

September 2017 Newsletter



King Albert Public School

Sharing, respect, responsibility, and caring

Dean Burke
Principal



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the 2017-18 school year!

We are thrilled to have both returning and new children and families learning and growing with us. Our staff has many new faces this year. Over the past number of weeks, all staff have demonstrated an incredible energy while creating an engaging and safe place to learn here at King Albert. Our school looks great thanks to our amazing custodians and staff who worked so hard over the summer to make sure things were ready for school start-up. We are truly lucky to have such devoted and enthusiastic professionals in our building, who give of their own time for our school community.

At KAPS, we will continue our strong commitment to student learning through intentional and focused instruction for each student, coupled with a safe and respectful environment where both student and parent voices are honoured and celebrated. We will continue to build a supportive and inclusive school culture. We know that when parents, teachers and students view one another as partners in education, a caring community is formed and student learning is supported.

As we start a new year, it will be the responsibility of each and every one of us to contribute to the building of a positive, inclusive community. We will continue to teach students about good character with our MindUP curriculum, positive behavior supports, and our focus on being a caring and supportive person. Since we have so many new staff and students at King Albert this Fall, we are continuing our, "King Albert Family" bulletin board in the front hallway. Over the course of the next week, we will be adding photos to this board every day. We'll also be enhancing our communication with the community via our website, twitter, and our school Facebook page.

OUR SCHOOL DAY

Yard Open	8:40
Morning Bell	8:50
Recess	10:30 – 10:50
1 st Nutrition Break	10:50 – 11:10
Recess	12:50 – 1:10
2 nd Nutrition Break	1:10 – 1:30
Dismissal	3:10



STAFF

Please join me in welcoming our new and past staff:

Mr. D. Burke	Principal	Mr. M. Costello	JK/SK
Mrs. S. Wright	Secretary	Mrs. C. Racine	JK/SK
Mr. R. Brown	Custodian	Ms. K. Taylor	Grade 1
Ms. JohnsWestacott	EA	Ms. E. Yarnell	Grade 1/2
Mrs. K. Judson	EA	Mrs. A. Teel	Grade 2/3
Ms. G. McFall	EA	Ms. J. Gallagher	Grade 3
Mrs. M Stainton	EA	Mrs. L. Stebbins	Grade 4/5
Ms. C. White	EA	Mrs. J. Montford	Grade 5/6
Ms. A. Wynn	EA	Mrs. Chancey	Resource/French
	EA	Mr. M. Brillinger	Prep Teacher
Ms. L. Hannon	E.C.E.	Mrs. K. Ferguson	Instructional Leader
Mrs. L. Stapley	E.C.E.		
Mrs. T. Tew	E.C.E.		
Ms. Jen Brown	Library		

WELCOME!

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KING ALBERT IS NOW A “NUT STAFFE” SCHOOL:

Please help us to make King Albert a safe place for all students by being mindful that we have students who have severe allergies to peanuts/nuts. As such, we are moving toward becoming a “Nut Safe” school. This means we will be working with all families and food providers to reduce the exposure and risk factors face by students in our school who have allergies to nuts. Families can help us out by avoiding packing any nut/peanut products or imitation nut spreads (ie:Wow Butter) and check packaging to ensure products are nut free. Remember, even products that read “May contain nuts/peanuts” are dangerous due to the risk of cross-contamination. For more information, please contact Mr. Burke at the school.

ENTRY AND EXIT PROCEDURES

We are committed to ensuring the safety of your child here at school. A Safe Entry system has been installed at the front doors of the school while all other entry points are locked during the day. In the interests of maintaining our safe and secure environment, all persons - parents, volunteers and all visitors to the school please “buzz in” at the main doors on Glenelg St. When office staff let you in, we ask that you go directly to the office and sign in.

Volunteers and visitors will be given a VOLUNTEER or VISITOR badge to wear so that they can be easily identified by staff. The badge will let us know that the visitor/volunteer has reported to the office and has permission to be in the school.

