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INCLUSIVENESS: We include everyone in what we do and value their unique contributions.

Dear Alliston Union P.S. Families,

The month of January has flown by with lots of exciting things happening at AUPS. The Grade 6 classes have welcomed Officer Mortimer to their classrooms to participate in the DARE program - Drug Abuse Resistance Education, the junior classes culminated their literacy activities based on the book, Wonder, by going to the Circle Theater to watch the movie. The Breakfast club program has been a great success with our students in the morning. Under Mrs. Stewart's leadership, a hot breakfast is offered to all students on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings beginning at 8:35 a.m. This is in addition to the nutritious Snack program that is offered to all students in their classrooms on a daily basis. A variety of new clubs and sports teams have begun including, the Welcome Team, Chess Club, Eco-Schools Club, girls intermediate volleyball and boys intermediate basketball, just to name a few.

As we continue to deal with some unpredictable weather this winter season, just a reminder to our families of the Safe Arrival procedure on inclement weather days. **When buses are cancelled, an automated call is made to ALL absent students.** The parent who is listed as Parent 1 in our Power School system will receive the call. The message advises Parent 1 of their child's absence and **advises them to call the Safe Arrival Line ONLY if the student was EXPECTED to be at school.** If you know that your child is at home due to the buses being cancelled, there is nothing further that Parent 1 needs to do. Please note that if your family has elected to be withdrawn from the Safe Arrival program, then you will not receive a call.

I would like to extend an invitation to all families to join us for our next School Council meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Everyone is welcome!

Thank you for your time in reading this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Katie Maxwell
Principal



REPORT CARDS

Term 1 report cards will be sent home on February 16, 2018. Please review the report with your child, celebrate their achievements, and have a dialogue about next steps in learning for term 2. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions regarding your child's progress at school.





KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Welcome to a Wonderful Journey of Learning!

To be eligible for registration into Year 1 Kindergarten, your child must be four years of age by December 31, 2018, born in 2014).

Kindergarten registration for September 2018 began on January 22, 2018. You may call or drop into Alliston Union PS to complete the necessary forms. No appointments are necessary.

We will require proof of your child's birth date (one of the following will be required: original Canadian birth certificate, Certificate of Canadian Citizenship, Canadian Passport, Permanent Resident Card/Record of Landing, or Statement of Live Birth - long version), proof of your child's address and his/her record of immunization.

Families **new to Canada within the last 4 years MUST** contact our "Newcomer Welcome Centre" at 705-725-8360, ext. 310 to arrange completion of the necessary registration papers.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORMS BEFORE THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR! TELL YOUR FRIENDS WHO MAY HAVE A CHILD BORN IN 2014.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Thank you to all of our families who are participating in the Hot Lunch program and appreciate your cooperation in making your purchases online through SchoolCash Online. Please see below the ordering dates for the remainder of the school year. These dates apply to both the pizza and wraps that are offered at AUPS. line dates.

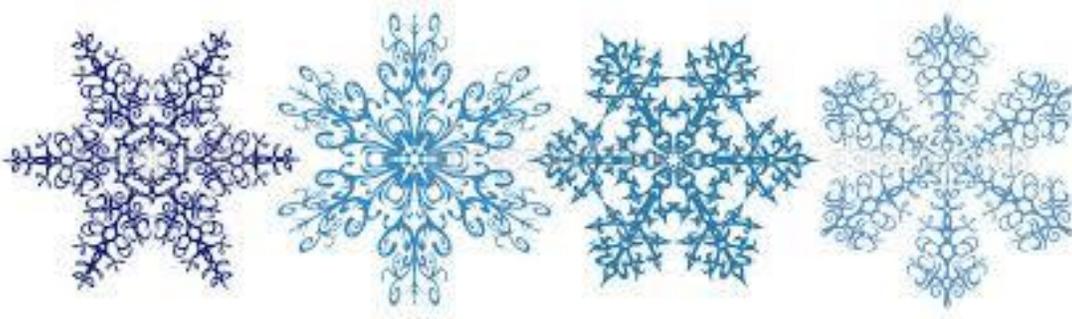
	SchoolCash Online Opens	SchoolCash Online Closes	Hot Lunch for the Dates	# of weeks
1.	Tues, Jan 23	Wed, Jan 31	Feb 6 – Mar 9 (March break)	5 weeks
2.	Tues, Feb 27	Wed, Mar 7	Mar 19 – Apr 20	5 weeks
3.	Tues, Apr 10	Wed, Apr 18	Apr 23 – May 25	5 weeks
4.	Tues, May 15	Wed, May 23	May 28 – Jun 22	4 weeks

BREAKFAST CLUB PROGRAM

Many thanks to the wonderful team of parent volunteers and teachers who have helped to make the AUPS Breakfast Program a great success! Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning between 8:35 and 9:00 am we serve approximately 30 students who receive a hot nutritious breakfast to start their day. All students are welcome to attend. If you are available one morning a week from 8:15 – 9:00 am and enjoy serving others, please contact Mrs. Stewart. It is required that all volunteers have an approved police check that is submitted to the office. Thank you for your support!

