

Alf Cuthbert School Community Report 2017-2018



LAKESHORE
SCHOOL DIVISION

Mission Statement

“The Alf Cuthbert School community commits itself to providing a quality educational program in a safe, caring, and respectful environment so that each student, through positive participation, can excel to the best of his/her ability, in our ever-changing global society.”



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About Our School

Alf Cuthbert School is a K-8 school with 86 students. We have seven teachers, five Educational Assistants, one Secretary/Librarian, and two Custodial staff. We also host a three-year old program and a four-year old program.

Our classrooms are combined classes except for Kindergarten. All classes implement a variety of interventions to support all students in the classroom.

Students are active in a variety of sports; basketball, volleyball, curling, baseball and soccer. The arts are a priority at Alf Cuthbert School. Students participate in music, dance, mime, and drama. Students were involved in wellness days that allowed them to focus on ways to keep themselves healthy.



School Highlights

In June, the Grade 7/8 shared their learning of the Medieval times with the staff and students. They recreated a Medieval Feast and Fair. Students dressed in appropriate costume of the time, made stained glass windows, swords/shields, kites, and necklaces.

The 7/8s with the help of some 5/6 students, role played a medieval feast. A head table consisting of King Logan Gunther, Queen Brenna Nickel, their children Princess Joan of the Tower (Maria Osmond), Princess Eleanor of Woodstock (Riley Oswald), Prince Edward III (Desmond Thomas) and their friends Margaret of Bohemia Dutchess of Wroclaw (Crystal Price), and Philosopher William of Ockham (Kalder McPherson). Bryce Kalden acted as the Guardian of the King with his knights (RJ O'Sullivan and Daniel Olson). The visitors were entertained by the jesters, Darby Pischke and Leah Monias as well as Minstrel Warrick Gunther. Thank you to the servers: Chardonnay Veroneau, Samantha Kopp, Ashley Meisner and Katherine Gagaluk. Anna Osmond played the role of Fairy Godmother of SS and Kierra Hickman entered the Medieval Age while going to get a baseball glove before going to write a SS test. The meal consisted of fresh vegetables, cheese, bread, chicken legs and cookies with fruit cocktail.

The students spent the afternoon participating in games: kite flying, playing marbles, archery, hammer throw, sword fighting, guessing game and juggling as well as hoops and sticks, and hopscotch.

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Thank you to our Parent Advisory Council who have purchased a Gaga Pit for the students to use during recess. Mr. Chartrand and the shops students at ACS have built the pit. Our students love it!

The grade 5/6 class attended Camp Arnes from June 4-6. They enjoyed a wonderful experience of horse back riding, wall climbing, ziplining, swimming and created many memories. This also gave them an opportunity to meet the Grade 5/6 from ACS.

Students in K-8 learned how to drum using African drums through the Artist in the School program. Jay Stoller spent a week with us. Each classroom learned a variety of drumming techniques and then demonstrated their learning at an assembly open to the community.

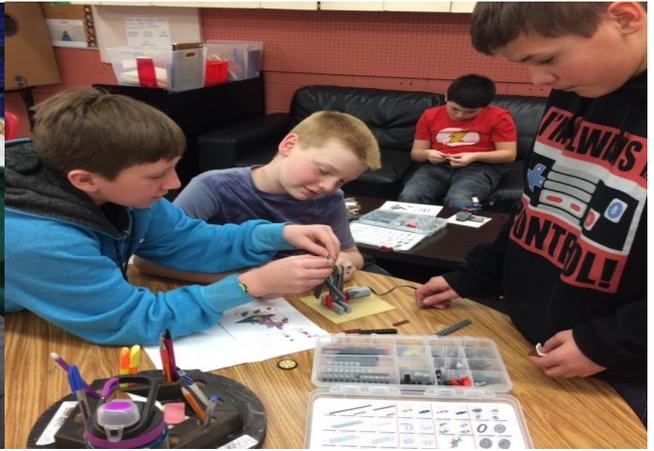
Each year, the Grade 7/8 class participates in the Young Writer's Poetry Anthology. This year 11 of 12 students were published authors.

Grade 5/6 students visited the Moosehorn Museum to learn about the first settlers to the surrounding area. They also learned a lot about their family trees and roots to the area.

The Grade 1/2 math students performed math songs at the Monday morning assembly.

Students in Grades 5-8 attended the Festival du Voyageur in Winnipeg. The students were introduced to a variety of music, food and culture from the time of the Voyageurs.

Congratulations to Mrs. Shannon on her retirement after 33 years of teaching. We send warm wishes to Mrs. Granberg and Mrs. Gibson on their new positions. Thank you to Mrs. Dreger who taught with us this year.



Goal #1:

Which interventions will best support our students gain at least one year's growth or grow to grade level in reading before June 2018?

This year, we were introduced to a variety of interventions to support students' reading through PD and divisional consultants. Staff had opportunities to learn about the interventions and receive support implementing the interventions through modeling by divisional and external consultants. We used assessment tools to dig deeper into the gaps that students were faced with. We were then able to focus teaching strategies to support those gaps. This has led to students closing the learning gaps across the grades. Teachers will now plan into next year of using these strategies from the beginning of the year with students.

Ninety percent of our students are reading at or above grade level. Ninety percent of our students gained 1 or more years growth.

Goal #2

Which interventions will best support our students gain at least one year's growth or grow to grade level in foundational math skills before June 2018?

Our divisional numeracy consultant spent time with each teacher around the foundational quizzes and supported/modeled lessons with teachers and students. Staff attended numeracy PD and implemented new understandings into their classrooms. All teachers of Alf Cuthbert School will attend PD with Carol Fullerton during the 2018-2019 school year. This will continue to build a common understanding of concepts that can be built on from class to class. A new understanding of using manipulatives to ensure students have a clear understanding of a concept has strengthened teachers skills in math that they are now passing onto their students.

