



ALICE BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter # 06

June 4, 2021

Important Dates:

June

June 11 (F) Spirit Day – PJ Day

June 17/18 (Th/F) Book Sale

June 21 (M) National Indigenous Day

June 28 (M) Spirit Day – “We Love Canada”

June 29 (T) Last day of school

June 29 (T) Assembly on Teams at 9:00 – 11:00 am

June 29 (T) Early Dismissal at 11:18 am

June 29 (T) Report Cards available on Family Portal

June 30 (W) Administrative Day

Principal's Message

Wonderful Alice Brown Community,

It seems to have been too long since our last newsletter and so much has happened at our wonderful school. Spirit Days, outdoor classrooms, class events, and wonderful learning opportunities have continued even during a year that has created more challenges than opportunities. The pride I feel every day to work with such an amazing group of educators and a supportive community can't be understated. We are going to do our best over the course of June to keep things as 'normal' as we can. We will work hard to still have modified sports days, track and field events, outdoor activities, celebration of learning assemblies and year end celebrations. We know these events are important for our students and families to feel connected to our school, so we will hold these events while aligning with COVID safety protocols.

Stay tuned for more information and the dates on the previously listed events. We are looking forward to a fantastic end to what has become a very “unique” year.

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VERY BIG NEWS!!!!

The staff at Langley Chrysler ran a fundraiser for Alice Brown that raised \$7500 for our home reading books. We are looking forward to purchasing a whole library of fresh, new books to keep our students' reading going at home! A huge thank you to **Langley Chrysler** and **Impact Ironworks** for their generous donations (\$2500 each!!!).



Bears on Wheels!

HUB bicycle program is a community organization that focuses on bike safety in the elementary years. We were lucky to have them come to Alice Brown to teach our students hand signals and shoulder checking to stay safe riding their bikes around the neighbourhood.



True Colours Shining Through

Alice Brown showed our support for our LGBTQ+ community and kicked off Pride month by having a rainbow spirit day. A message of “Love is Love” was celebrated around the school and messages of support for all our community shined through as we continue to make Alice Brown an inclusive and safe school for all of our students and families.



Virtual Author Visit

Division 3 had the opportunity to participate in a live meeting with Canadian author Kenneth Oppel of the Bloom and Silver Wing Trilogies and other titles. It was a great experience to talk to a professional writer and ask questions about the process of writing a story and getting a book published. Thank you, Kenneth for virtually visiting Alice Brown.



Our Garden

A long term wish of our PAC was to build an outdoor garden and at the end of last year Mr. Towle, Mrs. Bains and Mr. Carlyle with the help of a few of last year's grade 7 students built the cedar planter boxes. Our school's garden has begun to sprout strawberries, blueberries, potatoes, celery and carrots to name a few. Thank you to Mr. Towle and his grade 7 students for the lovely signs and for the daily upkeep.



Taking our Learning Outside

As you may have noticed we now have our outdoor classroom set up and being enjoyed by our students. We built the classroom in a circle for a sense of connection to each other, our environment and ourselves. In Indigenous teachings, “The **circle** shape **represents** the interconnectivity of all aspects of one's being, including the connection with the natural world.” <https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/what-is-an-indigenous-medicine-wheel>

We are looking forward to our students getting outside and connecting their learning with the natural world and the beauty of the grounds around Alice Brown. Thank you to the Johnson family and Arbor Barber Tree Service for donating the beautiful birch logs and delivering them to our school to build a sandbox. If anyone has a connection for sand, please email me at mcarlyle@sd35.bc.ca



Playoff Fever

Division 1 and 2 held an outdoor 4 on 4 hockey tournament during lunch to help get excited for the NHL playoffs and begin to play competitive sports safely outside. The Koji Crew won the tournament, but unfortunately lost to a talented staff team 5-2 to end their perfect season. Well done to all those who participated.



Welcoming Our Newest Bears

We hosted our Welcome to Kindergarten event this year with a drive through to welcome our newest bears to our den. So many excited faces ready to begin their formal educational journey with us in the fall. We can't wait!!!



