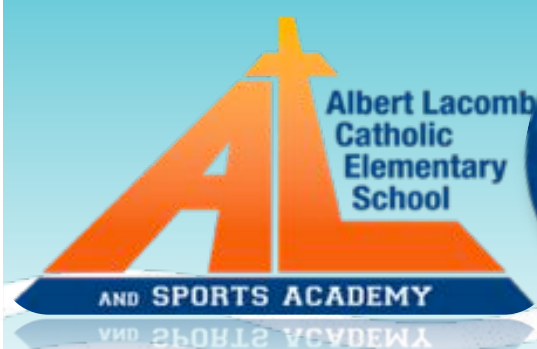


WHAT STARTS HERE CHANGES THE WORLD

B.E.A.R. NECESSITIES

May 27, 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>

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015-16

As we finish off one school year, we are diligently planning for the next! We would like to highlight a number of changes that you can look forward to at AL for 2016-17:

Class Configurations - our current enrolments are continuing to evolve. At this time, we are planning for these classes:

PreK - we are planning for a morning and afternoon half-day program.

Kindergarten - Morning Half-Day Program, and we will be assessing our numbers to determine whether we have sufficient registrations to also offer an Afternoon Half-Day Program. We do not have enough registrations at this point to offer a Full-day, Everyday program.

Gr 1, Gr 2, 2 classes of Gr 3, Gr 4, Gr 4/5, Gr 5, and 2 classes of Gr 6.

These plans are always subject to change as enrolment numbers continue to evolve.

Booster Juice

Mondays:

June 6

June 13

June 20

Gr. 6 PAT EXAM DATES

Wed., June 15 - LA PART B

Thursday, June 16 - MATH

Friday, June 17 - SCIENCE

Monday, June 20 - SOCIAL

Hot Lunch Days:

Thursday, June 2 - Nitza's Pizza

Thursday, June 9 - Panago Pizza

Friday, June 10 - Edo Japan

Thursday, June 16 - Opa of Greece

Friday, June 17 - Hot Dog & Freezie Sale

Thursday, June 23 - Extreme Pita

Friday, June 24 - Dairy Queen

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 SEEALS Hot Lunch Nitza's Pizza	3 PD Day - No classes for students	4
5	6 SEEALS Booster Juice Gr. 2 & 3 Swimming Lessons 8:40 am	7 CCLC Afternoon Kinders attend in the MORNING 8:20 am Kindergarten & Gr 1 Swimming Lessons 8:40 am	8 Gr. 1 Arbor Day	9 SEEALS Hot Lunch Panago Pizza	10 Gr. 5 Fieldtrip to Elk Island Kindergarten Father's Day Celebration AM @ 9:45/PM @ 1:45 SEEALS Hot Lunch Edo Japan Gr. 4 Field Trip - Fort Edmonton 8:30 am Gr. 1 Money Mentors In class 9:00 am	11
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19	20 Kindergarten Orientation SEEALS Booster Juice Gr. 6 PAT Social Studies 9:00 am Gr. 5/6L & 6ML Swimming at Grosvenor Pool 1:00 pm	21 District Track Meet for Qualifying Gr. 4 - 6 Students @ Fowler Track Gr. 1 & 3 Bowling 9:30 am Gr. 5/6L & 6ML Swimming at Fountain Park Pool 10:30 am	22 Kindergarten Orientation 5/6L Slurpee Walk 10:15 am	23 SEEALS Hot Lunch Extreme Pita	24 SEEALS Hot Lunch Dairy Queen 6ML Slurpee Walk 1:30 pm Year End Celebration & Gr. 6 Farewell 11:15 pm	25
26	27 Last Day of School & Report Card Distribution Talent Show 9:30 am	28 Staff Prep Day 8:00 am Staff Year End Mass @ St. Albert Parish 1:00 pm	29	30		

PROCEDURE FOR PARENT REQUESTS FOR TEACHERS

As we prepare for the upcoming 2016-17 school year, we would like to communicate our policy for handling parent requests for teachers. At school, our primary responsibility is to form the best possible learning groups that will provide all students with the best opportunity for success. In doing so, a number of factors are taken into consideration. These include the provision for an appropriate range of ability in each class, the ability to accommodate student learning needs, the support available for students with special learning needs, class size and gender balance. Accommodating large numbers of requests makes it very difficult to achieve our goal of 'balanced' classes. Another complicating factor is that our teacher placement and class configuration are often not firm in the spring and are sometimes subject to change in August/September. Parents are welcome to communicate with us if they feel that their child has a specific educational need that should be considered regarding their placement for the next school year. We ask that a letter or email (to jtod@gsacrd.ab.ca) be submitted to our office by June 1, outlining the educational reasons for such a request, but requests which name a particular teacher will not be considered. Thank you for your understanding!

