



## Welcome Back

It is important that Student's supplies such as pens, pencils and paper are well stocked for the remainder of the school year.

Wow, the year keeps on flying by and what a great year it has been so far. I am happy to see the success and positive experiences our Gator family has experienced since the start of the year. Whether they were returning or were new to the swamp, all of our students have shown their true Gator colours: passion, determination, and positivity.

Each year we like to give students from our feeder elementary schools the opportunity to visit and to hear all about everything Lorne Akins has to offer from our academics, our wide range of clubs, option classes, teams, service and leadership activities, and opportunities.

While balancing preparation for final exams and finishing off course work we are also excited about a few changes to next years' options, including full semester Industrial Arts classes, Gator Learning Support being offered as an option for Grade 7, and possible changes to the programming in Fit for Life.

Finally, I have great confidence that our students will finish off the year feeling proud of their accomplishments thanks to the support and encouragement they continue to receive from you and all the Lorne Akins staff.

Sincerely,

Graham Jackson,  
Principal





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## GATOR HAPPENINGS

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### CHOMP Council

The St. Albert's Got Talent auditions took place March 12-14th and eight of our students made it directly to the citywide semi-finals happening in late April! Congratulations to all who participated. It was a fantastic event and the amount of student audience support was commendable!

This month we will have our annual TA tug-of-war competition!



### Gator Tails Writing Club

Over the break, our Gator Tales writers were asked to revisit a piece of writing from earlier in the year. Students will practice polishing their work and developing skills based on the feedback they have received this year.

### Intramurals

Lunch hours are now being filled with dodge ball for intramurals.



The active Living Room will also be open most lunch hours. Listen to the morning announcements for confirmation.



### Rugby

It is that time of year again! The first boys' rugby practice will be April 9 after school. The girls' team will have their first practice after school April 10.

Games will be every Wednesday in May from 3-5 p.m. (Transportation provided for students).

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## SPORTS SHORTS

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### Badminton



Badminton teams are now decided and games will start April 7 for the Grade 8 Badminton Teams in Sherwood Park; Grade 7 will have their games in Fort Sask. on April 14; Grade 9 teams will have games in Sherwood Park on April 14.

### Running Room Games

Congratulations to our Running Room Game Relay Teams! Our girls' team got bronze and the boys' team brought gold home to the swamp.

Way to go Gators!



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## THE SANDRIDERS



Continuing to run out in the open was a death sentence. I had to hide, and quickly. Veering off towards what looked like one of the more stable houses, I scanned the exterior for an entrance. There was a window that looked accessible, where sand had piled up to meet its sill. With hope of avoiding direct confrontation, I dashed to the window. It was, thankfully, devoid of glass and I hurdled over the windowsill. I pressed my back to the interior wall of the house, trying to calm my breathing. Minutes passed, my breath and heartbeat slowly regulating. The SandRiders seemed to have passed, moving on to terrorize a new victim. With wobbly legs and shaking hands, I rose to my feet and turned to look out the window. I came face to face with a figure wearing a motorcycle helmet and gloves. A hand suddenly gripped my wrist, and that is when I fainted.



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Parent School Council will be April 10, 2018 at 7 p.m.

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# Fun-Raising

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## Dough Raiser



Lorne Akins will be taking part in Cobs Bread Dough Raiser Program.

All you have to do is say that you are raising dough for Lorne Akins and 5 % of the funds spent will be donated back to the school.

For more details call Cobs Bread at 780-458-9133 or pay them a visit at 212 2 Hebert Road, St Albert, AB T8N 5T8.

## Boston Pizza's School Earn Back



If you are a Boston Pizza lover, you could be raising funds for Lorne Akins!

When you eat at your local Boston Pizza, keep your original receipt and send it in with your child, or come in yourself and drop it off in the office.

Every receipt we receive we will earn 5% of the total spent.

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## What is going on in the Community?

