



Attendance Variance

Families with children living outside the school's catchment area are required to complete a variance form **each school year**. If your child currently attends Alwin Holland and you live outside our catchment area, please stop by the office and complete a variance form. Attendance variances are approved on a yearly basis provided there is space available. Variances are usually granted in late August.

Sports

Thanks to everyone who worked to make the School District Track Meet a success. Our track team placed 4th in the district at the meet. Congratulations to Mrs. Gladysz and our track team! Thanks also to all those who helped out at Primary Fun Day. It lived up to its name.

Class Composition

There are a number of factors which we consider each year when we develop classes. For a more detailed description of how we assign students to classes, please visit our website at www.holland.prn.bc.ca and go to FAQ. Because so many factors go into developing our new learning groups for the next school year, it is very difficult to make changes once class assignments are made. Therefore, if you have special information about your child that you would like us to take into consideration when we assign classes, please let the school know as soon as possible. Please note that the original deadline for written information/requests regarding class assignments was Wednesday, June 6th. We will take your information into consideration as we develop classes, but cannot promise that all requests will be honoured for reasons that will become apparent if you read the information on our website.

Calendar for 2008-2009

Please find attached a copy of the School District No. 60 Adopted School Calendar for 2008/2009.

We have enjoyed our first year with all of you at Alwin Holland. If you have any questions or concerns about anything to do with the school, please call us at 785-6125.

Sincerely,
 Lilly Frey
 Principal

Jason Gill
 Vice Principal

Information for Fall 2008

My child(ren), _____,

will not be attending Alwin Holland next year.

We will be moving

- To another school in the Fort St. John area (School District #60) _____
- To a school within British Columbia _____
- Out of province _____

Signature _____

Thanks for providing us with the above information which helps us do our planning at Alwin Holland and also helps the school district with their planning.

Alwin Holland's Bell Schedule for 2008/2009

Please find on the other side a copy of next year's bell schedule. There is only one minor change: our final bell will go one minute later than last year at 2:46.

PAC News

The PAC meeting tentatively scheduled for tonight has been cancelled as school staff have other commitments. The next PAC meeting will be in September.

Alwin Holland Memorabilia

Alwin Holland pens, pencils, lanyards, t-shirts (adult and child), and carry bags are all on sale as part of a PAC fundraising drive. Please call Brenda Sampson @ 785-4979 or visit the office if you'd like to purchase any of these. All items will be on sale at our final assembly.

Final Year End Assembly

Our final assembly of the year will be held on Thursday, June 26th from about 10:30 to 11:30 am. Many students will be recognized for their final term accomplishments at the assembly. As well, we will also be recognizing several members of our Grade 7 group with the traditional awards.

Plans for Next Year 2008-2009

Planning for next year is well under way. In order for us to make the most accurate projections about student numbers, we appreciate knowing if families are moving in or out of our attendance area. If your child(ren) will be in grade 1 to 7 next year but will not be attending Alwin Holland, please call the school or fill out the form at the bottom of the newsletter and return it to the school by Friday at 3:00 pm.

Website

For other information about Alwin Holland and for pictures of our recent events, please check out our website at www.holland.prn.bc.ca

ALWIN HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Bell Schedule 2008/09

8:30	Playground supervision begins
8:50	Students enter the school and go to their classrooms
8:55	Instruction begins
10:30	Recess begins
10:43	Recess end warning bell
10:45	Recess end – instruction begins
12:00	Lunch bell - students who stay at the school for lunch are expected to eat in their classrooms.
12:20	Students go outside for the remainder of the lunch break.
12:40	Lunch end warning bell - students are to come in, get drinks, use the washroom, and prepare for the afternoon.
12:45	Afternoon instruction begins.
2:46	Final announcements. Students will be dismissed by their teachers.
3:06	Playground supervision ends.
3:20	For security and safety reasons, all doors to the school building are locked except for front entrance.



School District No. 60 (Peace River North)
Adopted Local School Calendar
2008/2009

School Calendar Information & Non-Instructional Days	Adopted District Dates
Number of Days of Instruction	183
Schools Open	September 2, 2008
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D – Schools)	September 26, 2008
Thanksgiving Day	October 13, 2008
Non-Instructional Day Pro-D – (Province)	October 24, 2008
Remembrance Day	November 11, 2008
Early Dismissal Day	December 3, 2008
Early Dismissal Day	December 4, 2008
Non-Instructional Day (Parent-Teacher Interviews)	December 5, 2008
Christmas Vacation Period	December 22, 2008 – January 2, 2009
Schools reopen after Christmas Vacation	January 5, 2009
Non-Instructional Day Pro-D (District)	February 20, 2009
Non-Instructional Day (Report Writing)	March 13, 2009
Early Dismissal Day	March 25, 2009
Early Dismissal Day	March 26, 2009
Spring Vacation Period/District Closure Days	March 30, 2009 – April 9, 2009
Good Friday	April 10, 2009
Easter Monday	April 13, 2009
Schools reopen after Spring Vacation/District Closure Days	April 14, 2009
Non-Instructional Day (School Planning Day)	May 8, 2009
Victoria Day	May 18, 2009
Last day for Students	June 25, 2009
Administrative Day – Schools Close	June 26, 2009