

WHAT STARTS HERE CHANGES THE WORLD

# B.E.A.R. NECESSITIES

April 29, 2016



## 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:

May 2

May 9

May 16 & Wraps

May 30

## UPDATE FROM OUR LENTEN PROJECT - BEARS BATTLE CLIMATE CHANGE

We are so pleased to share that we had 82 students and staff return their purple cards to track the actions they took to Battle Climate Change. Many of the actions include:

Reduce the use of Vehicles by carpooling, taking the bus, walking, biking

Reduce and Reuse - saying no to buying things we don't really need

Saving Electricity - shutting off lights & appliances when not needed, power down electronics to avoid daily charging

Avoid disposable items - choose reusable containers/items whenever possible

Take care of our soil - use your Organics Bin to compost, eat meat less often

Pray for Action and Donate to our School-building Project

AND THE GRAND TOTAL OF ACTIONS submitted to us during Lent was **2332!**

Our planet, our children and our future generations are grateful for our Actions!

Many small actions add up as all humanity will be affected by Climate Change!

In the Bible, Genesis 1:28, God names us as Caretakers of Creation, to take care of what has been given to us. Our planet Earth is a sacred trust, for today and tomorrow!

We encourage all families to talk about what they can do to make the necessary lifestyle changes needed to take better care of our resources and Battle Climate Change. Make it a habit because WHAT STARTS HERE, CHANGES THE WORLD!

### Hot Lunch Days:

Thursday, May 5 Panago Pizza

Friday, May 6 - Wok Box

Thursday, May 12 - Nitza's Pizza

Friday, May 13 - Dairy Queen

Thursday, May 19 - Hot Dog & Freezie Sale

Thursday, May 26 D'Arcy's Casual Catering

Friday, May 27 - Boston Pizza

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Previous	May 2016						Next
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 Gr. 4 Light & Shadow Workshop  SEEALS Booster Juice	3	4 Holy Childhood Mass 11:00 am	5 SEEALS Hot Lunch Panago Pizza	6 SEEALS Hot Lunch Wok Box	7 Celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation @ St. Albert Parish 10:30 am	
8 Mother's Day	9 Kindergarten - Salsa Tots (in school)  SEEALS Booster Juice  Gr. 2 & 3 Swimming Lessons 8:40 am	10	11	12 Gr. 2 Field trip Little White School House  SEEALS Hot Lunch Nitzza's Pizza  Gr. 6 PAT Language Arts Part A 9:00 am	13 SEEALS Hot Lunch Dairy Queen	14	
15 Pentecost	16 SEEALS Booster Juice & Wraps  Gr. 2 & 3 Swimming Lessons 8:40 am  School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	17 CCLC  Gr. 6 Camp Encounter Overnight Field Trip  Afternoon Kinders attend in the MORNING 8:20 am  Pre-K Fieldtrip to Valley Zoo 8:30 am  Kindergarten & Gr 1 Swimming Lessons 8:40 am  Gr. 5 Fieldtrip to VJM's Drama Presentation of 'Annie' 10:30 am	18 Gr. 6 Camp Encounter Overnight Field Trip	19 SEEALS Hot Lunch Hot Dog & Freezie Sale	20 PD Day - No classes for students	21	
22	23 Victoria Day - No School	24 Afternoon Kinders attend in the MORNING 8:20 am  Kindergarten & Gr 1 Swimming Lessons 8:40 am	25 SEEALS June Hot Lunch Orders Due	26 SEEALS Hot Lunch D'Arcy's Casual Catering	27 No Kindergarten  SEEALS Hot Lunch Boston Pizza  Western Day  Gr. 6 Field trip to the Alberta Legislature Building 8:30 am	28	

29	30 SEEALS Booster Juice & Wraps  Gr. 2 & 3 Swimming Lessons 8:40 am	31 AL Track Day @ Fowler Field - Gr. 4, 5 & 6  Afternoon Kinders attend in the MORNING 8:20 am  Kindergarten & Gr 1 Swimming Lessons 8:40 am	
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## **A QUICK SURVEY FOR PARENTS**

- Greater St. Albert Catholic School District and Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary School value our partnership with parents in providing the best education possible for your children. Your views on several key topics are invited for the enclosed survey. Please be assured that the results are confidential and that they are used by our staff to improve our service to our school families. This survey will take about 5-10 minutes to complete. If you have questions/concerns/feedback in areas not covered by this survey or have additional comments, please contact Mrs. Tod and Mr. Hayes as we want to hear from you. What Starts Here, Changes the World for all of our children!