In an effort to protect valuable instructional time and cause minimal disruption to the classroom, we will be actively discouraging parents from picking students up before the bell at 3:10pm this year. Parents who arrive after 2:50pm will be asked to wait for the bell to pick up their children unless it is an emergency. Parents who have a message or delivery for a student, please come to the office and Mrs. Wright will ensure the student receives the message or delivery. Help us send the message to all students that every minute counts in their education. If your child has specific needs that requires an early dismissal, please discuss with Mr. Burke at your earliest convenience.

For parents who pick up their children at the regular dismissal time, please wait outside the school. Teachers will escort classes to the side doors to meet parents.

FORMS, FORMS, FORMS

Please update and promptly return the Student Information Verification form. It is especially important that we have updated phone numbers and emergency contacts. This is our main source of contact information for your child. Please remember to sign and return all loose forms.



BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



You will have an opportunity to chat with your child's teacher at our Back to School Open House beginning at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, September 14th. Come and enjoy a slice of pizza and a juice box for \$1.00/person. Please pre-order your food in advance with Mrs. Wright. If you would prefer a vegetarian option, please indicate this when ordering.

We look forward to meeting you at our Open House on September 14th from 3:15 to 5:00. We hope to have many of our community partners present as well.

GREAT NEWS – THE KINGS SHOP will be open at our open house next Thursday. We have some great new additions to our items for sale. Come and shop our shop! The Kings Shop will be open every morning and after school this year.

BREAKFAST and LUNCHES



Breakfast Club started on the first day of school this year. Breakfast is available, free of charge, in every classroom to any child needing something to eat. Free lunches will begin on **Thursday, September 7th**. Free lunches will be available during second lunch every **Monday and Thursday**. Please be sure to send a snack for first lunch. A huge thank-you to Cambridge Street United Church for making this possible.

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LET'S GET ACTIVE, KING ALBERT!



Students will be physically active every day and, for safety, need to have indoor running shoes. Please help your child be successful with shoes that he/she can put on and fasten independently. During the hot months when sandals and flip flops are worn, it would be helpful to have socks that are kept in their bag to wear with indoor shoes. Thank you! :)

Lindsay Central Exhibition - Junior Arts Competition

As you may know, the Lindsay Central Exhibition is coming up. Some of the classes at King Albert will be working on projects over the next couple of weeks to submit in the Junior Arts Competition. Their work will be displayed for the duration of the exhibition and returned to them late in September. If your child is working on a project at home to submit to the exhibition, please see Mrs. Teel for tags.

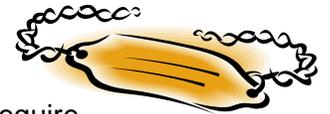
TIMBER TUESDAYS

Timber Tuesdays will continue again this year. For those of you who are new to King Albert, every Tuesday morning we get a visit from Timber, our certified reading therapy dog. Timber has been certified by the St. John's Ambulance Service Dogs organization. Our students love to come and read to Timber in the front hallway. Timber is very patient and a very good listener. Studies have shown that this program helps to build confidence and fluency in young readers. We would like to extend a big thank-you to Doreen Sinclair who comes with Timber each week and provides this opportunity for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Mr. Burke.



FREE MEDIC ALERT

In an emergency, first responders look for the MedicAlert identification to immediately know what conditions your child has, and what medications your child takes. Visit www.nochildwithout.ca for a comprehensive list of conditions that might require your child to wear MedicAlert. To enrol, call toll-free 1-877-282-5378.



MILK PROGRAM



White milk and chocolate milk will be offered monthly to students beginning the second week of school. The cost of a 250 ml. unit of milk or juice will be around **\$15.00 per month**. Teachers will collect money for students interested in purchasing milk on the first day of each month. The students will begin receiving their milk on the following school week.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council is an invaluable team who provides us with input and suggestions into decisions made at our school. They also co-ordinate fundraising over the year. This fundraising will subsidize many of our school projects and student field trips. A person is qualified to be a parent member of our school council if he/she is a parent of a pupil enrolled in the school. I encourage you to join our active and supportive School Council. **Our first meeting will be held at King Albert on September 19 from 3:15 - 4:00.**



PICTURE DAY - Picture day this year will be on Tuesday, October 10th.



JOIN US on FACEBOOK! - **We're on Twitter too! @KingAlbertPS**
Scan the QR Code to be taken to our Facebook page!