

Alderney Elementary

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Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2018/2019 school year! With an absolutely beautiful summer, I hope everyone had the chance to recharge and began the new year with lots of energy.



I am Stephanie Lockhart, and I am pleased to be here at Alderney as Principal. I am coming from Cole Harbour where I worked at Joseph Gilles Elementary both as Vice-Principal and Acting Principal. I look forward to getting to know everyone and working to make this beautiful school and its amazing students the best that they can be. If you ever have any concerns or questions, my door is always open, or call and we will work together to ensure the best experience for your child.

The staff are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning at Alderney. Although we have had to say goodbye to staff who have left, we welcome many other amazing staff: Mrs. Dunn (VP/Grade 2), Mrs. Mitchell (Gr. 5/6), Ms Kallada (Learning Centre/Resource), Ms. MacPherson (Learning Centre), Mme Zimmermann (French), Ms. Perchard (Music), Ms. Cox (EPA), Ms Cutherson (EPA), Ms. Johnson (EPA) and Ms. Crowley (Guidance).

I will remind everyone that all important information will be posted regularly on our school website <https://ald.hrsb.ca>. In addition, we will be using the Alert system that sends important information via email and voice message to the contact information we have on file. Please ensure your contact information is up-to-date, so you are kept well informed of what's happening here at Alderney.

Ms. S. Lockhart,
Principal

Important Dates:

September

- 14 Freezie Friday
- 20 Curriculum Night/Ice Cream Social 6:30
- 21 Freezie Friday
- 24 Terry Fox Run 11:00
SAC Meeting: 6:00 PM
Home and School: 6:45 PM
- 28 PD Day: No School

October

- 1 Santa's Helper Fundraiser Begins
- 5 Freezie Friday
- 8 Thanksgiving: No School
- 15 Picture Day
- 18 PD Day: No School
- 25 Halloween Howl (6:30 PM)
- 26 Provincial Conference Day: No School

Notices, Updates and Monthly Newsletters

We are presently compiling our "family list". In order to cut down on the number of notices being sent home, we will send **notices/updates** home with the youngest member of a family. We will not be sending paper copies of our monthly newsletters home.

Alderney Bell Times & Safe Arrival

Morning Session

8:35 Bell Rings - classes line up
8:45 O Canada/Announcements
10:15-10:30 Recess
11:45-12:45 Lunch

Afternoon Session

12:45 Bell Rings - classes line up
12:50 Classes Begin
2:50 Dismissal - All Students



* **Note:** Students are to enter and exit the school through their assigned doors. This is to ensure student safety and maintain an orderly building. If a student arrives late, the student should enter through the office doors and get a late slip. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Lunch Program

We will once again be providing the opportunity for students to purchase **PIZZA, SUBS, ETC.** You will be receiving forms and more information on these programs on Monday September 17th. All forms **MUST** be filled in and payment made **NO LATER than Friday September 21.**

Access to Parent Portal

Our school is offering you real-time access to your child's grades, assignments, attendance, teacher's comments, and school bulletins through the Internet using the Student-Parent Portal website. If you would like access to your child's portal, please contact the school for a copy of your portal letter with instructions on how to set up your account.

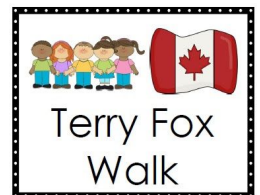
School Photos



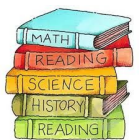
All students will have their photo taken on **Monday, October 15th**. Each student will have two poses and a class photo taken. Student photos are downloaded to the student program, therefore all students must have their photo taken whether pictures will be purchased or not. Our school photographer this year will be Photomaster.

Terry Fox Run/Walk at Alderney

On Monday, September 24th we will be participating in the Annual Terry Fox Walk/Run. We will be walking/running for approximately 30 minutes. We are collecting "Twoonies for Terry" which can be sent anytime prior to the 24th.



Curriculum Night/Ice Cream Social



Please join us as we hold our curriculum night on **Thursday, September 21st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend to meet your child's teacher and receive information on your child's classroom routines, expectations and curriculum.

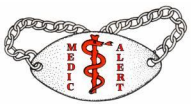


After meeting with teachers, families are invited to bring a spoon and bowl and join us in the gym for an ice cream social. We hope to see you there!

Life Threatening Allergies

We presently have students and staff in our school with **severe life threatening allergies to nuts and peanuts. Please DO NOT send foods containing these products to school.** School activities, supplies and materials must be free from allergens. We appreciate your support and cooperation.

NO Child Without



If your child requires a medic alert, please visit the website No Child Without to access these items. Forms are also available in the school office.

Security and Safety

If you are dropping a student off during instructional time, please drop your child off at the office and a staff member can accompany your child to his/her designated classroom. This will cut down on classroom interruptions. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please make an appointment to meet with them. ***Students who arrive late must get a late slip from the office.*** We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Visitors to the school must report to the main office. Anyone volunteering or visiting the school needs to wear a visible ID tag. If you are coming to volunteer in the school, please use the main entrance of the building to gain access to the office and the sign in/out sheets. ***All volunteers must have a 'criminal check' and 'child abuse registry search' on file at the school.***

With regard to parking/dropping off students, we wish to reinforce the fact that there is to be **no parking/driving on the school grounds during regular class times.** This is to ensure the safety of the children as there can be children walking in the area. Be sure to read and sign the 'driving on school grounds' form you received in the envelope sent home with your child.

A reminder that students are NOT to be on school grounds before 8:25 AM or after school hours as there is no supervision at either of those times.

Attendance

If your child will be absent for any reason, please call the school and leave a message. If your child is sick, please leave a brief description of the symptoms. 902-464-2040.

If your child regularly stays for lunch and will be absent, please send them with a note or call the school. If any student is missing from the supervised lunch without an excuse, a call will be made to check on the student.

Door Security System

The school has a doorbell security system. The doorbell system will allow the school to be secured throughout the day; with the only access point being the front door. The system works the following way:

1. Ring the doorbell by pushing the button
2. Wait for a voice to speak to you and/or for the front door to buzz indicating the door is now able to be opened.
3. Let the door close and the buzzer will stop ringing.

Student Protection Policy and School Volunteers

Prior to volunteering at any Halifax Regional School, each volunteer must submit a Child Abuse Registry search and a certified and true copy of a Criminal Records check completed in the three months preceding volunteering. Both of these checks must be updated every three years. This applies to all aspects of volunteering including class field trips, classroom volunteers, school-wide events, etc.

If you plan on volunteering for a trip or event we recommend having this done as soon possible, as the process can take some time. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Criminal Records checks can be done by going directly to a RCMP detachment or the Halifax Regional Police office in Burnside and requesting a check. There is a fee for these checks. However, you can get a volunteer letter from the school that will reduce the cost. If you agree to volunteer in other classrooms as well as your child(s)'s, the school will reimburse you for the cost. The form for the Child Abuse Registry search can be obtained from the school office.

Supervised Lunch Utensils

Students are to bring the utensils needed to eat their recess and/or lunch.

Unfortunately, unless a student has purchased an item from the school canteen that requires a utensil, we will not be able to supply utensils for students.

Parents and guardians are also reminded that students are to bring a lunch that does not need to be heated in a microwave.



Before and After School Childcare

Anyone who is presently providing or is interested in providing childcare, please contact the school and have your name added to Alderney's childcare list (902-464-2040).

