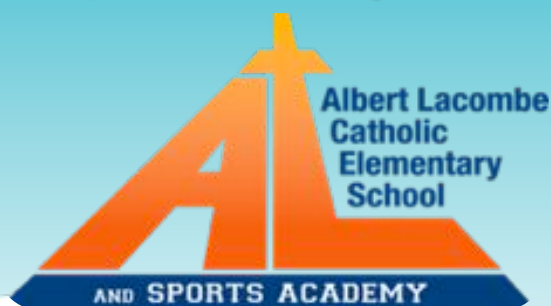


WHAT STARTS HERE CHANGES THE WORLD

# B.E.A.R. NECESSITIES

September 4, 2015



## Key Dates

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

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

### LATES, ABSENCES & EXTENDED VACATIONS

Please **notify the office** by calling 780-459-4478, (you are welcome to leave a message after hours) or email us at [al-absences@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:al-absences@gsacrd.ab.ca) or email us from our website [www.al.gsacrd.ab.ca](http://www.al.gsacrd.ab.ca) (choose the contact us tab then absence notification.) Please do not expect your child's teacher or Sports Academy Instructor to pass on absence information to the office. If the office has not been notified they will call to confirm your child's absence.

### WELCOME BACK!

It has been fantastic to see the students arriving for the new school year! We have been getting ready for about two weeks and it was wonderful to finally see the students show up, taller and decked out in their new school gear. Eager to reunite with friends and favorite staff members, they are so ready to continue their learning journey!

Welcoming our new students and their families has also been a great pleasure. Albert Lacombe has grown by 78 new students this year (15 in preschool, 19 in kindergarten and 44 in Grades 1-6, with 11 new students in Gr 2, 4 and 5!). These new students have joined us from across the city, the province, other parts of Canada and the world. Some of them are eagerly awaiting their first winter!! Once again, we have an opportunity to show our welcoming spirit and presence with our new schoolmates. As the B in BEARS stands for 'Belonging', we have been working on helping others feel that they belong in our classrooms and school and helping them to know that, for Albert Lacombe BEARS, What Starts Here, Changes the World!

### WHAT'S NEW?

We would like to remind parents to call us with any changes to contact information, work phone numbers, cellphones, E-mail, emergency contacts, etc. Keeping this information current assists us greatly in reaching parents in a timely manner in the event of illness or injury. As well, if there are any changes in custody arrangements that specify who may pick up children or have access to school information, we need a copy of a custody order on file. Please call Mrs. Tod if you need more information about our policies in this regard.

# WHAT STARTS HERE CHANGES THE WORLD

Previous		September 2015					Next
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 ECS Staggered Start - Purple Group Only Attends 8:25 am	2 All ECS Students Attend 8:25 am	3	4	5	
6	7 Labour Day - No School All Day	8 CCLC All Day School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10 Opening Celebration & Grade 4 Bible Presentation 2:00 pm	11	12	
13	14	15 Terry Fox Run 2:00 pm	16	17	18 PD Day - No classes for students All Day	19	
20	21 Picture day - Icon Experience All Day	22 Teddy Anderson First Nations Hoop Dancing 1:30 pm	23 Registration for both Saraments & Reconciliation Prep Session 1 @ At. Albert Parish Hall (for Parents & Children) 6:30 pm	24 District Cross Country Run All Day	25 Hat Day All Day No Kindergarten All Day Gr. 5 Immunization Information Session 8:30 am Monthly Assembly & QSP Presentation 2:00 pm	26	
27 St. Albert Parish Welcome Back Week 12:00 am	28	29	30 Registration for Confirmation & Confirmation Prep Session 1 @ St. Albert Parish - for parents & children 6:30 pm				

## **ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL**

We want to clarify our procedures for students arriving at school. Supervision is provided at the back of the school and students may play on the playground at 8:10 a.m. The first bell rings at 8:20 and students are to line up at their designated doors, where they will be met by their teachers.

As indicated in our previous message, we need all parking spots for staff. Parents, please do not park in the parking lot between 8:00 am and 3:15 pm.

SIGIS students may enter the building and head directly to their SIGIS room.

Sports Academy students may be scheduled at AL for their activities on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They should proceed to the small gym to meet their instructors for 8:00 a.m.