## **TD Clean and Green RiverFest**

This year's TD Clean and Green RiverFest is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 2 - 5 pm (located behind St. Albert Centre). In addition to cleaning up along the river and planting trees, there will be an Environmental Fair, and BBQ care of St. Albert Centre. The TD Clean and Green RiverFest is the annual river clean-up combined with The River Edge Enhancement Project (REEP); a community partnership consisting of community members, BLESS volunteers and City staff who each year work on increasing the amount of animal habitat in the river valley by planting native trees and shrubs along the river's edge. This event is for all ages. It's an opportunity for individuals, groups or families to attend and to learn how everyone can impact his/her environment in a positive way. The environment fair part of the day provides many learning opportunities to this theme.

## **A NEW ROUTINE FOR SPRING!--ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL**

Building independence in children is one of the best ways to alleviate anxiety and allow them to build the skills to become more confident. The level of independence that children can manage certainly differs by age, but it is important for parents to recognize their children's need for independence and support them so they are successful and confident. As parents, we want to model, teach, and gradually step away to allow our children to take over tasks that are manageable for them. The message we give is that we believe they can do it and have faith in them. So, in the morning, we are recommending a quick hug at the school doors or at the bus stop, and then having **all of our K-6 students** to join their friends at the back of the school, and come into their regular doors and take care of organizing their belongings and getting ready for class on their own. PreK children are still able to be walked in by their parents to wait with them until classes start. Children who are not driven or walked to school do this every day and they do it very well. If there is a slight problem, learning to solve this problem on their own or ask for assistance is also a valuable learning experience. The weather is nice, supervision is provided at 8:10 a.m. everyday, and your children get that all-important 'I know you can do this' message! Plus, you can drop them off in the drop-off zone and have fewer parking hassles!

For afternoon kindergarten classes, please wait for your child at the front door until the teacher brings them to you, instead of around the classroom door. Our 2/3F and 1P classes are still in session and we want to minimize any hallway noise for them.

## Winners of the St. Albert Legion Poppy Literary and Poster contest

Briel (5K), Braeden and Jonah (6ML) and Saige (5/6L) were winners of the St. Albert Legion Poppy Literary and Poster Contest - Junior Category!

Briel won second place for "Colored Posters", Braden won first place for "Colored Posters", Jonah won first place for "Black and White Posters", and Saige won second place for "Black and White Posters". The awards luncheon and ceremony was held at the St. Albert Legion, and Braeden and Saige were both able to be there. We are very proud of our artists!



## Bus Pass Applications

for the 2016 – 2017 school year are now open.

If your child requires transportation for the coming school year please go to the following link to apply.

<http://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/parents/bus-pass-application-form>



## ***RETURN OF REPORT CARDS!***

*Please ensure that your child's report card folder and plastic bag are returned to school as we will reuse these items for the third term in June. If you want to remove the pages from the first and second term or copy them, that is fine. Returning these items saves us time and money and we appreciate your help with this!*





### **Mystery Number**

**Skype** *Charlise 1P*

We skyped with another grade one class to play a math game. We

had to guess the other classes number (between 1 and 100) using juicy math questions. They had to guess our number too.

### **Visit from the Apple Representative of Alberta** *Brielle 1P*

The Apple guy came in our classroom. He took videos and pictures. He even asked us questions. We had iPad centers.

### **Sports Academy** *Jake G & Bradley G 4M*

In Servus Place some of the ice is taken out so we play lacrosse instead of hockey. Our coach for lacrosse is Reece, he is really good at lacrosse and he plays for the St. Albert Miners. Also in Sports Academy we went bowling with coach Mass. Our next day with coach Mass we are doing gymnastics. This is how fun Sports Academy is!

### **Mice at Centre Ice** *Luca G & Jacob G 4M*

Mice at Centre Ice was fantastic! We spent 6 weeks reading it and finished on Thursday April the 21st. The M.H.L. won the cheddar cup against the Rink Rats. The character's are Figaro Benny Peppy Ann Merie Big Boris Big M Monday and Friday and Squeaker. No one can ever eat the Cheddar cup because it is sealed with wax so it will never rot. The cheddar cup game was close, the M.H.L just won the cheddar cup 2-1, somehow before the cheddar cup benny ended up at the dump and almost died. I think you would love it!

