
Alexandria Avenue School Parent Newsletter

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Letter From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year. You have sent us the best children in the District to work with! Our test scores for 1998-99 show great improvement in student learning. Our teachers are proud of the hard work the students did and their own teaching accomplishments. Our Kindergarten students from last year, entered the first grade as beginning readers! We still lead the District in the uses of technology and computers in the education of your child. All of our accomplishments are the result of parents, teachers, administrators, and all school staff working together to provide the best education possible for your child.



We continue to be unable to offer education at Alexandria for all who live in our area. We are sending students who have enrolled late to Logan Elementary, White House Primary and Mountain View Elementary Schools. Please make sure your child is in school every day. It is impossible to hold space for students when they leave the school for ten or more days.

Our school district has declared that all students will meet grade level skills this year or not progress to the next grade level in 2000-2001 school year. Our teachers have been working hard to make sure the lessons they teach stress the skills your child will be expected to show they know on the test given in March-April of this year.

We need your help:

Make sure your child comes to school every day.

Make sure they are in the classroom at 8:00 a.m. for grades 1-5.

Make sure they do the homework given them by the teacher.

Send your child to intersession and after school classes if they are invited.

I know that together we can help your child succeed. Please read the attached information and be aware of your child's school schedule. The parent booklet you receive will help you with District information as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol A. Labrow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C".

Carol A. Labrow, Principal

School Information



Safety Tips

The safety of your child is of deep concern to all of us. Safe pedestrian practices are discussed in the classrooms, but you can do much to help us by teaching your child to cross streets at the corners and in the crosswalks.

Please develop with your child a safe route to school from your home. We have attached a map for your convenience. Children should walk to the traffic light at Normandie and Oakwood Avenues and not cross at Normandie and Rosewood Avenues.

Crossing guards will be on duty at Rosewood and Alexandria Avenues, and Oakwood and Alexandria Avenues. These intersections, and others with signals or boulevard stops, should be selected whenever possible as an additional safeguard. When bringing your child by car, please remember there is no double parking allowed on the streets around the school. Pull to the curb in a vacant space and let your child out next to the school grounds. Do not allow your child to cross in the middle of the street.

The crossing guards' hours are as follows:

7:00 a.m.	to	8:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.	to	1:15 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	to	3:45 p.m.

Please do not send your child with money to buy ice cream or other items from the carts or trucks which sell these items. They are an extreme danger to students. They attract the children who frequently run in front of cars to reach the ice cream or candy vendors.

Alexandria is a closed campus. No adult is allowed on campus without checking in at the Office first. We welcome school volunteers to assist on the lunch benches and with supervision.

Emergency Cards

Under state law, every pupil must have an up-to-date emergency card on file. This is done at the beginning of every new school year. This card must have all lines completed. Please include the names of all persons who may pick up your child. A student may not be released to anyone whose name is not on the emergency card. A list may be attached to the card.

Your child will bring home a blank emergency card for you to fill out. Please return it on the next school day. Failure to do so may result in your child's enrollment being cancelled.

Street Vendors

We need your assistance in keeping the street vendors away from the school area. The law states that all street vendors must be at least 500 feet away from the school. The street vendors will continue to station themselves around the school if you and the children continue to buy from them; this causes crowding on the sidewalks and on the streets. Our concern is for the safety of all our students. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Release of Pupils

We are not permitted to release any pupil to leave the school grounds other than at dismissal times unless he/she is picked up from the Office by a parent, guardian, or someone designated on the emergency card. The parent, guardian or designated person must provide identification such as a driver's license. Again, this is done to ensure absolute security for your child.



SCHOOL FACTS

School Hours

Instruction begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. for Grades 1-5. The gate closes at 8:00 a.m. Please be certain that your child is in school on time.

Kindergarten hours are different than those of the rest of the students. They are as follows:

Morning Classes 7:50 a.m. to 11:31 a.m.
Afternoon Classes 11:35 a.m. to 3:16 p.m.

Please pick up your child on time.

Pupil Absence

Every time your child is absent, the school must verify the reason. For every unverified absence, Alexandria loses money.

Your child's teacher must receive a note from you explaining the reason for any absence when your child returns to school. Please notify the school by phone the first day of absence in the morning after 7:30 a.m. The school will verify absences by phone or in person when students miss classes. Excused absences are granted when the child is absent due to illness, doctor's appointment, death in the family, or to receive immunizations.

School Office Hours

The school office will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Parents wishing to leave a message or ask questions may call during those times.

After School Playground

The playground will be open each school day under the supervision of the playground supervisors from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day. Please remember that the playground is permissive. There is no way for the playground supervisors to ensure that your child does not leave the yard. The supervisors' job is to provide organized play activities for the children.

Emergency Procedures

Our school has developed a schoolwide Safe Schools Plan which includes emergency procedures for fire, earthquake and civil disturbance. Every student is taught, trained and prepared for an emergency situation while in school. There are classroom and schoolwide earthquake and fire drills which are held on a regular basis. In the event of an earthquake or a civil disturbance, all students will remain on the school grounds, under the supervision of the classroom teacher, until a parent or legal guardian comes to the school and takes the child. Please be sure to develop an emergency plan for your family and have enough supplies to get you through at least the first 72 hours after a major city emergency. There's a good chance that traditional emergency response teams will be too busy to take care of you and your family. You need to prepare your home and neighborhood.

Lost and Found

Please put your child's name on his/her sweaters, coats, lunch boxes and any other item brought to school. Lost-and-found items are kept in baskets outside of Room 9.

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