LOST LIBRARY BOOKS

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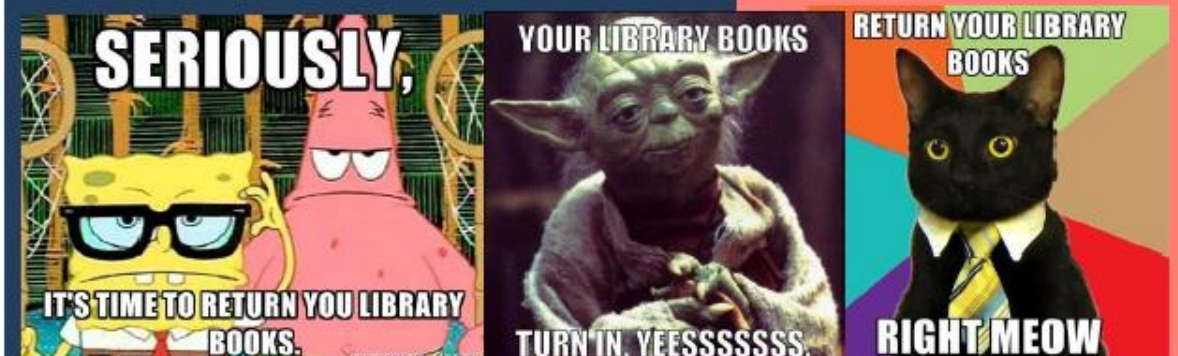
What do I do?

If your child received a green slip from our library, that means you have overdue or lost books. If you know where they are, bring them in! If they are lost, we have a deal for you! Normally we ask for the dollar amount that is on your green slip. But, because we are so kind, we are forgiving half of the amount. That's right: if you pay by June 25th, you only need to pay half the price. (It will go back to full price in the fall.)

How do I pay?

It is set up on each students' "School Cash Online" account as "Lost Library Books". Please fill in the amount and the title of the book.

<https://schoolcashionline.com/>



Book Sale!

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH
AND FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH**

Come buy a used book for 50 cents!

Instead of our annual week-long book sale in the halls, we are offering an after-school, outdoor, socially distanced sale at the front of the school from 2:17-2:45pm.

Note: we will not be able to save books for students this year. First come, first serve.

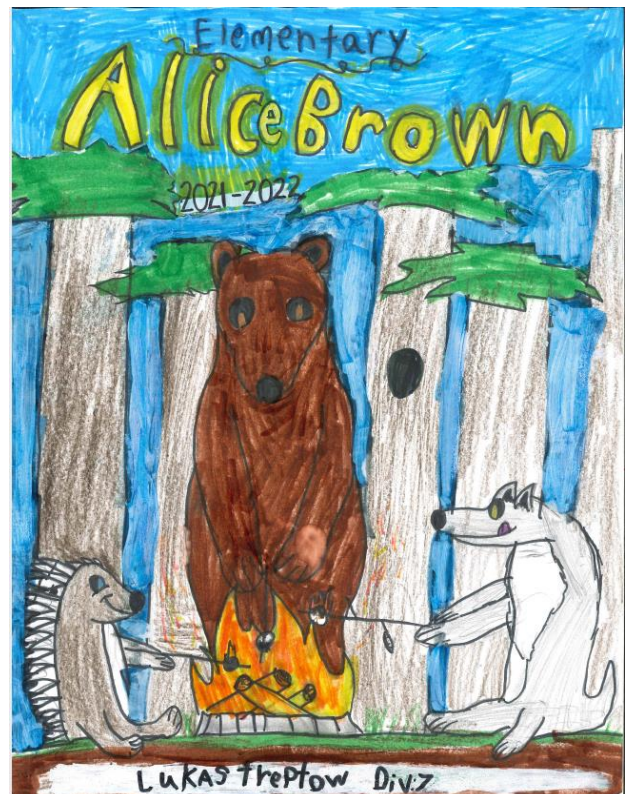
Please bring change if possible. :)

Tropical Day at Alice Brown



Our 2021 – 2022 Agenda Cover Winners!

