

Alex Hope News

October 17, 2018

Newsletter #2

Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Just a reminder to parents/guardians that Alex Hope will be holding our Parent/Teacher Interviews on October 24th and 25th. If you haven't already done so, please look for the email sent out by Mrs. Thorpe on October 4th or you can visit the website listed here :

<https://alexhope.schoolappointments.com/>



Interim Reports:

Alex Hope will be sending home Interim Reports starting early next week. Please be sure to take a look in your child's backpack starting next week. Our goal is to provide you a brief snapshot of how your child has adjusted to the new school year, and to drive any conversation during the Parent/Teacher Nights.

Pro-D/Collaboration Day:

Just a reminder that Friday, October 19th is a Provincial Professional Development Day. Students will not be in session. October 29th is our first Collaboration Day, students will be dismissed at 1:15. On the Collaboration Day our staff will be engaged in developing targeted literacy support for our students, to coordinate with our school goal which is to improve our reading results throughout each grade.

Shake Out BC:

Alex Hope, along with the schools in the province, will be taking part in an earthquake drill tomorrow just before recess time. This drill is part of Shake Out BC – an emergency preparedness program. Students will need to be reminded to take these drill seriously as 'perfect practice makes perfect'. Students will be asked to DUCK, COVER and HOLD – and then be sure to count to 60 to ensure it is safe to come out from their covered area. Please help your child, by reminding them of the need to take emergency preparedness seriously. Thank you for your support.



What's Happening at ALEX HOPE:

School Dance:

Alex Hope PAC will be hosting a school dance on October 26th from 6pm – 8pm. Come out and show us your Halloween spirit and dress in costume. All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



School Clubs:

A number of school clubs are up and running at Alex Hope. Students in grades 4/5 have the opportunity to join the Chess Club, which is sponsored by Mrs. Jakubec, Mr. Cusmano, and Mrs. Williams-Abraham. The Dance Club is open to students in grades 2/3 and is sponsored by Mrs. Cowie. As well, Student Council is up and running for our grade 6/7 students and will be sponsored by Mrs. Langille, and Mrs. Gardiner. Finally, hockey day in Langley is here and open to grade 7 students and is being sponsored by Mrs. Robertson.



Volleyball:

Bump, Set, Spike...Volleyball has started at Alex Hope. The grade 6's have their two tournament days on November 5 and November 16. The grade 7's will play on Tuesdays. Please look for schedule as they will be coming home soon. I would like to thank the coaches for supporting these teams: Mrs. Jakubec, Mrs. Inouye, Mrs. Bricco, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Enns, Mrs. Walmsley, and Mr. Hampton.

Cross Country:

Great Job Gators!! Our cross-country runners had a fantastic season and many of our runners qualified for the district finals. On behalf of Mrs. Chin, Ms. Charlton, and Mrs. Arora, well done Gators.!



October 11, 2018

Dear Langley School District Families:

Re: Langley School District Reducing Natural Gas Usage as Province Experiences Shortage

As you have likely heard, a large natural gas pipeline explosion near Prince George has greatly reduced the availability of natural gas in British Columbia. As such, FortisBC has asked that British Columbians conserve natural gas as the supply lines are being repaired ([CBC News: FortisBC asks customers to turn down the thermostat in wake of pipeline explosion](#)). Conservation efforts are also underway in Washington State.

For this reason, the Langley School District would like to contribute and participate in the conservation efforts by reducing natural gas consumption until the supply lines are restored. In order to reduce gas usage, the District will lower thermostats, and therefore temperatures, in all of its schools and facilities by two degrees Celsius. As much as 70 percent of the natural gas customers in BC may be impacted by the reduction in gas supply and the students and staff of the School District can assist those who may be in more direct need by dressing more warmly rather than relying on ambient heat. The District would like to encourage everyone to slip on a sweater or pull on a hoodie in the coming days to conserve natural gas for those in more northerly areas to access the gas flow.

By wearing another layer indoors, like a sweater or hoodie, the students and staff of the School District can do something simple that greatly benefits others. District Leadership would like to thank you in advance for your participation and cooperation as temporary small sacrifices add up to positive change for the citizens of BC.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school administration or email feedback@sd35.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gord Stewart".

Gord Stewart
Superintendent of Schools