



# Alpenglow Weekly Acorn

October 4, 2024



## THIS WEEK'S Spotlight: Using our Tools

Hello Families,

It was lovely to see our students participating in the Bus Safety session on Tuesday this week. Check in with your child about what they learned about how to safely ride the school bus. At Alpenglow we are working on a shared understanding of school behavior. All classes have discussed and had input into a matrix we are building that will allow our team to have shared language and expectations around behavior. We have centered our conversations around “I am safe”, “I am kind” and “I am a learner”. Ask your child to tell you what these each mean at Alpenglow. We will share the whole matrix with you after we finalize it with our students.

## **Alpenglow School Council October 10th 7pm CCHS library**

The School Council meeting is open to all parents and is a great opportunity for you to find out about the day to day happenings at the school. It's also a great place to ask questions, get to know other families and help support our school. We do require quorum at this month's meeting so we would be grateful if one member of each family at Alpenglow could try to join us.

### **School Photos**

If your child missed having their school photo taken on September 23rd, retake day is scheduled for October 8th. Please email [info@alpenglowschool.ca](mailto:info@alpenglowschool.ca) if you are able to help on **October 8th for photo re-take day.**

### **Truth and Reconciliation Monday October 7th 2024@ 1pm Back Field**

Alpenglow will recognize Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day on October 7th at 1pm on our back field. In case of poor weather we will be in the theater. Parents are welcome to join us. We will welcome Eli Snow as our MC along with his drumming group. Some of our Indigenous students from CCHS and Alpenglow will be dancing to honor children lost to residential schools, the sixties scoop and other colonial policies in Canada. We thank them for sharing this special ceremony with us. The theme this year for Truth and Reconciliation is "Taking Truth to Action". Alpenglow administration has worked with our Indigenous Services Coordinator and the Knowledge Keepers who work with our Division to make the following year long commitments to reconciliation:

- ❖ **Explore and Teach:** Collaboration with Exshaw: Sharing Our Culture, Land and Language. Sharing expertise on and about the land in Exshaw and Canmore
- ❖ **Recognize:** Include Knowledge Keepers in preparing for collaboration sessions by positioning students as experts depending on the location of each session
- ❖ **Teach/Understand:** Library themed reading sessions and research writing focused on positioning Indigenous heroes as Canadian heroes
- ❖ **Explore:** Integrating Indigenous stories (Waldorf pedagogy) into traditional Alpenglow events (Stone Soup, OLC trips, Martinmas, Winterfest, Springfest, Candle dipping, felting, handwork)
- ❖ **Take action:** Teach basic Iyarhe Nakoda words at each assembly and used them in classrooms throughout the month

### **Reminders:**

Please ensure that you have updated your demographic information that was sent via email on August 27th 2024. This demographic form asks for updates of important contact information that allows us to contact you in case of an emergency. It also includes Division FOIP permissions which are important for us to be able to continue sending photos out in our weekly newsletters! Thank you for updating this form as soon as possible.

Have a great week!

Ms. Preece, Principal

Ms. Keon, Assistant Principal

Important Links

[Alpenglow 2024-25 Parent Handbook](#)

[CRPS Website](#)

[ACES \(Alpenglow Community Education Society\) Website](#)