



JOHN ALLISON SCHOOL

Phone: 295-6727

September 21, 2016

WELCOME BACK TO JOHN ALLISON AND WELCOME TO THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NEW TO OUR SCHOOL! We are all delighted to see your children again and look forward to a lively year of learning together.

ALLERGY ALERT

Five people at John Allison have severe allergies to nuts. Another has allergies to scented products. Nut allergies are especially dangerous because the allergens can travel in the air. That means anyone who has eaten something with nuts in it or touched something with nuts in it is spreading the allergens wherever they go. It is as bad for those people as it would be if you gave your child something poisonous to eat. No one would purposefully do that. Please respect the people in our building who have allergies. Please do not send your child to school with foods that contain nuts. If they love peanut butter have them eat that at breakfast and then brush their teeth and wash their hands before coming to school. Or save the foods with nuts for after school snacks.

Please make sure that you do not wear scented products when coming to the school and do not put perfume or other scented products on your child.

Thank you for your cooperation. It is important to make our school a safe place for everyone.

If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Staff for 2015-16

Principal	Mr. Bill Lawrence
Kindergarten	Mrs. Shirley Low
Kindergarten	Mrs. Maddison Hillman
Grade 1	Ms Bailey Caron
Grade 1	Ms Tonya Chypyha
Grade 2	Ms Elizabeth Greenwood
Grade 2/3	Ms Mikki Lee Ransome
Grade 3	Mr. Brum
Learning Assistance/ Special Education	–Ms Karla Meger
Fine Arts	Mrs. Anna Gillerstedt

Library – Mr. Bill Lawrence

Special Education Assistants – Mrs Michelle Cleven, Ms Leanna Lenti, Ms. Leslie Kemp

Mrs. Janet Taylor

Secretary – Mrs. Marie Anne Roche

Custodians – Mrs. Linda Hodgson, Ms Barb Smith

StrongStart – Mrs. Erin Williams

MEDICAL ALERT FORMS

Medical Alert Forms need to be updated every year. If your child has a medical condition, please call the school, to make sure that you have updated and signed the forms.

Please see other side

JA PAC News

We are looking forward to another great year at our amazing school. One of the reasons our school is so great is because of all the wonderful volunteers. We are asking parents to please consider joining our PAC. Positions that are available this year are: President, Vice President, Secretary and a co-fundraiser. These positions need to be filled at our AGM which will be held on Monday, October 3rd at 6:00 in the staff room.

Morning Routines at John Allison

Students remain on the playground as they arrive at school. Supervision is provided **from 8:30 a.m.** until the bell. At the 8:55 a.m. bell the students line up at the gate and are taken into the school by the supervisors.

A reminder to all parents/caregivers to phone the school if your child will be away. Please state the reason for being absent. The health unit needs to know if we have more than 10% illness and we need to state what illness we have.

OUTSIDE/ INSIDE SHOES

School policy regarding wearing shoes: Students are expected to have and wear shoes inside the school. These shoes are to be different from their outside shoes or boots which are worn to and from school and on the playground. This is a safety issue as students not wearing shoes may step on sharp objects or have accidents that would not happen if they were wearing shoes.

Please ensure your child has shoes at school that can be worn inside the school. **Wearing socks or going barefoot is not adequate.**

Student Fees

Please don't forget to pay your child/children's student fees for the new school year. Students are required to pay \$40.00 for their yearly supplies **by October 30th.** You may send a cheque. A receipt will be sent home with your child.



We understand that emergencies do happen and you will need to give messages to your child. We do have a high content of messages to deliver. **If possible, please try to make arrangements for your children prior to the day.**

OFFICE HOURS

School office hours are from 8:30-11:45 a.m. and 1:00-3:15 p.m. We do have an answering service that will take your message, if we are on another line or away from the phone

USE OF SCHOOL BUS

Written permission is required for students taking a different bus than usual or getting off the bus at a different stop. Parents, please keep this in mind when prearranging play dates etc. for your child. Please send a written letter with your child asking him/her to drop it off at the office. Your child will be given a bus pass, which he/she will give to the bus driver. **Our policy is that the office must be notified in advance in writing or by phone of any changes in your child's after school transportation plans including if you are picking up a child who normally takes the bus.**

All students that transfer at the high school will take the *horse* bus now. The bunny bus will take students going to the Dairy Queen and Vermilion Forks.

Medic Alert's No Child Without Program is at Our School

The *No Child Without* program offers a free Medic Alert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a Medic Alert membership through this program.

Your child's voice in an emergency, Medic Alert membership:

- Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child's medical information on their Medic Alert bracelet or necklace
- Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline**.
- Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the **Hotline**
- Allows free updates of the child's medical record as needed

Medic Alert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or visit www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a *No Child Without* brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the *No Child Without* program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call Medic Alert at 1-866-679-3220 Ext 1 to update your child's file.

Verification Forms and Bus Forms

Bus Forms have been sent home to all students who were at John Allison School last year. Please make any changes to these forms and send them back with your child. Throughout the year, please notify the office of any changes in phone numbers, medical concerns etc. Bus Forms now are being sent to the district, so it is very important that we have updated information.

Verification Forms have also been sent home.

Open House

Please join us for our Open House, October 4th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Book Fair is October 4th, 5th 6th, from 8:30 to 3:30.

Volunteers are still needed to help at the Book Fair.

Photo Day

This year's Photo Day is October 5th.

Fruit and Veggie Program

If you don't want your child to participate in the fruit and veggie program, please contact us at 295-6727.

First Nations Welcome Dinner

October 6th at 5:30 p.m. at PSS in the Cafeteria

We would like to welcome all students and their families, teachers and staff

Dear Parents

The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving soon, and we're excited about sharing the joy of reading with our students. We invite you to participate in this year's Scholastic Book Fair starting, October 3rd, by volunteering.

Scholastic Book Fairs gives our school the opportunity to bring families, teachers, students, and books together. It's the ultimate book event! Additionally, a portion of the sales benefits our school. It's the best way to raise funds while encouraging kids to read.

Being a part of something special is easier than you think. There are lots of ways to volunteer. We need people in a variety of areas, including:

Merchandising our Book Fair and table displays to create a terrific bookstore environment.

-Working at our Cashier Table and helping students and shoppers select just the right books.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about our Scholastic Book Fair, please sign up on the PAC board. Or if you know of someone who would make a fabulous addition to our volunteer team, please feel free to call with that recommendation as well. Thank you in advance for helping to make our students lifelong readers – we couldn't do it without your participation.

Sincerely

Victoria Olsen and
Erin Williams

Head Lice

Random checks of head lice will be done by our parent volunteers.

Please make sure to do the speed limit (30 km) on Corina Avenue. We have some students walking.

Recycle

We are looking for a volunteer to deliver our recycles to the Hut.

CALENDAR

September 23	Harvest Celebration from 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
September 29	Head lice check
September 30	Orange shirt day (Recognition of Residential School Survivors)
October 3	PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.
October 3, 4, 5	Book Fair
October 4	Open House (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
October 6	Parent Meeting on the new Curriculum (Lead by Steve McNiven and Christine Perkins.
October 6	First Nations dinner (PSS cafeteria at 5:30 p.m.)
October 10	Thanksgiving Holiday
October 20	Earthquake Drill at 10:10
October 21	PRO D day
November 11	Remembrance Day Holiday
December 13	Christmas Concert (Princeton Secondary at 1:00 p.m.)