout December and especially with our school Advent Mass, involving all students on December 4, 2015, at 9:45 a.m. Parents and other family members are most welcome to join us!

ALLERJET RECALL

There is a nationwide **recall on all ALLERJECT epinephrine injectors** (small automated device.)

Below is the recommendation for parents on how to proceed with getting a replacement injector:

1. Phone your pharmacy, let them know you have an Allerject injector
2. Bring the Allerject injector back to your pharmacy to get an alternative as a replacement (likely EpiPen)
3. Pharmacies are generally only allowing 1 injector (likely EpiPen) for each family in need, as due to this recall, there will be a sharp rise in need for EpiPens, and therefore supply might meet demand

OF NOTE: If a child has an Allerject device, and has an anaphylactic reaction, STILL USE THE DEVICE and call 911. It may still save the child's life. The recall is due to a potential incorrect dose of epinephrine. So again, if they do not have a replacement device yet, and have an anaphylactic reaction, still use the Allerject injector as instructed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, or your assigned school nurse Sasha, if you have any questions.

The Library is Looking for Helpers!

In order to keep our library running smoothly, we are looking for parent helpers to help shelve books on a weekly basis and help prepare our new books for circulation as needed.

If you are able to help, please contact me. Thank you!

Kelly Liusz Moser
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phone: (780) 459-4478



NO CLASSES NOVEMBER 6 & 11

A reminder that there are no classes for students on Friday, November 6, as our regular Professional Development and Staff Meeting Day is scheduled. The school is closed Tuesday, November 11 for Remembrance Day. **Students will have regular classes on Thursday, November 12.**

PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS

We would like to share the results of Provincial Achievement Test Results from Grades 6, written in May and June of 2015. To provide some background on the tests, Grade 6 students write exams in 4 subjects: Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. The Language Arts test has a writing section in which students view a picture and write a story about the picture and another task in which they review a set of facts and write a newspaper article based on the facts. The reading component has 50 multiple-choice questions on informational text, poetry, finding main ideas and details. Almost equal weighting is given to the reading and writing component in determining a students' mark. The Math test contains 50 multiple-choice and numerical response problem-solving questions. The Science and Social Studies exams each contain 50 multiple-choice questions, covering content from the Grade 6 curriculum, as well as testing students' ability to find, analyze and synthesize information from graphs, diagrams, tables, maps and draw conclusions. In the Social Studies test, students must analyze opinions/statements from different perspectives and answer questions about these varied perspectives. These tests cannot cover an entire year of work and are limited to testing the types of knowledge and skills that can be measured on a multiple-choice test. For this reason, they add to, but do not replace, on-going teacher assessment. Results are useful to us in that, unlike most standardized tests, they are based upon the Alberta curriculum. When we receive the results, our teachers look at item analysis and individual and group results, looking for patterns and trends over time to determine areas of growth and areas of strength.

Gr 6 LA (Writing and Reading) - 98% acceptable; 14.3% Excellence

Gr 6 Science - 94% acceptable; 18.4% Excellence

Gr 6 Math - 84% acceptable; 8.2% Excellence

Gr 6 Social Studies - 86% acceptable; 18.4% Excellence

As you can see from our results this year, our students have once again achieved strong results. Highlights include: 100% of Grade 6 students achieved at the Acceptable Standard in Writing, and over 37% of students achieved the Standard of Excellence in Reading. The Learner Assessment Branch of Alberta Learning provides an information sheet in the fall for each parent of a child who wrote last year's exams. Student results on each of the subtests are given, as well as indicating whether a child achieved at the acceptable standard or at the standard of excellence. This Information Sheet will be sent to the school at which our former Gr 6 students are now attending. If you have any questions regarding Provincial Achievement Exam results, Mrs. Tod or Mr. Hayes would be pleased to help you! You may recall that, in past years, Gr 3 students also wrote PATs. These have been replaced by the SLA - Student Learning Assessment. The SLA has more of a diagnostic purpose and results will be shared by Gr 3 teachers during November Parent-Teacher Interviews.

In the spirit of the season, give your support and enjoy

Beautiful Holiday Gifts

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Share the holiday spirit this season by purchasing a gift for family and friends. Remember, gift items also make wonderful client gifts!

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October 23rd – November 6th

ORDERS DUE

Friday, November 6th

PICK UP

Monday, November 23rd.

