

B.E.A.R. Bones

January 18 - 22



This week at AL:

ALL WEEK -

*Mission Impossible

MONDAY, JANUARY 18:

*SEEALS Booster Juice

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20:

*Confirmation Prep Session 3 @ St. Albert Parish Hall - For parents & children 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21:

*SEEALS Hot Lunch - Panago Pizza

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22:

*SEEALS Hot Lunch - Dairy Queen

*Animal Day - see below for details

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

TEACHERS CONVENTION

*February 4 & 5 - NO SCHOOL

SKI DAYS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2:

*Gr. 4-6 Ski Day @ Rabbit Hill

THURSDAY, MARCH 10:

*Gr. 1-3 Ski Day @ Snow Valley

Please follow Albert Lacombe's
NEW Twitter account for
updates about all of the exciting
things happening at school!

@albert_lacombe

ANIMAL DAY - A DRESS-UP DAY AT AL

On January 22, we invite our BEARS to dress up in clothing (not Halloween style costumes) that depicts animals. In fact, we challenge them to wear as many animals as possible on their clothing and hats!

**Albert Lacombe
Pre-Kindergarten &
Kindergarten Open House**

**February 25
6 - 7 p.m.**

Children are welcome to attend.

Please share the date with
friends, family and neighbours
who have children this age.

Kindergarten registration
packages are now available at
the office. For pre-kindergarten
please call Jane at 780-459-7711
to set up a screen date.

CONNECTING SCHOOL AND THE WORLD OF WORK!

Sometimes parents and community members may wonder if today's schools are actually preparing students for success in their future workplace. While it may be challenging for us now to predict the technical skills that may be required in a period of such rapid change, there are core skills that are necessary for success in any field and career. As a December 5th, 2013 Globe and Mail Article entitled, Why can't today's graduates get hired? explains: The real skills gap, business leaders say, is not the shortage of oil-field engineers and the glut of history BAs. It's about the shortage of young people who are good at problem-solving, communication, teamwork, time management, persistence, loyalty and dedication. Survey after survey reports that business can't find enough workers who are motivated, flexible, and organized.

Some describe these as "soft" skills associated with the world of work, in contrast to literacy, numeracy, and technological skills. These "soft" skills have deep and meaningful application throughout our instructional programs.

**Skills Needed for the World of Work, What we Teach,
and Where these Skills fit into our Programs**

Skill - Character Formation	<p><u>What</u> - Honesty, self-regulation and perseverance, empathy for contributing to the safety and benefit of others, self confidence, personal health and well-being, career and life skills</p> <p><u>Where</u> - all subjects, esp. Health and Religious Education, BEARS behavioural expectations, Sports Academy</p>
Skill - Citizenship and Social Justice	<p><u>What</u> - Global knowledge, sensitivity to and respect for other cultures, active involvement in understanding and addressing the sacred dignity of the human person in local, national, and global circumstances</p> <p><u>Where</u> - Social Studies, Religious Education, Language Arts, Student Leadership, Social Justice (We Day) group</p>
Skill - Communication Development	<p><u>What</u> - Communicate effectively orally, in writing and with a variety of digital tools; listening skills, using and applying multiple literacies</p> <p><u>Where</u> - all subjects</p>
Skill - Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	<p><u>What</u> - Think critically to design and manage projects, solve problems, make effective decisions using a variety of digital tools and resources</p> <p><u>Where</u> - all subjects, including the expectation to complete assignments on time, keep personal belongings and school materials organized and available.</p>
Skill - Collaboration with Others	<p><u>What</u> - Work in teams, learn from and contribute to the learning of others, social networking skills, empathy in working with diversely gifted classmates</p> <p><u>Where</u> - all subjects, especially PE, Religion, emphasis on Strengths in Gr 5 & 6, Student Leadership, Sports Academy, Art & Music, Library Maker Spaces</p>
Skill - Creativity, Imagination, Charity, and Stewardship	<p><u>What</u> - Economic and social entrepreneurialism, considering and pursuing novel ideas, leadership for action for the good of human-kind and the environment</p> <p><u>Where</u> - all subjects, including Art, Music, Religion, Student Leadership, Social Justice (We Day) group, Library Maker Spaces</p>

The other aspect of helping students develop these skills is to encourage the adults in their lives, at school and at home, to avoid 'taking over' tasks that develop these skills. Building independence, in an age-appropriate manner, builds confidence and pride in children and allows them have the opportunity to problem-solve and plan for improvement when things don't go well--a great learning opportunity! For children to develop Resilience, they need to experience some degree of failure and learn to overcome challenges.

WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE, MARTY CHAN, AT AL THIS WEEK

Our students and staff are enjoying Marty Chan's visits to their classes this week. Marty has inspired our students to engage in fun writing tasks and it is wonderful to share their excitement in creating a cool story to share! Marty is a published writer and some students have indicated an interest in purchasing some of his books. Below is an order form. If you wish to purchase books, please return the order form and payment to our office before January 28. We would like to thank our School Council, SEEALS, and parents who support SEEALS fundraising. A portion of the cost for Marty's residency was paid by SEEALS.

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Author Marty Chan will visit your school to share the real-life origins behind many of his books and to show the students how their own lives can be springboards into fantastic stories. He is selling his books, which he can autograph to any student who wants his or her own copy.

If you're interested, the book titles and prices are below:

School: Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary School

Student Name _____

Classroom/Grade _____

Check to order	Book Title	Grade Level	Book Cost
	True Story	K – 2	\$ 5.00
	Mystery of the Frozen Brains	Gr. 3 - 6	\$10.00
	Mystery of the Graffiti Ghoul	Gr. 3 - 6	\$10.00
	Mystery of the Mad Science Teacher	Gr. 3 - 6	\$10.00
	Mystery of the Cyber Bully	Gr. 3 - 6	\$10.00
	Barnabas Bigfoot: A Close Shave	Gr. 3 - 6	\$10.00
	Barnabas Bigfoot: A Hairy Tangle	Gr. 3 - 6	\$10.00
	Barnabas Bigfoot: The Bone Eater	Gr. 3 - 6	\$10.00
	Keepers of the Vault: Fire and Glass*	Gr. 6 +	\$10.00
	Ehrich Weisz Chronicles: Demon Gate*	Gr. 6 +	\$13.00
	Ehrich Weisz Chronicles: Infinity Coil*	Gr. 6 +	\$13.00

* Note: These titles have mature themes.

Total Paid _____

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