WINTER DRESS

We kindly remind students to dress warmly for the cold winter weather. Students need to be prepared for cold weather with extra mitts, extra socks, mittens, hats, snow pants, boots and a warm coat with secure closures. Parents, please remind your child of the importance of wearing proper winter clothing outside for fitness breaks.



ON-LINE SCHOOLCASH REGISTRATION

Great news! Currently at AUPS, 74% of our families have signed up and are using SchoolCash Online to make payments for various activities (e.g., hot lunch, milk order, class trips, etc.) We would like to encourage all of our families to register for SchoolCash Online and hope to have 100% of our families using the system by June. Thank you to those who have registered for this program already! If you need further information and/or assistance in registering, please contact the school office.

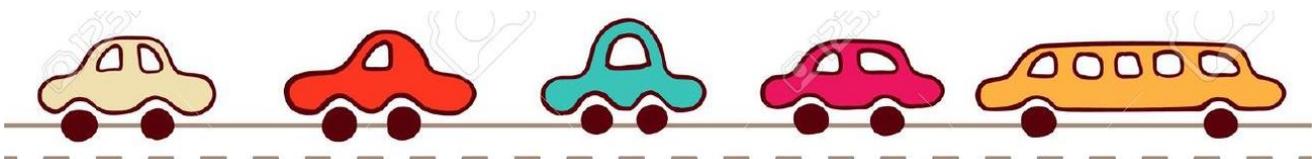


BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION

This information can be found at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca or click on the bus icon on the home page of the public website at www.scdsb.on.ca.

PARKING LOT and STREET SAFETY

A friendly reminder to take extra care in our school parking lot when dropping off and picking up students. The safety of our students is our number one priority and during the winter months, extra care is needed by all drivers. Please be advised that there is a reduction in the number of parking spaces that are available for families to park in at the end of the day due to the accumulated snow. Mr. Brown does an incredible job of keeping the traffic moving safely at the end of the day and parents are reminded to respectfully follow the instructions given by Mr. Brown of when to enter\leave the parking lot and where to park. One last reminder to all AUPS families that school board property is private property and unauthorized parking in our school lots overnight and/or on weekends is at the sole risk of the vehicle owner. In some cases (e.g., after hours) vehicles could be towed from parking lots to facilitate snow removal.





VALENTINE'S DAY TREAT REMINDER

Classroom teachers will communicate with families about their Valentine's Day celebrations. Please remember that all food items brought to school must be labeled as Nut-Free. *Home baked goods are not permitted to be sent to school since there is no way to verify the ingredients.*

STUDENT LATES

We continue to encourage all of our AUPS students and their families to make arriving at school before the morning bell at 9:00 a.m., a priority in their day. Supervision begins at 8:45 a.m. each morning so there is lots of time for students to arrive early, meet and talk with friends on the school yard, and then enter the building when the bell rings at 9:00 a.m.

Arriving on time is a life skill that is very important and we wish all students to be successful in achieving this skill at AUPS! Some tips for a smooth start to the morning include: making sure students have had 8-10 hours of sleep the night before, preparing and packing lunches and backpacks the night before, setting the alarm for 7:15 a.m. – leaving lots of time to get ready in the morning and eat a nutritious breakfast.



HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights are happening this winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered at **Banting Memorial High School on Thursday, February 8th at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

GRADE 8 IMPORTANT DATES

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| Feb. 8 | Gr. 8 Open House at Banting Memorial H.S. at 7:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 7 | Parent Info meeting about the year end trip to Camp Tawingo at 6:00 pm |
| Mar. 29 | Grad Photos taken |
| Jun. 6 – 8 | Year End Trip to Camp Tawingo |
| Jun. 27 | Grade 8 Graduation Night – more details to follow |



INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

Feb. 19 - Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19 - Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16 - Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Walking to school is great for students

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning.

Update your child's immunization record

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

- It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE YMCA OF SIMCOE/MUSKOKA

The benefits of youth leadership development

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children and youth often learn lessons through life experiences that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

- encourage outdoor adventures and education
- enrol in camps
- find volunteer and community service opportunities
- For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

FEBRUARY 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Pizza days on Tuesdays		1Wraps on Thursdays	2
5 6:00pm SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING in Library. All welcomed.	6 –	7	8 Gr 3 – Swim to Survive 7:00pm-Gr 8 mtg at BMHS	9 <u>Olympics Opening</u> <u>Ceremony</u> Celebrate Canada by wearing Red and White!
12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Gr 3 – Swim to Survive	16 REPORT CARDS GO HOME
19 FAMILY DAY no school	20	21	22	23
26	27	28 Pink Shirt Day – Stand Up to Bullying and Wear PINK today!	