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Celebrating Hard Work

Congratulations to our students who made the Honours List for Term 1! The Honours list is an impressive group of students who achieved an overall Term 1 average of 80% or higher. We will also have our High Five students who have improved their overall average by 5% or greater since the first report card to consider for this term. The Honours List will be on display outside the office and a special luncheon is being planned for this sometime this month. Way to go honourees we're very proud of your achievements and you should be too!

As we move into Term 2, it will be important to set aside time

to do homework and study each day. With 50% of marks still to be earned, students will need to continue working hard both in and out of classroom, because before we know it time will creep up on us. This is also the time of year when we start the planning process for the 2018-2019 school year. With that in mind, we will be providing online registration for students going into Grade 8 and Grade 9 as a pilot this year. We are excited to explore new ways for students to advocate for their learning!! Stay tuned...

Sincerely,

Graham Jackson



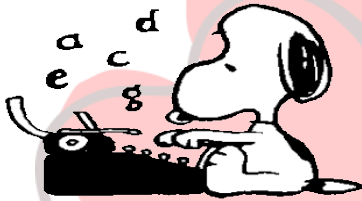


Gator Happenings

Gator Tails Writing Club

This month our Gator Tales students are working with a 'superhero' themed box, and we look forward to seeing some unique interpretations.

See page 3 for the chosen poem of the month.



Running Room Games

Running Room Games has started their practices to train for their competition March 17, 2018. Come on out and show your support at the Butterdome.



Chomp Council

We will be running a Valentine's Day Bake Sale at noon in support of the Stollery Children's Hospital on Wednesday February 14. A sibling of a student in our building is in need of heart surgery, so we are pulling together to help support a member of our extended Gator family. Baked goods will range from 50¢ up and there will also be hot chocolate for sale for 50¢ per glass.

Sports Shorts



Wrestling

Wrestling is coming to an end shortly after Provincials at St. Albert High this Saturday, February 10, 2018. Come on out and show your support!

Intramurals

Students are getting ready to duck, dip, dive, and dodge as they start dodge ball for intramurals during lunch hours.



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

Basketball

Come on out and show your support for our Sr. Teams this weekend, February 8-10 at the Tri Provincials at St. Albert High School.





Gator Tales Writing Club

(Continued)

The Hammer

By Sara



He held in his hand
The mighty hammer
The one that could destroy all
He felt the strength in his fist
It swelled up his arm
Giving him power that was his alone
The leather strap wound tightly around his wrist
He wielded the instrument with deadly force
And laughed in delight
As the tower of blocks
Tumbled to the kitchen floor
As the little boy
And the cardboard weapon
Clutched firmly in his chubby little fist
Squirmed joyfully
In his plastic highchair
His mighty hammer
The one that could destroy all



GatorSki

To make up for our cancelled GatorSki day (January 31) we have arranged for another date to replace the cancellation. The new date is March 14.

If this date does not work for you, please call the office at 780-460-3728 so we can issue a refund.



Parent School Council will be February 13, 2018

Fun-Raising



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 5% of the funds you spend 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 out at your local Boston Pizza, keep your original receipt and send it in with your child, or come in yourself to drop it off in the office. Every receipt we receive we will have 5% of the total spent donated to the school.

What's Going on In the Community

BAM

BAM is currently planning a BAM JAM (dance) for Jr. High students, which will be held on Friday February 16th from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at SACHS. The cost to attend is \$7 and the proceeds will be donated to a local charity.

Bellerose Open House

March 7 at 7 p.m. Bellerose High School will be hosting their Open house!

Paul Kane Open House

Paul Kane will be hosting their annual open house March 1 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Truth & Reconciliation Film and Discussion

Deepen your understanding of the current push towards reconciliation through the documentary Journey Towards Reconciliation February 26 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Sir George Simpson.

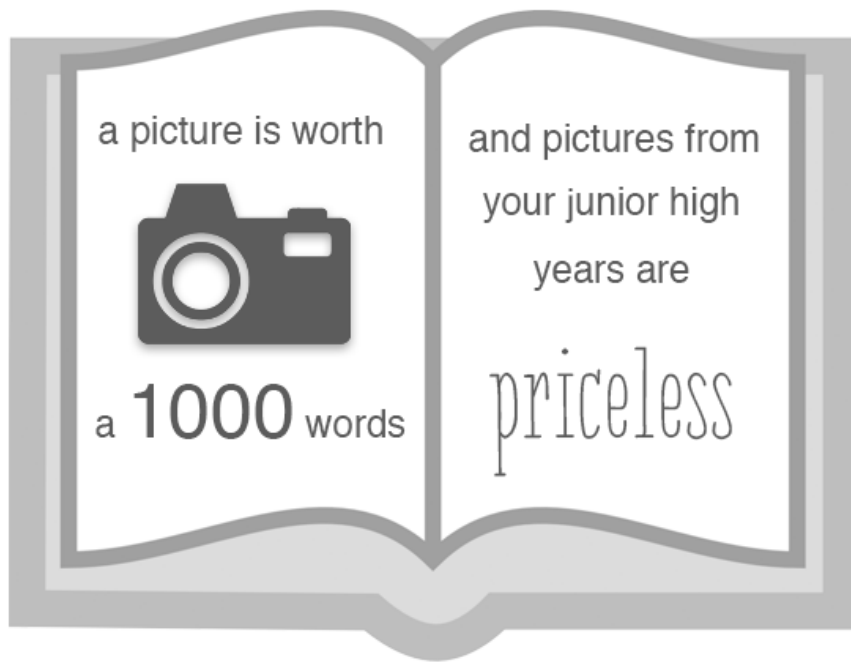
Spot the green Gator!

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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