

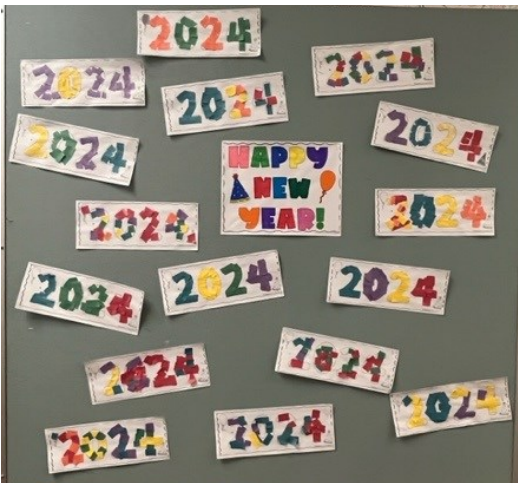


Hi Alderson Families,

We have had a busy week back especially with the interesting weather situation. Today we kept the students inside all day due to the low temperatures. Please understand that this is not our usual practice. Currently the forecast is predicting snow for Tuesday next week but the temperature will be more usual for this time of year. Please make sure your child is well dressed so they can enjoy their time outside.

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Daily Health Check

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

2024-2025 School Registration

If you have a child who was **born in 2019** it is nearly time to register for Kindergarten!! Please pass the information above along to any friends you have whose child will be starting school in September. Registering during registration week ensures that we are able to prepare our school for the correct number of students, and that we know about any special support the children coming to school in September will need. Please see more information about registration on page 2 of this newsletter.

You can find more information about the registration process and the documents we require on the School District website. Here is a direct link to that page: [Registration Information](#)

Upcoming Events....

Monday, January 22	PAC meeting @ 6:00 on Teams
Monday, January 29	Professional Development Day (school is closed for students)
Wednesday, February 7	Early Dismissal (at 1:50) for Student-Led Conferences
Thursday, February 8	
Friday, February 9	Movie Night
Friday, February 23	Professional Development Day (school is closed for students)
Wednesday, February 28	Pink Shirt Day

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

2024-2025 STUDENT REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 11	FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN A PROGRAM OF CHOICE (POC) KINDERGARTEN & LATE POC APPLICATION OPENS AT 9 AM
JANUARY 17	KINDERGARTEN & LATE POC APPLICATION CLOSSES AT 4 PM
FEBRUARY 6-8	KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS OF CHOICE
(FOR STUDENTS 5 YEARS OLD BY DEC 2024)

- FRENCH IMMERSION
- MANDARIN BILINGUAL
- MONTESSORI
- REGGIO INFLUENCED

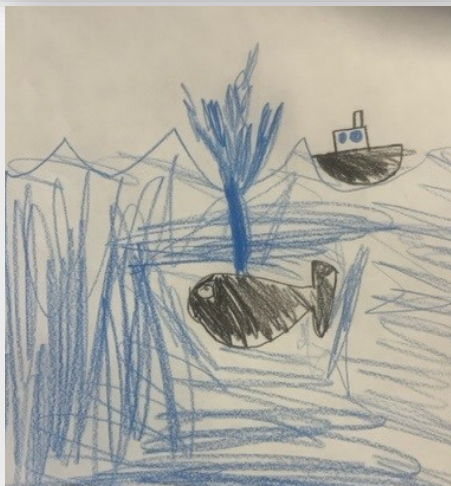
LATE PROGRAMS OF CHOICE
(FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6 IN SEPT 2024)

- FRENCH IMMERSION
- MONTESSORI

REGISTRATION LINKS WILL BE POSTED ON THE
MAIN SD43.BC.CA WEBSITE

Student-Led Conferences

On February 7th and 8th we will be having Student-Led Conferences. Students will be dismissed one hour early on those days to provide their teachers with some time to conduct these conferences. Your child's teacher(s) will let you know how conferences will work in their classrooms. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher. You can find their email address in the staff directory on our website.



2024-2025 STUDENT REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 9	CROSS CATCHMENT APPLICATION OPENS AT 9 AM
FEBRUARY 14	CROSS CATCHMENT APPLICATION CLOSSES AT 4 PM

CROSS CATCHMENT

FOR STUDENTS WHO WISH TO
ATTEND ANOTHER SCHOOL
OUTSIDE THEIR CATCHMENT AREA

LEARN MORE:
SD43.BC.CA/CROSSCATCHMENT

REGISTRATION LINKS WILL BE POSTED ON THE
MAIN SD43.BC.CA WEBSITE

Alderson PAC

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

PAC Meeting
Monday, January 22
6:00 online (Teams)

If you would like a link to join the meeting on Teams please email aldersonschoolpac@gmail.com and a link will be sent to you.

Also, be sure to follow our Alderson PAC Facebook page so you are informed about PAC initiatives: <https://www.facebook.com/AldersonElementary/>



Hot Lunch

You can order for the PAC Hot Lunches here:

[Click 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

A big thanks to our PAC for running this hot lunch program. Happy ordering!

Orders are due by:

- **Wednesday, January 24th at 11pm for Subway**
- **Friday, February 9th at 11pm for Hot Dogs**
- **Thursday, February 22nd at 10am for Pizza Pizza**
- **Thursday, March 7th at 10am for Red Robin**

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

Refundable Recycling

Division 2 is working on fundraising by processing the refundable recycling for our school. If you would like to contribute to their efforts you can donate your refundables by dropping them off at a local return-it depot.

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

Simply put all your donations into a blue recycling bag, go to the express kiosk and enter the school account phone number:

777 888-7788

The money they raise will be used to donate to a charity and for a year-end celebration.



Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities – Everyone Welcome!

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/ sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding the use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Please click on the link below to view the dates and to register:
[erase Family Sessions](#)

Take care,

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