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### Santana Dance Festival

Come out April 5-8 and cheer on friends at the Santana Dance Festival at The Arden Theatre. Tickets are \$8 per day or \$30 for a four-day pass.

### Mission Hill Gala Concert Ft. Dr. Demondrae Thurman

April 14<sup>th</sup> come to The Arden Theatre and watch one of the more formidable brass soloists.

### St. Albert Lifestyle Expo and Sale

April 20 - 22 come out to Servus Place and check out the Lifestyle Expo and Sale!

Single tickets: \$3

Weekend Pass: \$5

Kids 12 & Under: Free

Sr.'s Day at Expo (Apr. 20): Free

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### Spot the green Gator!

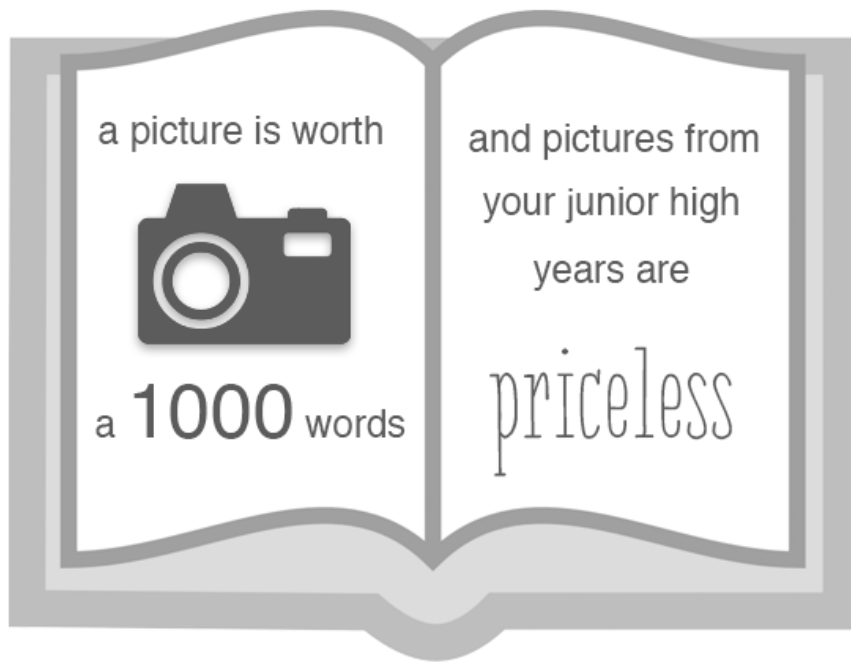
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The first parent/guardian of a student at Lorne Akins to spot the gator will win a gator care package!

If you have previously won, you are unable to win again.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1	2	3	4 First day back. Staff Meeting (Early Dismissal)	5 Gr. 9 Badminton Practice @ 7 am Gr. 8 Badminton Practice @ 3 pm	6 Gr. 7 Badminton Practice @ 7 am	7
8 Boys Rugby @ 3 pm Grade 7 Badminton Practice @ 3pm	9 Gr. 8 Badminton Practice @ 7 am Girls Rugby Practice @ 3 pm School Council meeting	10 Gr. 7 Badminton Practice @ 7 am Gr. 8 Badminton Practice @ 3 pm	11 Open house @ 7 pm Gr. 9 Badminton Practice Gr. 7 Badminton Practice @ 3 pm	12 Gr. 9 Badminton Practice @ 7 am	13 Gr. 7 Badminton Tourney @ Fort Sask. Gr. 9 Badminton Tourney @ Sherwood Park	14
15 Staff Professional Development Day (No Classes)	16	17	18 Term 2 Interim Reposts Available	19	20	21
22	23	24 Japanese Village Social Trip (8-1 & 8-3)	25	26	27	28
Badminton Singles Games Start @ 3:30						
29 Japanese Village Social Trip (8-4 & 8-5)	30					
Badminton Doubles Games start @ 3:30						