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Hi Alderson Families,

Today after school, Ms. Lau and I are heading over to Como Lake for the Como Lake Relays!! We will be cheering on the students who are representing Alderson for this event. Thanks to Ms. Lau for training our students so they are ready for this event. For those planning to attend the Como Lake Relays, we kindly request that you leave your canine companions at home. The event is expected to be highly attended, with numerous participants and spectators, and the safety and comfort of all attendees is our priority.

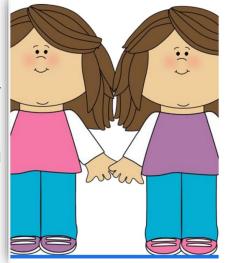
Please remember that:

TOMORROW is a Professional Development Day

After School playground use & school washrooms:

With the nicer weather families are making use of the playground after school hours. It is wonderful for your child to spend this time playing. Please understand that the front doors of our school are open until 3:30—if your child need to use the washroom before heading home please bring them to the front doors of the school. After 3:30 if your child needs to use the washrooms you will need to take them home. School washrooms are closed for cleaning at that time in preparation for after school groups and the following day of instruction.

Also, our teachers are busy in their classrooms preparing for the next day. If there is an emergency (injury etc) we are happy to help, but teachers are often interrupted for washroom use at this time of year which makes it difficult for them to get their planning done. Thanks ahead for your understanding.



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Daily Health Check

Please keep your child home if they are ill and unable to participate fully in routine activities.

SPIRIT DAYS

Supported by the Leadership Club

- APRIL 26TH TWIN OR TRIPLET DAY
- DRESS LIKE A FRIEND (OR FRIENDS)
- · HOW CAN YOU MATCH?
- MAY 31ST BACKWARDS DAY
- WEAR YOUR CLOTHING BACKWARDS
- JUNE 26TH CANADA GEAR DAY
- WEAR YOUR "CANADA" CLOTHING OR RED AND WHITE

Upcoming Events....

Friday, April 19	Professional Development Day (School is closed for Students)
Friday, April 26	Twin Day—dress up like a twin or triplet with friends!
Thursday, May 2	Class and Panoramic Photo Day
Wednesday, May 8	Connect to Kindergarten (2024-25 Kindergarten Students) Please note: Current Kindergarten Students will be dismissed at 12:40 on this day.
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day—Schools are Closed
Thursday, May 23	Track and Field Event
Friday, May 24	PAC Carnival!!
Tuesday, May 28 @ 1:30-2:30	Parent Appreciation Event
Friday, May 31	Backward Day—wear your clothes backwards!!
Monday, June 3	Professional Development Day (School is closed for Students)

School Calendar

There is an overview of the main school dates for the year on our website. Please visit our school website to download a copy. Direct Link: Alderson Calendar and Bell Schedule 2023-24

Please also check our ecalendar for a complete list of future dates:

www.sd43.bc.ca/school/alderson/Calendar

2024-25 School Year Registration

If you are planning to have your child attend a different school next year, it is important that you register at that school right away. During April school districts assign staff. Once staff has been assigned there is always a chance that a school will not have space for your child. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending Alderson in September.

It is still possible to register your child for Kindergarten if you have not done so yet. Please understand that we cannot guarantee that we can accommodate late registrations. For information about how to register please visit the district website: New Student Registration

<u>Refundable Recycling</u>

Please remember to take your refundables to Return-It and use the following number to support Division 2's year-long fundraiser for charity and their year-end celebration

Locations: https://www.return-it.ca/locations/express/

School Account Phone Number: 777 888-7788

Alderson-PAC

All parents in our community are automatically members of the PAC (Parent advisory council).

PAC Meeting
Tuesday, June 11 @ 6:00
Alderson Library

Also, be sure to follow our Alderson PAC Face-book page so you are informed about PAC is initiatives: https://www.facebook.com/
AldersonElementary/





Hot Lunch

You can order for the PAC Hot Lunches here:



We are always looking for volunteers to help with hot lunches, if you are available, please let them know through Munchalunch, or email the PAC: aldersonschoolpac@gmail.com

New lunches added to Munch-a-lunch

New Menus have been added to munch-a-lunch. These include **TREAT DAYS** which will be distributed at the end of the school day to each classroom. The first hot lunch scheduled for spring is April 4th (Hot dog day). Please pay attention to the deadlines.

Please note - we CANNOT accept late orders as we have to submit to our suppliers.

Thank you for supporting our school!!

If you need help ordering, please email us at: aldersonschoolpac@gmail.com

If you would like your child to participate in this but do not have the funds to do so at this time please email sdryer@sd43.bc.ca



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ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!





As per previous years, Photo Expressions will be creating our 2023/2024 yearbook - capturing the highlights of this school year. These soft cover yearbooks are in colour and will include all grades.

The PAC will be *gifting a yearbook to every grade 5 student* as a way to look back on all the wonderful memories they shared in their final year at Alderson. Therefore, *grade 5 students* **DO NOT need to place an order.**

Yearbooks are available for purchase for \$15 (tax inclusive)

Please place your order online at https://plicbooks.ca/go/55TALT
Yearbooks will be delivered to the school, free of charge. When ordering, please select "No Shipping"



Order deadline is: Friday, May 31, 20234

Feel free to email <u>aldersonschoolpac@gmail.com</u> for any questions.

Place Maillardville

Farewell to Place Maillardville Society

Unfortunately we need to bid a heartfelt farewell to Place Maillardville Society, a cornerstone of our community that has provided enriching afterschool, winter, spring break, and summer camp programs for our children. We want to thank them for their dedication and service to our community — they will be greatly missed.

Looking Ahead: Summer Camp Alternatives

Many families each year signed their children up for camps through Place Maillardville so we wanted to provide some information about other alternatives for our children to learn, play, and grow during the summer:

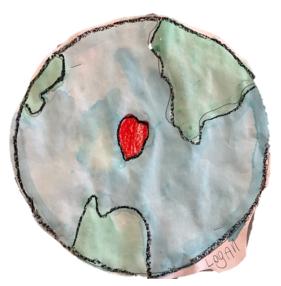
- School District 43 Summer Camps: The SD43 website will soon update with information on summer camps hosted at various schools within the district. Keep an eye out for these announcements.
- City of Coquitlam Recreation Centres: A variety of summer camps are available through the city's recreation centers. For more details and registration, visit Coquitlam Recreation.
- Family Assistance Recreation Program: Families participating in this program can apply their \$225 credit towards the cost of summer camps, ensuring that fun and learning are accessible to all.
- Place Des Arts Art Camps: For the creatively inclined, Place Des Arts offers art-based summer camps. Explore the range of activities and register at Place Des Arts.

As information about camp options come out our attention we will include them in this newsletter.









Join the Free Kicks Soccer Program!

SHARE is excited to offer **Free Kicks**, a complimentary soccer program for families and individuals who are new to Canada. This is a fantastic chance to connect with other families, make new friends, and enjoy the spirit of soccer.

Registration: Please register in advance to secure your spot. You can find the registration form here. If you encounter any language barriers, assistance will be available to help you with the registration process.

Take care,

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