

Hi Alderson Families,

Our second week of classes went well and all our students are quickly settling into their new learning environments. This year we have added another classroom!!

We want to welcome some new staff members:

- **Ms. Ally Wakeling** is teaching Grade 4/5 (Division 2)
- **Ms. Natasha Morley-Brigden** is teaching Grade 2/3 (Division 5) until Ms. Harts-horn returns following her maternity leave
- **Ms. Leah Bosello** is our new counsellor. She is at Alderson on Wednesdays
- Welcome back to one of our EAs—**Ms. Amanda Pughe**—who has returned from maternity leave.

To contact your child's teacher or other staff members please see the "Staff Direc-tory" on our website: sd43.bc.ca/school/Alderson. Our Staff Directory is under the "Staff" tab.

Next week our **Kindergarten students** will begin attending school full time!!

Thursday is a big day for us— In the afternoon we have our **Terry Fox Run**. After school you can come to **meet your child's teacher** and visit their classroom from 3:00-4:00. After that you can head to the outdoor basketball court area for our **PAC Picnic**. Please take this opportunity to meet our PAC and ask about opportuni-ties for you to become involved at Alderson. Thanks to our PAC for hosting this tra-ditional kick-off for the school year!!

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Daily Health Check

Please keep your child home if they are ill and unable to par-ticipate fully in routine activi-ties.

Your cooperation with keeping your child home from school when they are ill protects other students and staff from ill-ness.

If your child suffers from aller-gies resulting in cold-like symptoms, please let your child's teacher know so that we don't call home to report that they are ill unnecessarily.



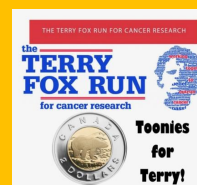
The 2023 Terry Fox School Run is happening next week! Our event is taking place on **Thursday, September 21**. We need your help to boost our student's fundraising.

This event supports vital cancer research while also building incredible school spirit for our students. Let's all show how incredible and generous our school community is. We will be sharing regular updates of our fundraising progress in this newsletter.

\$20 has been donated so far!! Every little bit helps!!

There are two ways to donate :

- Online at : Alderson Elementary - Coquitlam, BC | Terry Fox School Run
- Your child can bring a "Toonie for Terry" on the day of the run



Upcoming Events....

Monday, September 18	New Kindergarten Students begin to attend full-time.
Thursday, September 21	Terry Fox Assembly and Run @ 2:00
Thursday, September 21	3:00-4:00— Meet the Teacher 3:30-4:30— PAC School Picnic —More info to be sent out about this event soon!!
Friday, September 22	Professional Development Day (school is closed for students)
Friday, September 22	Hot Lunch Orders <u>due today</u> (for the lunch on Sept 29): https://munchalunch.com/alderson
Friday, September 29	Orange Shirt Day —we have an assembly planned, and students are encouraged to wear their Orange Shirts to school.
Friday, September 29	Hot Lunch Day
Monday, October 2	Truth & Reconciliation Day Holiday (Schools are closed)
Monday, October 9	Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Schools are closed)
Friday, October 20	Professional Development Day (Schools are closed for students)
October 25 & 26	Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences. Your child's teacher will let you know how you can set a time to meet with them.

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

School Supplies

Thanks to all of you who purchase school supplies last June, or sent in supplies purchased on your own for your child . If you didn't get to do that yet or are new to our school, **our payment system is now ready so you can pay for your child's supplies now.**

To pay for supplies please go to the KEV website:

sd43.schoolcashionline.com

If you wish to purchase them on your own and have not yet done so you can find the list on our website: www.sd43.bc.ca/school/alderson/Calendar through the following path: **Parents—>Supplies.**

If money is tight right now and you need financial assistance for your child's supplies please email—astrang@sd43.bc.ca.

School Policy Forms

Please complete these forms as soon as possible. These forms are required by our school district. There are a number of activities that we need your consent for such as **walks within our neighborhood, and using the internet at school.** Your child is not permitted to be part of these activities until you have completed these forms. Please complete them as soon as possible so your child does not miss out!!

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Alderson PAC

All parents in our community are automatically members of the PAC (Parent advisory council). Please check back here to find out when the first meeting of the year will be and consider attending.

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

Hot Lunch

New hot lunches have been added to Munchalunch. Order Here:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/alderson>

We are always looking for volunteers to help with hot lunches, if you are available, please indicate in Munchalunch or email the PAC.

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

If money is tight for your family right now your child does not have to miss out on hot lunches—please be in contact with Anita Strang (astrang@sd43.bc.ca) or Shannon Dryer (sdryer@sd43.bc.ca).

Breakfast Program

We are so fortunate at Alderson to have a breakfast program. Our program is funded by [Breakfast Clubs of Canada](#). This program is intended to be a place for our community to gather and we encourage our entire community to come out.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist us with this. If you are interested in helping out please email our Youth Worker—Shannon Dryer sdryer@sd43.bc.ca. Please consider contributing to our community in this way. It is a great way to get to know our school!!

We especially need assistance on Tuesday mornings. Please consider volunteering for this very valued program.

BC DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY

We all deserve to live in a province where we have equitable opportunities to thrive. But many of the systems and structures our society is built on turn a blind eye to the unique needs of Indigenous Peoples and racialized people. That's why the B.C. government is running two important initiatives. They're asking everyone in B.C. to fill out the BC Demographic Survey to help identify and eliminate systemic racism from government programs and services. The survey is available online in 15 languages until Oct. 15 and will take about 15 minutes of your time. It is available at <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/bcdemographicsurvey>

The B.C. government is also asking for public input in developing anti-racism legislation that will hold government accountable for addressing systemic racism within its programs and services, and to provide supports to those who have been negatively impacted. No matter what your experiences or background is – your input matters! The public questionnaire is available until Oct. 15 in 15 languages and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It is available at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/antiracism>

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS FOR ALDERSON ELEMENTARY

Alderson Elementary is looking for a PERMANENT Noon Hour Assistant to supervise students for one hour per day during their lunch break. (Previous experience working with children is an asset!)

Please submit your resume (by email) to Kristy Kozak, Human Resources Advisor @ kkozak@sd43.bc.ca if you would be interested in becoming a Noon Hour Assistant for our school.



Take care,

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