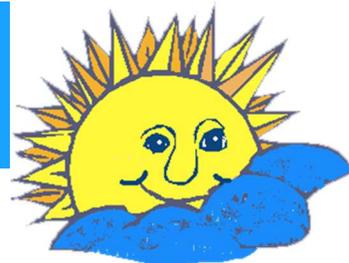


# Alvey Elementary School Newsletter

October 2017



*At Alvey We S.H.I.N.E. Self-Control~Honesty~Independence~Neatness~Engagement*

## A NOTE FROM MRS. MACERELLI

Thank you for a fantastic first month of school! We have enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces back at Alvey, as well as meeting many new students and families. Our teachers and staff have been working very hard to get the students back into school routines, and have set the tone for another fantastic school year! We have many volunteer opportunities and would love to see you in our building!

## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPDATE

This summer a team from PWCS came out to survey our land and determine if we have space to add additional playground equipment. This was done in response to parent and student survey responses asking for additional playground equipment. The results of the survey indicate that there is no additional space on our property in which playground equipment can be placed. The back field behind the school is owned by the Prince William Park Authority and is used for sporting events. Directly in front of the fields are posts with electricity, in the case that the school would ever need trailers. The spot to the right of the posts is the drainage ditch for the field. The last spot available was a grassy area on a grade to the right of the stairs, which also was found to have electricity and pipes running underneath it. We had greatly hoped to be able to add to our playground this year!

## October 2017

- October 4- Walk to School Day
- October 9- Teacher Workday/No School
- October 10, 6:00pm- Advisory Council  
7:00pm- PTO Meeting
- October 11- Interims Home
- October 11- Spirit Night at Chipotle
- October 20- Spirit Day- Pink Out!
- October 26, 6:00pm- Family Science Night
- October 27, 7:00pm- Bingo

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## WATCH D.O.G.S.

We are beyond excited to have the WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) return to Alvey beginning October 2! Please look for communication and a link for dads to sign-up coming in the next day or two!



## PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Alvey Advisory Council is comprised of teachers and parents who meet monthly with Mrs. Macerelli and Mrs. Holcomb to share their input about how to continually improve our school. This is a forum in which suggestions are shared, which impact instructional programs, the budget, the school environment, and the direction of school initiatives. All meetings are open to any school community member and we welcome your participation. The committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in the school library. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00pm.

## FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

Join us at Alvey for Family Science Night on Thursday, October 26 from 6-8pm, brought to you by the Children's Science Center .

Activities include: *Castle Geometry: Math in 3D!*, *Are you My Baby?: Animal Adaptations*, *How Slow Can You Go?: Defying Gravity*, *Fingerprint Analysis: Forensic Science* and *Shrink Me!: Taking Metric Measurements* among many others! Students will be participating in these hands-on experiments, specially designed to provoke interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects.



## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Please join us for National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 4! In an effort to promote health and environmental awareness, we encourage as many families as possible to walk or bike to school. Meet Mrs. Macerelli, Mrs. Holcomb, and Alvey staff on the corner of Dominion Valley Dr. and Waverly Farm Dr. at 7:45am on October 4th to walk to school!