



Hello, Amazing Alder Flats Families! 🙌

It is my honor and a pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 – 2026 school year! We are so excited to welcome you back for another fantastic year of learning, growing, and having fun! I am extremely proud to serve as the Principal of this amazing community for the 8th year and to continue to support the students of Alder Flats Elementary School !

I would like to welcome all of our new families. We are excited to share with you all that Alder Flats School has to offer and believe you will soon feel as we do, that Alder Flats School is a special place for *all* children.

Our teachers and staff are eager to begin this year's journey with their students. The dedicated staff at Alder Flats has been working tirelessly to finish safety courses, update their class routines, and expectations, and get their classrooms ready for students all with the goal of fostering academic success and a true sense of connectedness and belonging for our students. Our primary goal is to ensure student proficiency in core academic subjects, so we will continue to refine Tier I instruction, analyze data, conduct observations, and review classwork to guide instruction and intervention.

**STAFF:**

Principal: C.Laczo

Admin. Assistant: Thea Manders who will be at Alder Flats School On: **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's.)**

Kindergarten Teacher: Mrs.Groves

Grade 1/2: Mrs.Doherty

Grade 3/4: Mrs. Leeder

Grade 5/6: Mrs. Melin

Music Teacher: Mr. Kramer (Semester 1) Mr. Schenk (Semester 2)

PE Specialist: Mr. Stewart

Educational Assistants: Ms. Patterson, Mrs. J. Bohning, Mrs. D. Bohning

We look forward to the start of the new school year and to continuing our collaboration of providing your children with an effective and engaging educational experience. As always, we will look to our families to be positive partners in their children's educational journey.

Communication between school and families: We post a **WEEKLY** newsletter on our school website. [alderflatsschool.ca](http://alderflatsschool.ca) Please check this on a regular basis to stay updated on what is happening at our school. We also send information through our school Facebook page and Instagram account. Classroom teachers will stay connected with you through the class DOJO APP or Google classroom on a more personal level. You will find our school handbook, our Alder Flats School 3 Year Plan, and other important links on the Alder Flats School website.

**We have a school cell phone that you can text us on. (780-514-8200) Please use the main line (780-388-3881) to call us. It is VERY important that you contact your child's bus driver first and let the classroom teacher know if you are picking your child up early OR if he/she is not riding the bus at the end of the school day.**

All schools in WRPS have a rotating schedule. (Day 1/Day 2/Day 3/Day 4) This will ensure our students have the required minutes in all subjects and not miss out because of holidays falling on a Monday or Friday.

Mr. Stewart from Buck Mountain Central School will be at our school for 'PE Enhancement' on Day 1 in the afternoons. All classes on Day 1 will get a 35 min period of PE with Mr. Stewart. Mr. Stewart will be offering baseball fun for Grades 4-6 at last recess on Day 1 in September/October for those interested. Remember to bring a ball glove!!

Mr. Kramer will be teaching music to all K-6 students on Day 3 until the end of January. Mr.Schenk will be teaching music from February until the end of our school year.

Our Family School Liaison Worker(School Counsellor), Kandice Wynia will be available on Day 2 for student support. Please see her letter attached.

Our Wellness Worker, Peyton Schnieder will be at our school on various dates. Peyton will be providing programming during some of our health classes.

Our Indigenous Support Worker, Mr. Caron will be at our school on Day 4. Smudging will be an option available for students who want to participate, however your child will need parental permission. Please see the form online to 'opt' your child in. Please see Mr.Caron's attached letter outlining his role at our school.

We will be running intramurals for Grades 4-6 students from November to the end of March. We are offering the choice to join Smashball, Hockey, Pickleball, Dodgeball, Badminton, Basketball, and Soccer. In addition, students from grades 2-6 will be given the choice to play board games, color or draw with peers during lunch recess once in a 4 day rotation in the library. Grades 1-6 students will be given the choice to play Indigenous games once per week on Day 4 at recess. Our Grades K-3 students will have the choice to be in the gym on Day 1 at last recess to take part in 4 corners-4 separate activities that rotate during the time with Mr. Stewart.

Alder Flats School has a busy schedule of extra activities planned this year. The current Grade 6 class chose the following dress up days that will take place throughout the year to build school spirit: Miss-Matched Shoes Day, Jersey/Hat Day, Twin Day, Duck Day-Dress in Yellow, Several PJ days, Tacky Christmas Clothes Day, Green Day, St.Patrick's Day, Beach Day, Bright Crazy Hair Day, and Bright Colors/80's Day. Our weekly newsletter will keep you informed when these days are taking place at our school. Teachers will send reminders through class DOJO, as well.

Other Events that we currently have scheduled on our calendar are: Rod Drebert Cross Country Meet, Numeracy/Literacy Open House, Orange Shirt Day, Terry Fox Run, Bus Safety K-6, Halloween Carnival, Remembrance Day Ceremony, Smashball Tournament, Holiday Gift Shopping, Christmas Concert, Requested Interviews in November/January, Basketball Tournament, One School One Book, Hockey Tournament, Alien In Line Skating, Pancake Breakfast, Spring Dance, Book Fair, Whole School Easter Activities,

Spring Concert showcasing Science and Music, Swimming lessons-Grades TBA, and a Bouncy Obstacle Course.

Our 'Christmas Concert' will take place in the evening on December 17th and the 'Spring Concert' will take place in the afternoon on April 22nd leading into a 'Celebration of Learning'. I hope the dates in advance help you to plan ahead so you are able to attend!

Please plan to attend our School Parent Council meetings. We need new members to join our team! Hot Lunch options for students and extra field trips can only take place with the support of this important organization. The funds raised help support extra experiences for our students.

Doors open at 8:20 am daily. Please use the parent drop off lane when dropping off or picking up your child. (Located in front of the bus lane near the playground on the west side of the school) Dismissal bell rings at 3:15 pm daily.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child and our school community. I ask that you continue to be involved and active in your child's education. Remember that we can all make a difference if we work together!

Let's make this the best school year yet — together! 🚌📚✏️

Warmest Regards,

Mrs.C.Laczo