Library News

Birthday Book Club forms are due by May 30 for families wishing to participate.

All library books are due no later than June 3. Letters for books that are not returned will be going home the week of June 6.

Bears Bingo continues until June 10. Students can use books from home (or St. Albert Public Library) to finish.

Check out some more great pictures from Global Maker Day and other school events by following Mrs. Moser on Twitter @MrsMoserintheLC

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs. Moser kliuszmoser@gsacrd.ab.ca

Meet & Greet/Welcome Back BBQ

In consultation with our School Council parent representatives and our staff, we have decided to combine these two events for next year. On August 31, 2016, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. we will be hosting a Welcome Back BBQ. At this time, students and parents can see their classroom and meet their teachers and staff members, while enjoying delicious food from Dairy Queen. We would like to thank our SEEALS fundraising society for organizing the food for this event! Luckily, you can order now, until August 20, online at:

seeals.hotlunches.net code: ALSHL

Please see page ??? of the newsletter for further details on how to order.

Congratulations to Albert Lacombe student, Kaylee E., who received St. Albert's Leaders of Tomorrow Award for Volunteerism.

Need bussing for 2016-17?

Our transportation forms are now submitted electronically. Please go to: <http://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/parents/transportation>

Teacher Farewell Messages

Dear Albert Lacombe Families,

I have spent the last 13 years teaching at Albert Lacombe. This school feels like home. There are so many amazing students, parents, and staff members that make up this wonderful school community. Next year I will be leaving Albert Lacombe and moving to Neil M. Ross. I would like to personally thank each and everyone of you for the wonderful memories that I have of this school and for allowing me the privilege to teach your children. Albert Lacombe will always have a special place in my heart.

*Sincerely,
Michelle Lutic*

From Mrs. McMartin:

"The community of Albert Lacombe School has been a very welcoming place. The parents, staff and students have been amazing over the past several years. This will be my last year of teaching; I am moving on to new challenges, travel and volunteer opportunities. Thank you all for the many wonderful friendships, and memories of my time here at Albert Lacombe."

We are still accepting registrations for the 2016 - 2017 Sports Academy year. We have limited spots in some groups so get your registrations in now. Choose from **Hockey**, **Soccer** and **Gymnastics-Cheer-Dance**. Contact Geoff Giacobbo at 780-459-4478.





Letters to Mrs. Tod from 2R

Dear Mrs. Tod,

Hello Mrs. Tod, I hear you are retiring from the school. You were a good principal. Thank you for the buddy bench it was a good idea and or helping me. We won't have assemblies without you. Thank you for the We day fair. I will miss you and have fun.

Sincerely, Allem

Dear Mrs. Tod,

Thank you for being a good principle to Albert Lacombe school I like when you do the prayers. Thank you for buying the things for Albert Lacombe School. I hope you have a new work in Albert Learning government. Thank you for making the buddy bench for kids that are alone. We will miss you Mrs. Tod.

Thank you for everything.

Your friend, Annie

Dear, Mrs. Tod

You have been a great principal at Albert Lacombe School. Thank-you for getting stuff for Albert Lacombe. I hope you enjoy your time off. You are good at making decisions. I hope you like your new job with the government. Where are you going to go on your vacation? I like your Prayers. I HOPE YOU HAVE FUN AT YOUR NEW JOB!

Sincerely, Lily Rose

Dear Bear news, *Brenna Y 2R*

When we went to the little white school house and the chapel it was a lot of fun! We had to pretend it was 1948!

When we arrived at the Little White Schoolhouse we had to make two lines one was a girl line and one was a boy line.

We talked about all sorts of things like punishments and differences and rules. I loved it! When we went to the chapel we talked about how they built the chapel and how they survived with animal skin and we did some activities like story acting and we played with wool. We played in a park and rolled down the hill when we had lunch and snack. We talked about new things and old things. When we were at the little white school house some of the punishments were putting your nose on the chalkboard, put gum on your nose and go stand in a corner.

Then we took the bus back to the school and had freezies!

May 13 1948 *Alonzo 2R*

We went to the Little White School House. If you had gum in your mouth you would have to put the gum on your nose. If you go to sleep the teacher would take a ruler and hit your desk and make you scared. You have to call a man sir and call a woman ma'am. No talking. For a spelling test you have to stand until you spell the word.

Dear Mrs Tod, *Orion 2R*

I hear that you are retiring. Thank you for the chrome books and laptops and ipads. God blesses you and have a great job with the government and have fun. You were a great principal and a great person. I see you every day on the bus. Thank you for keeping us safe. I love when you do the prayer and go on supervision. Good job we will miss you. You were a great person thank you for everything you got for Albert Lacombe.