More information to be in SEEALS NEWS

HELP SUPPORT SEEALS

ORDER ONLINE – Fast and Easy

Shop at

holesonline.com/fundraisingproducts

- Click on “Fundraising Products” to shop online.
- Click on the item you want to purchase and add it to your cart.
- Follow the online instructions.
- **Remember to choose Albert Lacombe (SEEALS) on the Non Profit list**
- All orders are individually packaged and delivered, or will be ready for pick up at the Enjoy Centre.
- A personalized message can be included.
- *Share the holiday spirit this season with a gift from Hole's and donate to SEEALS.*

ORDER THROUGH THE SCHOOL

How it works

- Choose your favorite items.
- Send your order form back to school with payment.
- Order forms and payment are due back to school on **Friday, November 6th**
- Please make cheques payable to **SEEALS**
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Thank you for your participation! Every order counts!

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Society Enriching Education at Albert Lacombe School

October 30, 2015

SEEALS NEWS



ONE STOP CHRISTMAS SHOP

Friday, November 6th is a PD day so we will accept orders until the end of the school day on **Monday November 9th**



One Stop Christmas Shop REMINDERS

- **Orders to be returned to school by November 9th LATE ORDERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED**
- Submit *one cheque* for all items purchased
- Cookie dough that is ordered is to be picked up from the school. Date and time TBC.
- **The Art Cards are a wonderful way to share your Christmas wishes with family and friends, even business clients!**

The class that raises the most money gets to enjoy 3 blocks of gym with Mr Hayes.

That's 100 minutes of fun!

Mr Hayes mentioned that he has lots of fun planned, and your children will be exhausted after the 3 gym blocks!

STAFF APPRECIATION MEAL

Historically, SEEALS volunteers have graciously provided a themed supper for the teaching, support and administrative staff on the first day of Parent-Teacher Interviews. The volunteers do this at their own expense on behalf of the school as a thank you for the tremendous support the staff gives to SEEALS fundraising efforts, that provide new library books and furniture, playground equipment for each classroom, Raz kids, iPads, and much more.

SEEALS includes all people who volunteer for SEEALS activities, like Booster Juice and Hot Lunch. There are 35 people on the SEEALS volunteer email list, a small group from our school of 260 students, and we are thankful for their support.

Most teachers do not have time to go home to have a proper meal before starting a long night of meeting with Parents and their students to review their assessment. Thus, SEEALS wishes to continue these suppers twice a year but SEEALS is requesting more assistance from the school community. If you are interested in contributing to the staff supper for the November assessments, please contact Heather at dhaight0921@shaw.ca

Thank you for your anticipated participation and support.

REMINDERS

- ✓ **ONE STOP CHRISTMAS SHOP forms are due back to school Monday, November 9th.**
- ✓ **December hot lunch orders are due November 23rd.**

Thank you for your support!



COMING SOON...
Safeway Gift Cards

**NO ACT OF KINDNESS,
NO MATTER HOW SMALL,
IS EVER WASTED**
~AESOP~

Thank you to the teachers and staff who came and mingled with the students and their families at the dance!! The students are always excited to spend time out of class with you!



The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.

Congratulations to our Halloween door prize winners- Cody Cunningham, Jermaine Arriola, Naima Emilia Emilsdottir/Kristjansson, Hayley Page and Audrey Carlson!

We would like to thank everyone that helped make our Halloween Dance a huge success!

- ✓ Volunteers and Students who helped decorate on Friday afternoon
- ✓ Families who donated Halloween decorations
- ✓ Volunteers who ran our concession area
- ✓ All the volunteers who dropped off baking and goodies
- ✓ The volunteer who organized our DJ and music
- ✓ Our door prize gatherers
- ✓ Volunteers who helped keep our hallways safe during the dance
- ✓ Our door prize assemblers
- ✓ Our decorating leader, photo booth director and volunteer coordinator
- ✓ Volunteers who stayed after the dance to clean up
- ✓ Mr Giacobbo for allowing us set up our AWESOME photo booth in the Sports Academy Office
- ✓ Our janitor, Mr Rego, who keeps our school in tip-top shape, and the Halloween Dance Night was no exception!!

It was a big effort and we appreciate all of your help!

We could not host this Halloween dance without administration's support. It means so much to the kids and their families! We had record numbers come to the dance this year and based on the squealing, happy faces running around, we think it is safe to say a good time was had by all!

We hope the kids slept hard afterwards!

Thanks Again!

SEEALS

Thank you students for coming to our dance! Young and old looked so great all dressed up in their Halloween costumes!!

It was a wonderful time to spend with families and friends!

Where did you all get those awesome dance moves?!