### **Lacrosse** *Cayden 4M*

Hello from 4M; in sports academy this month we are having Lacrosse for 3 days in a row. It is a lot of fun catching and tossing the lacrosse ball around and Spoiler: there is a lot of hitting.

In Light and Shadow we created dabbing tin foil men and use a flashlight to see their shadows. This month was full of fun experiments and lacrosse hits, now let's see what will happen next.

### **Genius Hour** *Carmya M, Hannah L & McKeely G 5K*



This year grade five and six did an L.A. assignment called "Genius Hour". This assignment is about learning to search up details about their topic, show other students what they have learned about the topic. All students will pick a topic to research, kids can get information off of books, the internet, the online reference center, experts and many more sites and books. The students can put the information on a google slide, a poster and some kids brought in baking that they made, lego creations and more. All students can use information that they researched, but they cannot copy everything from the internet or books. Some topics students have done are: "How to draw a cartoon dog", "How to make a pizza" and "How to train a dog". Students can do any topic they want and are interested in. We have lots of geniuses at Albert Lacombe Elementary school.

## **Bear News** *Kyle W & Victor C 5K*

We have recently been looking close in at career week. Now we're doing a special P.A.W. ( paragraph a week ) about the career we choose to stick with, if we don't make sports. We'll be researching and discovering new things about the job we chose! For this reason, everybody must choose a job other than sports. We are hoping everybody chooses a different topic of either a policeman, curator, or even an artist!

All kids in 5K will create and express the job they picked, including putting pictures with that job of their tools and discoveries! We will also hand it in for marks and comments from our teacher. We're doing this so our vocabulary, reading, and writing get better throughout the year!

That is our upcoming P.A.W. about Career Week! We also give a special thanks to our Career week volunteers, you have opened our minds to new possibilities.

## **AL Bears Carnival 2016** *Courtney & Payten 5K*

On April 29th 2016 Albert Lacombe school is having their 4th annual carnival. This year there are more unique games that have never been done before like a dance competition, Pliko, mini golf and much more. There are also bake sale items and this year we have more staff to work at the games and yummy bake sale. Students will win more and bigger and better prizes than previous years. The students will put their name in to win the prize and we will have a draw to see who wins to make it fair. This fun event will take place in the the big and small gyms at Albert Lacombe Elementary School. We are having the event to help build a school for the many kids in the Philippines from the terrible typhoon that happened there. The WE Day team and a couple of staff members have given up their precious time to help make this carnival happen. The committee have had WE Day meetings to plan our ideas and make them better so we can make a fun game for the kids.

Hope to see your kids at ALs 4th annual carnival!

## **Plant Growth and Change** *Dawson & Trenton 4M*

Do you see our plants in science? These are our plants that we have been working on with the kinder's.

So in our plants we have a seed, water and fertilizer sticks. And everything that plant needs.



## **Grade 2 Science** *Hana 2/3F*

In grade 2 science we are learning about boats and buoyancy. We made boats out of tin foil. We want our boats to float and hold pennies. It was fun.





**ALBERT LACOMBE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Agenda**

**May 16, 2016 7 pm     Albert Lacombe Staff Room**

1. Call to order
2. Introductions: 5 minutes
3. Prayer: 5 minutes
4. Approval of Agenda: 5 minutes  
(Members may request an item be added to the agenda at this time)
5. Review and Acceptance of minutes from the last meeting: 5 minutes
6. Business arising from previous minutes: 25 minutes
  - 6.1 Safe Journeys update (Duane Hayes)
  - 6.2 Welcome Back BBQ (Natalie Monette)
7. Reports: 30 minutes
  - 7.1 Principal's Report (Joan Tod/Duane Hayes)
  - 7.2 School Trustee Report (Rosaleen McEvoy)
  - 7.3 Teacher's Representative (Lindsey Pratt/Michelle Lutic)
  - 7.4 Compassionate Friends (Lindsey Pratt/Michelle Lutic)
8. New Business: 5 minutes
  - 8.1 Council of Councils Meeting Report: April 26, 2016 (Natalie Monette)
9. Next School Council meeting date –  
September 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016
10. Meeting Adjournment: 5 Minutes

## *Albert Lacombe School Council News*

*May 2016*

### **Our last meeting of 2015/16:**

**Monday, May 16, 2016**

Please join us! Meetings are held at 7 pm in the Staff Room at Albert Lacombe School. All parents of children enrolled at Albert Lacombe School are invited to attend our council meetings and are automatically admitted as voting members of our school council.



