

## June 2021

Dear Albert McMahon Families:

With the school year coming to a close, it is time to reflect on the past ten months. This school year was most definitely one of the most challenging in recent memory. We would like to thank our students and families for trusting our ability to keep everyone safe. Our kiddos were amazingly resilient and really rose to the occasion this year. Our hats go off to them!

While we are sad this year is coming to an end, we are happy that next year will look "near-normal". We aren't expecting to have to stay in learning cohorts, which will allow our students to see their friends, connect with older buddies, and volunteer more around the school. We expect assemblies to be a thing again, which will help with community building and shared celebrations. We also hope to have our wonderful parents back in the building, whether its for fundraising events or volunteering. One thing this pandemic has taught us is to not look ahead too far, and to expect the unexpected. So although we are hopeful for a "near-normal" September start-up, we know that our experience this year has equipped us with the skills to get-through any unexpected changes that may come in the summer. Regular updates on our school start-up will be communicated to parents by email throughout the summer.

Last but not least, I'd like to recognize the amazing work our staff have done this year. Through all of this, AME staff never lost sight of what is most important, our young learners. Although we couldn't have a normal year, staff

really thought outside the box to make the best of it. Our kiddos are really lucky to have such an amazing group of educators in their young lives.

So with all of that said, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer break. I hope it's filled with friends, family and hugs. If you have any questions over the summer, please do not hesitate to reach out via email.

Sincerely,  
Shane Sliziak, Principal

### **REMINDERS**

Please note the following dates:

**Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> - Grade 6 Grad**

**Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> - Grade 6 Visit to HMS**

**Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> - Year-End Virtual Assembly**

**Report Cards Go Home**

**Last Day of School**

**Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - First Day Back to School**

### **2021/2022 CALENDAR**

Enclosed in the newsletter is the calendar for the 2021/2022 School Year. The first day of school will be on **Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** (until 11:00 am). All students will return to their classrooms from the 2020/21 school year on the first day back to school and will remain there for the first few days of return. Staff will meet in the afternoon of the first day to review class lists. Once lists are finalized, they will be posted for families so that students can start their new classrooms near the end of the week. We hope this first week transition from old to new classrooms goes quickly and smoothly.

## MOVING OVER THE SUMMER?



Just a reminder that if you are planning to move from our area over the summer months, please let us know. This knowledge will assist us greatly for our September planning as accurate enrollment can really assist staffing decisions.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADE 6's

At this time, we must bid farewell to our Grade Sixes We wish them well and look forward to seeing their names on the Honour Rolls! We hope they will stop in and say hello and let us know how they are doing. Congratulations and good luck in the years to come!

## 2020-21 FINAL REPORT CARDS

Final report cards will be distributed on the last day of school, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at the end of the day. Please take a moment to review with your son or daughter. Report card envelopes do not need to be returned. If your child is not in attendance on the last day of school, reports can be picked up from the office upon request for up to 5 days after the last day of school. Please keep in mind, July 1<sup>st</sup> is a stat holiday and the school will be closed.

## 2021-22 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supply lists for next year will be included in report card envelopes on the last day of school. It will also include instructions on how to order from Staples if families would like this option. Supply lists can also be found on our school website.

## PLANNER CONTEST

We are happy to announce that four students won our planner contest. We selected 2 covers from primary and 2 covers from intermediate. All 4 covers will be showcased on our planners next year. Amelie from Div 10, Eowyn from Div 8, Rathan from Div 5 and Sophie from Div 4 were our winners! They all did an amazing job!



## VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW

An email was sent earlier this week regarding our virtual talent show. We will have three showings available to parents between Wed.-Fri. of this week with morning, afternoon and evening times. Please see this email for more details and Zoom links. We have some really talented kids here! Thank you parents for your help with submissions. A special thanks to Mr. Nguyen and Ms. van der Loos for their work with this. A reminder to parents, please do not record the Zoom showings.

## NEW GYM MURAL

We would like to thank PAC and our Indigenous Education Department for their financial support of a new mural that has gone up in our gym. Students have just finished adding their initials to the mural to signify their belonging to Albert McMahan. We will have an official mural unveiling ceremony when we come back in September, likely at our first Welcome Back assembly. We are excited to show it off to the community!