Your friend, Orion

Grade 6 Camping Trip! *Christa 6ML*

On Tuesday, May 17th, 2016 the grade 6 students from Albert Lacombe went to Camp Encounter to have some fun exploring and camping.

The students enjoyed a bunch of activities like canoeing; find the fox, archery, challenge course, survival game and many other fun games. Every student had a favourite activity. Most of the time, the students were divided into different groups. A student yelled, "This game is going to be much fun!"

The food at camp encounter was delicious! The students also had some free time after each game. At the end of the day, they sat at the campfire and sang some songs and had some fun, but they couldn't have actual fire. After that, some students watched a movie; some went to their dorms, some decided to have some free time. The next day, everybody woke up and got ready and then went outside for breakfast. After about half an hour, the students went on a closed island and played the survival game. And then they came back and ate lunch.

The students started to pack up/clean up right after lunch and then went back on the bus heading to Albert Lacombe School. The students had so much at the camp and they were all so tired. A student quoted, "that was a fun camp!"

Camping At Camp Encounter! *Leah 6ML*

On Tuesday May 17, 2016, the grade 6 students from Albert Lacombe went to Camp Encounter for a fun camping trip to bond with each other and make more friendships.

All the food at Camp Encounter was amazingly good, it was basically to die for! They did tons of activities like archery, challenge courses, canoeing, and find the fox. Playing find the fox was fun for the grade 6 class. They were trying to find the teacher that was the fox, they all found the hamster, honey badger, mouse, etc. The grade sixes did not find the fox because he was hiding really good and deep in the forest. After they were done finding everyone, they sat at the campfire, but since they can't have an actual fire, they just sat around the fire pit and sang songs.

The grade sixes learned a few different songs like a shark song, Bruno Mars count on me song, skiing in the snow song, and a song about a bullfrog.

"I had so much fun at Camp Encounter, I think I'll go in the summer to spend the week there!" Exclaimed a girl named Sarah.

Hat Day Towards Fort McMurray *Kianna & Amy 6ML*

On May 10, Albert Lacombe School had a hat day to raise money for Fort McMurray. The students raised \$300 in one day! Everyone was really happy to raise that much money. In order to wear a hat you had to bring a dollar or more. Every student that donated got a star sticker to indicate they donated! Albert Lacombe students made a big difference!

Camp Encounter! *Amy 6ML*

On May 16th the grade 6 students went to Camp Encounter. They stayed overnight, for 2 days. Mostly every student went on the bus.

Camp Encounter was a Catholic camp, they played many games like Find the Fox, Mantracker, Jackpot and a lot more. The students did activities like archery, a challenge course, and canoeing.

Amy quoted, " my favourite part about camp was that I fell out of the canoe!"

The kids slept in dorms, girls had two rooms and the boys had four rooms! Kianna added, " my favourite part at camp was sleeping over with my friends and hanging out." The kids and the councillors meet up at a campfire to have fun, sing songs and goof around.

All the students had a marvellous time at Camp Encounter, they all wish that they could go back and do it again!

Grade 6 Students Visit Camp Encounter *Kaylee E 6L*

St. Albert- On Tuesday, May 17th, the grade six students at Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary School visited a camp called Camp Encounter - just outside of Edmonton - to get a chance to bond and hang out before moving on to junior high. They took a one-hour bus ride out to the camp and played games and did lots of activities.

Three of the main activities they did were a challenge course, canoeing and archery. The challenge course had many obstacles, and was meant to teach the kids about teamwork and working together, also a little bit about balance. Canoeing was in the lake Lac La None, right beside the camp. Archery was located by the start of the challenge course, and it gave kids an opportunity to shoot arrows at bags and a foam deer. The second day of camp, the kids got to go out a few feet onto Adventure Island, where they played a game to try and not get got while finding coat hangers and bringing them back to their base. These activities all were done outside, and the only time the kids went inside was to eat or go into the dorms and change or sleep.

Four meals were eaten at Camp Encounter, including first lunch, supper, breakfast and second lunch. For lunch the kids gobbled up the burgers, fries and beans, for supper rice and beans, breaded chicken, ham and garlic toast were eaten, for breakfast giant pancakes with sausage and fruit were served and for lunch the kids had burritos. These meals all were made by talented kitchen staff and also were cleaned up by the same people.

The grade six students now are back and filled with many long-lasting memories that they will carry on forever. Next year, the new grade sixes are planning to go to the same camp as well.