If students are dropped off prior to 8:10 a.m., please know that we cannot provide supervision for these students. Our staff are still arriving and are getting ready for the day. Our office and admin staff have assigned duties and cannot be responsible for monitoring student behaviour. If families have an exceptional circumstances on a particular day, students can wait quietly in the front entrance and then go outside at 8:10 a.m. They are not to go to their lockers or coathooks until 8:20 a.m. as there is no supervision and their safety is important to us. Please make arrangements, including before/after school care, if needed, for your children so that they are safe and supervised at all times.

If parents are bringing their children to school, we ask that the students go to the back of the school at 8:10 a.m. and join their peers until the bell rings. If they are coming into the building, please keep them under your supervision until 8:20 a.m.

For Kindergarten students, building independence with their outdoor clothing and belongings is part of their learning. Please wait with them at the front entrance until 8:20 a.m. During severe weather, when wind chill and temperature are below -27C, students will be invited into the building and can wait in the hallway until 8:20 a.m.

## **DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

We ask the assistance of all of our parents in helping us with maintaining the most productive learning environment. There are times when parents come to the classroom to drop off items or leave messages. Unfortunately, these drop-in visits can be a distraction to the students and interrupt the flow of lessons.

We are asking parents to come to the office with their items and we will facilitate their delivery. Also, if students are being picked up for appointments, please check in at the office to sign out your child and we will call them down for you.

## **DISMISSAL PROCEDURES**

For parents coming into the school to pick up their children at the end of the day, please wait at the front entrance until 2:58 p.m. when the dismissal bell rings, instead of waiting outside your child's classroom. If parents want to grab hockey bags from our Sports Academy storage room before the bell, that is fine. After the bell rings at 2:58, you are welcome to move to your child's classroom or locker/coathook area. In the interests of student safety, we can more closely monitor who is present in our school hallways during class times. Also, after school dismissal, supervision is only provided at the front of the school until the buses leave. Please recognize this if your children want to stop and play in the playground.

## **COMMUNICATING CONCERNS**

As our staff members spend quite a significant part of their day with your children, we want to hear from you if you have concerns about their life at school. Calling or E-mailing ahead to make an appointment is the best way to ensure that you will be able to have a private conversation with sufficient time and the teacher's full attention. This is a better alternative than trying to 'catch' our teachers in the morning when they are preparing for the day's lessons and greeting the children or after school when they may be supervising and assisting the children at dismissal times or have other meetings or appointments. We value our communication with you and the opportunity to receive and share an additional perspective on school events and happenings!

## **BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

We are pleased to partner with SIGIS Child Care Society to offer high quality before/after school care for our students. SIGIS, a non-profit society, operating in St. Albert at a variety of locations for many years, has expanded to two rooms this year and can accommodate additional children, for morning and for after school care. They open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m. For information, please call 780-499-9283

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE**

We are pleased to see that many parents seem to have taken note of the information we provided earlier this week on Traffic Safety Tips around Albert Lacombe. We were also joined by 3 members of our local RCMP on Thursday afternoon, helping us remind parents of the importance of teaching, modeling and regularly using our **Lighted Crosswalk** as the safest and only legal way of crossing Gainsborough Avenue. While it may take a few minutes more, helping our children learn to follow safety protocols is such a valuable life lesson! We would all feel terrible if a tragedy were to befall one of our students. Our School Patrols will be organized soon to provide additional support, but, in the meantime, please take advantage of the marked, lighted Crosswalk to help keep you and your children as safe as possible.

## **OUR GREAT STAFF TEAM**

At our Opening Day Assembly, we introduced our outstanding staff team and we wanted all parents to know the great people who work with your children:

Principal - Mrs. Joan Tod

Vice-Principal – Mr. Duane Hayes

Office Staff – Mrs. Lynette Casavant and Mrs. Jocelyn Sigurdson

Kindergarten – Mrs. Rachel Virani

Grade 1P – Mrs. Lindsey Pratt

Grade 2R – Mrs. Mary Richard

Grade 2/3F - Mrs. Kerrie Fedunyk

Grade 3OJ – Mrs. K-T Jacula & Mrs. Cindy Osicki

Grade 4M - Mrs. Corene Mudryk

Grade 4/5S – Miss Caitlin Swaren

Grade 5K - Ms. Leah Kres

Grade 5/6L – Miss Candace Leis

Grade 6ML – Mrs. Nona McMartin &  
Mrs. Michelle Lutic

Music – Miss Caitlin Swaren

Library – Mrs. Kelly Moser

Learning Support Facilitator – Mrs. Leisa Michael

Counsellor – Ms. Maria Watkins

Sports Academy Teachers – Mr. Geoff Giacobbo, Mr. Massimo Provenzano, Mr. Mark Loiselle, Mr. Frank Esposito, Mrs. Kristina Solikowsky and Miss Emily Belke