### **School Council Contact:**

If you have any ideas that you would like to share or items that you would like included in the agenda, please contact the School Council Chair- Natalie Monette at [natalie.monette@yahoo.ca](mailto:natalie.monette@yahoo.ca)

**Happy Mother's Day to  
all of the wonderful  
moms and grandmothers  
of the staff and students  
at Albert Lacombe!**

### **Welcome Back BBQ – mark your calendars!**

Albert Lacombe will be having our Welcome Back BBQ on **Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**. This will also be your opportunity to see the class list, visit your classroom and meet your teacher! Dairy Queen will be there with a delicious meal too.

School Council and SEEALS will have a menu to order from available online. Look for order instructions coming your way before the end of the school year.



### **A Note from our Compassionate Friends Coordinators:**

The Compassionate Friends program at Albert Lacombe School; supported by School Council, is here to assist and support families during times of grief and family hardship. If you, your family, or an AL family that you know is in need of support, please do not hesitate to contact the Compassionate Friends coordinators. You can contact them directly or request assistance by contacting the school office at 780-459-4478.

Compassionate Friends Coordinators

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## **S.E.E.A.L.S Agenda**

***Society Enriching Education at Albert Lacombe School***

**May 16th, 2016 (7:00pm)**

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of the Agenda 5 minutes  
(Members may request an item be added to the agenda at this time)
4. Review and Acceptance of minutes from the last meeting 5 minutes
5. Old Business and/or Business arising from previous minutes 20 minutes
  - 5.1 Grade Six Farewell- (Michelle Lutic )
  - 5.2 Hot Lunch (Natalie Monette)
  - 5.3 Hot Lunch Volunteers (Heather Haight)
  - 5.4 Mother's and Father's Day Crafts (Heather Haight)
  - 5.5 Art Cards (Winnie Vanderheide)
6. SEEALS Treasurer Report (Winnie Vanderheide) 15 minutes
7. New business 15 minutes
  - 7.1 Suggestions for Future Fundraising for 2016/2017 - (Heather Haight)
8. Announcements and Correspondence
9. Next SEEALS meeting - Sept 6 or 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016
10. Meeting Adjournment



**SIGIS CHILD CARE SOCIETY SUMMER 2016**  
(Non-Profit Society)  
**SIGIS Albert Lacombe**  
Albert Lacombe School  
50 Gainsborough Ave  
(780) 499-9283



**Exciting Activities & Crafts      Qualified Staff      Wide Variety of Field Trips**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JULY	<i>Changes may occur due to weather or last minute booking changes.</i>				
JULY	4 Shadow/Light Day	5 Mission Impossible Day	6 Music Walk Day	7 Sharing Day with RR	1 CLOSED
JULY	11 Lions Park	12 Chalk Day	13 Valley Zoo	14 Pirate Day	8 Nature /Earth Day
JULY	18 Games Day	19 Legislature Grounds	20 Messy Day	21 Hawrelak Park	15 Castle Downs Spray Park
JULY	25 Callingwood Spray Park	26 Super Hero Day	27 Color Explosion Day	28 Desa Karate	22 Water Day
AUGUST	1 CLOSED	2 Star Wars	3 Woodlands Spray Park	4 Lego Club	29 Movie Day
AUGUST	8 Glengarry Spray Park	9 Sensory Day	10 Walkathon	11 Hide & Seek Indoor	5 Telus World of Science
AUGUST	15 Dance Party	16 80's Theme Day	17 Castledowns Spray Park	18 Science Day	12 Dr. Seuss
AUGUST	22 Rodeo/Bike Day	23 Jeopardy Day	24 Water Day	25 Master Chef Challenge	19 Fort Sask. Museum
AUGUST	29 Ocean Day & Jumpy Things @ Center	30 Hawaiian Day	31 Camping Day		26 Favorites Day

**SUMMER RATES (Payment required on 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.) Fees include ALL field trip costs.**

**Children Completing Gr.1-6:**

*Daily* .....\$ 50.00

*Weekly (Mon-Fri)* .....\$ 235.00

*Monthly (July and/or Aug)* .....\$ 560.00

**Children Completing Kindergarten:**

*Daily* .....\$ 50.00

*Weekly (Mon-Fri)* .....\$ 235.00

*Monthly (July and/or Aug)* .....\$ 710.00