Welcome Back BBQ- at Albert Lacombe

August 31st, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

This is an opportunity to:

- see your class list
- meet your teacher
- see your classroom
- enjoy a DQ BBQ with other families and friends at Albert Lacombe

The BBQ meal includes a Hot Dog or Hamburger, Juice Box or Water, Chips and a Dilly Bar for \$7.00 per person. The staff at Albert Lacombe will be helping with the BBQ –meet the staff!

Place your BBQ order online now through August 20th.

HOW TO GET STARTED:

Before you can order, you will need to register in the system.

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- ✓ Go to **seeals.hotlunches.net**
- ✓ Click on "Click Here to Register"
- ✓ Enter Access Code ALSHL
- ✓ Complete the rest of the registration form.
- ✓ Click the "**Register Now**" button at the bottom
- ✓ Follow the instructions to add a child in your family who attends Albert Lacombe
- ✓ Once your child is registered, click on "Orders"
- ✓ Proceed to order hot lunch for your family – you can order as many as you need by entering the number of orders you want and then selecting the items you want

PAYMENT:

You can pay using PayPal (www.paypal.com). You can use a credit card as a PayPal guest (Visa, Mastercard or Amex), or your own PayPal account. You can still pay with cash or cheque, but you must place the order online and print off the remittance form to send to the school with payment.

Please note: should you experience any issues with your PayPal account, you must contact PayPal directly.

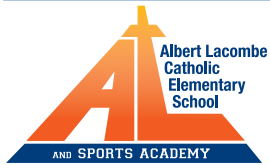
ORDER TIMELINES:

Order must be placed by **August 20th**.

QUESTIONS:

If you have questions or feedback, please email Natalie @ natalie.monette@yahoo.ca

Proceeds from the Welcome Back BBQ go to support SEEALS. Thank you for your continued support of SEEALS (Society Enriching Education at Albert Lacombe School) and its efforts to enhance student learning by raising funds for resources to improve the school community. Please get involved in School Council and SEEALS for 2016-17! We will have information going out to families in September on ways to volunteer. Have a great summer!



SEEALS NEWS



Thursday, June 2 is Ice Cream Day!

Chapman's Ice Cream Cups - \$1 each

Flavours: Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Butterscotch

Peanut Free and Gluten Free

Lunch Recess



Brought to you by SEEALS

Are you a Parent or Caregiver who is interested in getting involved with our research program and helping to improve the healthcare system?

There is a growing shift towards patient-centred care that actively engages patients and their families in health care decision-making. Having access to straightforward, easy to understand information resources is essential to support families in decision-making.

The ECHO Research, Alberta Research Centre for Health Evidence (ARCHE) and Cochrane Child Health research programs at the University of Alberta aim to engage parents/families in developing processes and resources for connecting parents/families with research-based information on children's health care. **YOU'RE INVITED TO APPLY TO JOIN OUR PARENTS' ADVISORY GROUP (PAG)**

Needed: Up to 10 volunteers who are...

- Parents, grandparents or legal guardians of children under 18 years of age.
- People who are open, curious, and want to help improve the health system.
- People who are passionate about building something new and able to generalize their own experience to other contexts of care.
- Able to work in a cooperative group and able to access emails and participate in teleconference meetings.

Purpose: To provide advice, guidance, and knowledge from the patient/parent perspective for a variety of activities and initiatives that involve child health research in Alberta. For example:

- Evaluating digital information tools on common pediatric conditions for parents/families.
- Providing input on research processes for developing information resources and decision-making tools for parents/families, physicians and nurses.
- Providing input on how to involve parents/families as 'researchers'.
- Contributing to building the framework for a sustainable Parents' Advisory Group.

Commitment:

- 1-year term with option to renew.
- Meeting frequency will be based on need, determined by PAG members in consultation with the researchers. (Estimated 4-8 meetings per year.)
- Meeting attendance will be flexible, and may be in-person and/or via teleconference.
- In-person meetings will be hosted in Edmonton at the U of A campus.
- Meeting length: Approximately 2 hours, evenings or weekends.
- Refreshments/meals and parking reimbursement will be provided for in-person meetings.
- Some work to complete in advance of meeting dates (e.g. reviewing digital tools online).

First meeting is planned for mid-June, 2016. Please apply by 5:00 pm, May 31st, 2016.

To apply, please write a brief statement (one paragraph) about yourself highlighting your interests and experience, and email your statement to kelli.buckreus@ualberta.ca.



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Basketball Alberta & Volleyball Alberta are proud to present GO Early Summer Camps for children ages 6-12. Along with being introduced to basketball and volleyball specific skills, kids will be taught fundamental movement skills through fun games and activities. Below is a link to the article written by Brian Swane regarding the positive effects of multi-sport development as well as more information on the camps.

http://basketballalberta.ca/news.php?news_id=1319004