Educational Assistants – Mrs. Rhonda Armstrong (5K), Mrs. Alison Giesbrecht (2R), Mrs. Karen Webb (1P and 3OJ) Miss Megan Atkinson (1P & 3OJ) Mrs. Lise Dunn (ECS AM) Heather Cummings (1P)

Preschool Team – Miss Lesley Kenyon- Teacher, Mrs. Carrie Sleno (Occupational Therapist), Mrs. Tami Reimer (Speech Language Pathologist) Educational Assistants: Mrs. Catherine Crothers and Ms. Lorna Bokenfohr

## **VOLUNTEER POLICY & CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK**

Our Volunteer Handbook and Registration Forms were sent home today. If you have Criminal Record Checks on file with us that are less than one year old you are still able to volunteer. We invite all parents to obtain your checks and register as a volunteer so that you are available to join your child's class for a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Our school life is greatly enhanced by the support of volunteers. Some school events would be impossible to operate without your help! We thank you for taking the time to obtain these Checks as they help us to provide a high standard of care for your children.

## **LUNCH SUPERVISORS NEEDED**

We are in need of some additional people willing to work on a casual basis as lunch hour supervisors. Days of work are negotiable; we will accommodate your availability. The rate of pay for lunch hour supervisors is currently \$20.40 per day with an increase in October to \$22.40. The position of lunch hour supervisor is an important one as our supervisors work hard to help our children enjoy a safe and enjoyable lunch hour. Having a great break at lunchtime helps our students be at their best for their afternoon classes.

Benefits:

- fresh air and exercise
- opportunity to get to know our wonderful students and support them as they learn the important skills of cooperative play and problem solving
- opportunity to work cooperatively with our great staff
- satisfaction of contributing to students' safety and well-being

A Criminal Record Check and Child Welfare Check are required for the position. Current first aid qualifications are an asset! If you have questions about the position or would like to apply, please contact Mrs. Tod or Mr. Hayes at our school office.

Dear Albert Lacombe Families,

We are looking for some supplies for our Maker Space this year. If you have any of the following to donate, I would appreciate it!



- thin cardboard (like cereal boxes, cracker boxes); size doesn't matter, scraps would be great!
- news papers (like the St. Albert Gazette, fliers would be ok too)
- drinking straws (bendy or not)
- toilet paper rolls (paper towel rolls are ok too)
- paper plates (any sizes)
- board games and puzzles that have all of the pieces

If there are any parent volunteers that would be willing to help out in the library, I would appreciate it. I am looking for help putting books away and working on our library art project. Please contact me by phoning the school or emailing: [kliuszmoser@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:kliuszmoser@gsacrd.ab.ca)

*Kelly Liusz Moser*



## School Schedule

The first bell is at 8:20 a.m. in the morning. The school ends at 2:58 p.m. in the afternoon. Our lunch hour is from 12:21 p.m. until 1:08 p.m. in the afternoon.

8:20	First Bell
8:25	Second Bell –
	Announcements & Attendance
8:30 - 9:05	First Period
9:05 - 9:40	Second Period
9:40 - 10:15	Third Period
10:15 - 10:32	<b>RECESS</b>
10:36 - 11:11	Fourth Period
11:11 - 11:46	Fifth Period
11:46 - 12:21	Sixth Period
12:21 - 12:41	<b>LUNCH - Inside</b>
12:41 - 1:08	<b>LUNCH RECESS - Outside</b>
1:08 - 1:13	Attendance
1:13 - 1:48	Prayer & Seventh Period
1:48 - 2:23	Eighth Period
2:23 - 2:58	Ninth Period
2:58	Dismissal Bell

## Have you considered being a School Board Trustee?

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools will be holding a by-election on October 19, 2015 to fill a vacancy on the Board in Ward 2 - Morinville. This is a paid position for the remainder of the current term to October 2017. **Nominations will be accepted on September 21, 2015 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12:00 noon** at either the School District Office in St. Albert or the Town Office in Morinville. You do not have to live in Morinville to represent the Ward, but you must be resident to the school jurisdiction and be Catholic. For more information on eligibility, residency, and the role of the trustee please visit [www.gsacrd.ab.ca](http://www.gsacrd.ab.ca) or contact Deborah Schlag, Secretary Treasurer at 780-459-7711, x128.

