

From the Principal....

October is a time to recognize the change of seasons, to feel the chill in the air but still feel the warmth of the sun.

Our students are settled in and I hope they enjoyed the busy month of September!



Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Rod Drebert Meet! We are very proud of your efforts! We had 9 students make the top 15.

Please check our website and Facebook page weekly to view all upcoming events. Our 'Plate' is very full in October, too!

I am pleased to share a 'NEW' explicit systematic program. It is designed to ensure that students systematically acquire the foundational skills necessary for proficient reading. Students in Grades 1-3 will begin this program at some point between September 23rd and October 1st. Lessons will take place daily for 30 min. We look forward to our student results as our Grades 1-3 students embark on this journey with their classroom teacher using an evidence based program. Please click on the link to view more information about this program.

[UFLI Foundations Overview as a PDF](#)

In reviewing last year's parent survey we want to ensure our parents/guardians are getting clear communication from our school and classroom teachers. You will receive these communications in numerous ways...

- School office- Monthly and weekly newsletter updates, emails, call-outs when necessary and one post per week on Facebook/Instagram.
- Teachers- Classroom updates, news and reminders through Class Dojo or Google Classroom, emails, phone calls when necessary, **description** of assignments and assessments in student gradebooks so parents understand the intent, two requested interview dates and two open house dates.

Please sign up for the digital tools that Alder Flats Elementary School has to keep you informed.. These include:

- The Bus Status App
- PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Follow us on Facebook/Instagram alderflatsschool
- Please visit our website **weekly** alderflatsschool.ca

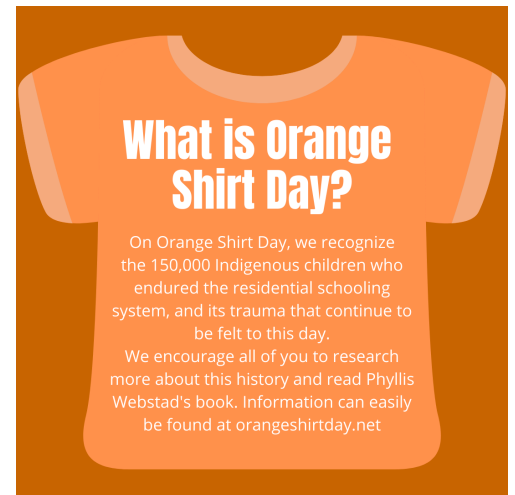
Our Parent Council meeting was held on September 19th. I shared information about the school budget, the five year IMR report, assessments completed in September, parent/student 2024 survey results, school lunches, and planning forward with upcoming and possible experiences we can provide for our students. Please watch for the date of our next meeting. We would love to have more parents in attendance! More involvement means more for our students!



Students participated whole-heartedly in the Terry Fox Run. Thank you to all who donated. We raised \$152.00. Students enjoyed a freezie following their run.

Thank you to Mrs.Chorney and Mr.Caron for sharing a story on 'Orange Shirt Day' with our students. Residential schools are part of our history. We took the time to remember the children's stories, to honor them, and show a collective commitment that Every Child Matters.

Finally, we understand how busy life can get. I know evenings can be hectic and finding time to do homework can be challenging. Please do your best to set a routine of reading together, do homework or discuss classroom activities from the day. Help your child keep a positive attitude toward school and his/her academic work. Your partnership with us in supporting your child will increase his/her success in school and beyond. We appreciate all you do for your child and we want to support in any way we can!



Warm regards,
Mrs.C.Laczo