Congratulations to Austin Halley in Division 5 and to Lukas Treptow in Division 7! Thank you to all our talented students who submitted some wonderful art. Good luck next year!



Census 2021

You may or may not know that the 2021 Census is underway. It has been a challenging year for families, and the census might seem like another thing on everyone's busy to-do list. The District is assisting our Stats Canada partner in communicating this information and encouraging families to complete their census. Census data helps governments at all levels plan for schools, transportation, community centres, libraries and recreational activities. Data from the 2021 Census will be even more crucial, because it will help to evaluate the impact of the pandemic and to better plan for the future. You can quickly and easily complete your census questionnaire at www.census.gc.ca using the access code you received in the mail. If you need assistance or would like to have a paper (or alternate format) questionnaire, please call the Census Help Line at 1-855-340-2021. Thank you for doing your part to help plan for a better future for all Canadians.

Parents/Guardians of Elementary and Middle Students:

Questions have arisen due to the guidelines published by the Public Health Office regarding changes to restrictions around Graduation Ceremonies. These guidelines only impact Grade 12 graduation as this is a unique milestone that the PHO felt they had to address. The protocols have not changed for any other school events including Grade 5 or 7 leaving ceremonies. Unfortunately, parents are still unable to gather at elementary and middle school events this year.

Student Success

The Summer Edition of Student Success has now been published in the Langley Advance/Times. Read about the Foundation's Pandemic of Kindness One Year Later; The Peoples' Artist; Student Art Show Contest Winners; Sassy Award Winners; and a new and Accessible Playground at Langley Fine Arts. https://www.langleyadvancetimes.com/editions/?iid=i20210528105256721&&headline=U3R1ZGVudCBTdWNjZXNzIE1heSAyMDIx&&doc_id=210528180042-0f85016a8abb0533682c251d85793e35&&pid=p20120309121148491

National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month, with June 21st being National Indigenous Peoples day. While this week is heavy with grief, sadness and anger, this month is intended to be a celebration and recognition of the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. Here is a blog post from Bob Joseph (author of 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act) about National Indigenous Peoples Day and possible starting places.



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Langley
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Have a life changing experience and welcome an international student into your home!

Homestay families are provided **\$950/month** (effective September 1, 2021) to offset costs!

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Langley Secondary
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Langley Fine Arts Secondary
Langley Fundamental Secondary
R.E. Mountain Secondary
D.W. Poppy Secondary

HOW TO APPLY:

Please visit our International Student Program website (Homestay section): www.studyinlangley.com and complete the online Homestay Application!

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Please contact:
Langley School District
International Students Program
Tel: 604-534-7891
We are located at the
Langley School Board Office
4875 - 222 Street, Langley, BC

Safety Reminders on School Grounds

As the weather gets nicer and our kids are spending more time outside, it is a good idea to remind everyone of some of our guidelines to keep our school and community safe on our site. Our playgrounds are still closed before and after school from **8:21-8:36 am and 2:17-2:30 pm**. We ask all our families to continue to leave the school grounds at the end of day and stay physically distant from each other. If families do come back to the school to use the playground after 2:30pm, children and families will not be permitted to enter the school.

Please continue to wear a mask on school property and keep your dogs at home. If you forget your mask, I will continue to have some to give out or please stand back away from others when picking up your kids.

Our staff and students want to thank our PAC for supporting us this year with some new sporting equipment for both our primary and intermediate students. We were able to purchase some small basketball hoops and balls for our young ones, larger basketball for our intermediates, volleyballs, scoops, and dodgeballs just to name a few purchases. We appreciate the fundraising efforts and the supports you continue to provide our school!

Keeping our grounds clean

We need help from our community to remind our neighbours that use our school grounds to walk their dog that it is important for them to clean up after their dogs. Our kids deserve a clean and safe place to play. Most of the mess seems to be around the walkway on the north side of our back field, so if anyone who lives in that area could help keep an eye out, that would be appreciated.