## USE OF ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL CELLPHONES, DS & MUSIC PLAYERS

Our policy in this area is posted on our school website under the school handbook. You can find it at [www.al.gsacrd.ab.ca](http://www.al.gsacrd.ab.ca) and clicking the ABOUT tab. Please review it and if you have concerns about any of these procedures, please contact Mrs. Tod or Mr. Hayes at the office.

## School Fees are now due.

Grades 1 - 6 are \$150.00

Kindergarten is \$130.00.

Please send a cheque to the office payable to Albert Lacombe School or pay online

<https://gsacrd.schoolcashonline.com>

## ON-LINE Payment

### 2015 - 16 School FEES

#### Here's how:

Step 1: Please go to:

<https://GSACRD.schoolcashonline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting "Get Started Today" and follow the steps.

Step 3: After you receive a confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in, and add each of your children to your household account.

✓ Convenient    ✓ Safe    ✓ Secure

AND..

A great way to collect points on your credit card

A note from the SEEALS' Hot Lunch Desk - Look for our Hot Lunch Calendar, Website Order Instructions and Hot Lunch Volunteer Sign Up sheet in your child's Friday Envelopes next Friday, September 11th. We are looking forward to beginning our Hot Lunch Program for the 2015/2016 school year!

## Hot Lunch

### Save the Date!

### Albert Lacombe School Family Halloween Dance

Friday, October 23, 2014

6:30-8:30pm

Ticket order forms will come out in early October.

Epic door prizes! Yummy treats will be for sale!



#### \*CONDITIONS

1. All students (K - Grade 12) are admitted FREE when this voucher is exchanged for a RESERVED UPPER DECK BRONZE SEAT. Must be accompanied by an adult holding a reserved ticket. YOU MUST BRING STUDENT ID.

2. A maximum of two (2) student vouchers may be redeemed with the purchase of the adult reserved seat. EACH STUDENT needs a voucher.

3. The Edmonton Eskimo Football Club reserves the right to limit admission.

**SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.**  
VOUCHERS MUST BE EXCHANGED IN PERSON AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2015:

Edmonton Eskimos Team Store: 11000 Stadium Road

Ticketmaster Outlets Agency fee in effect: No Phone Orders

Commonwealth Stadium (GAME DAY ONLY):

Gate 9 ticket window beginning September 12, 2015 at 12 noon.

**WE CREATE LEGENDARY MEMORIES #ESKS**

# SEEALS NEWS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our returning families and all the new families who have joined our school this year for a year of learning, fun and new friendships. SEEALS is a group of parents who together with the staff, look for ways to enrich every students education experience at Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary School and Sports Academy, and we do this through fundraising. We like to keep parents informed of our ongoing goals and what fundraisers we will be participating in each year to achieve these goals. At our first SEEALS and Parent Council meeting in September we discuss the items or projects for the upcoming year that may need additional funding. Our first meeting is on **Tuesday, September 8th @ 7pm** in the school staff room. We would love you to join us, and will be very happy to answer your questions. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help us with our very successful hot lunch program and fundraisers.

The Society Enriching Education at Albert Lacombe School (SEEALS) was formed in 1999. Its purpose is to support the school, and School Council, by raising funds to assist and enhance student learning by providing resources to improve the school community.

The function of SEEALS is to choose and implement fundraising initiatives, and then help with the appropriate allocation of the funds raised.

SEEALS offers many fundraisers to establish a budget that Albert Lacombe School Council administers throughout the year. This fundraising strategy is based on parent feedback and provides flexibility in our work. Families are encouraged to participate in these fundraisers, as they are able.

## Initiatives we plan to fund

- Raise \$2 000 to help complete the library renovation and improvement project (we've given \$9 000 to date to the library)
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast for all students and staff (\$600)
- In School Charity (assist with school ski trips and swimming lessons for those in need)
- New equipment for playground bins
- \$100 classroom enhancement for each classroom
- Grade 6 Farewell t-shirts
- Mother's and Father's Day crafts for all students (\$2 500)

## How are we going to do this?

- Hot lunch and booster juice program
- QSP (magazine orders)
- Halloween Dance
- One Stop Christmas Shop - Cookie Dough, Christmas Catalogue and Art Cards
- Safeway Gift Cards
- Poinsettias
- Spring Plant Fundraiser
- Freezie Sales

*For those parents looking for an opportunity to get more involved with the school community, SEEALS is always looking for parents to help out by serving on our Executive, or helping with our fundraisers. It's not that much work and you get to work with a great group of parents!*

*If you have any questions about any of our activities or if you wish to get involved, please contact*

*Candice: [cfrayne@hotmailwireless.com](mailto:cfrayne@hotmailwireless.com)*

**COMING SOON...a calendar of what fundraisers to expect this year.**





## **S.E.E.A.L.S   Agenda**

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

**September 8, 2015 (7:00pm)**

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
3. Prayer
4. Approval of the 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. Old Business and/or Business arising from previous minutes 20 minutes
  - 6.1 Welcome Back BBQ
  - 6.2 QSP Launch Date: September 25th
  - 6.3 Hockey Pool – sent home September 4th
  - 6.4 Christmas Art Cards to be completed and handed back to Debbie by Wednesday October 14th
  - 6.5 Halloween Dance: October 23rd
  - 6.6 Christmas One Stop Shop Launch Date: October 23rd
  - 6.7 Safeway Gift Cards Launch Date: Week of November 2nd
  - 6.8 Poinsettias Launch Date: Week of November 9th
  - 6.9 Pink Shirt Day and Bake Sale: Wednesday February 24th
  - 6.10 Spring Art Cards Launch Date: February?
  - 6.11 Spirit Wear
  - 6.12 Online Hot Lunch Program
  - 6.13 Playground Bins
7. SEEALS Treasurer Report 15 minutes
8. New business 15 minutes
  - 8.1 Projects to be funded for 2015/2016 year (school projects)
  - 8.2 Election of:
    - SEEALS President
    - SEEALS Vice President
    - SEEALS Secretary
    - SEEALS Treasurer
9. Announcements and Correspondence
10. Next SEEALS meeting – October 5, 2015
11. Meeting Adjournment

# ALBERT LACOMBE BEARS' HOCKEY POOL

## IMPORTANT DATES

**WHEN:** Forms and payment to be sent to school by **Friday, September 25th**

**The pool opens online: September 5th**

**Closes: October 5th @ 9pm**

**\*\*The pool will run for the regular season from October 7th to April 9th\*\***

**HOW MUCH? \$20 entry fee per team. You can enter more than one team!**

**The winning 2 teams will split half the total funds collected.**

**Challenge your friends, family, and neighbours to join the pool and put together a winning team in our 3rd annual hockey pool. The more families that participate the bigger the prize!**



## HOW IT WORKS

- Fill out the form below and submit it with payment to school by Friday, September 25th.
- You can enter more than one team!
- Your username and password will be e-mailed to the address you provide on your order form. A separate username, and password will be e-mailed for each team you enter.
- Once you receive the e-mail with your username and password, go to [www.officepools.com](http://www.officepools.com). Here you will set up your account and select your team members.

**\*\*\*Please note: If you have NOT received an e-mail with your username and password by Friday, September 25th, firstly please check your junk mail, otherwise contact Lisa: [p.l.home@telus.net](mailto:p.l.home@telus.net).**

**You will also be receiving e-mails directly from Office Pools. \*\*\***

**QUESTIONS: Contact Lisa: [p.l.home@telus.net](mailto:p.l.home@telus.net)**

**Raffle Licence:  
412775**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*No one under 18 can participate in this fundraiser\*\***

**Contact #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please ensure all the information above is correct and legible\*\***

**Number of teams:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total (number of team(s) x \$20):** \_\_\_\_\_

Cheques payable to SEEALS

**Forms and payment to be sent to school by: Friday, September 25th**