

Hi Alderson Families,

Our Grade 4 and 5 Leadership students meet weekly to plan fun activities and take on other initiatives. Next week on Thursday, October 19th they have planned for a "Silly Hat Day".

They are also 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 fund a year-end celebration.



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Daily Health Check

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

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

If your child suffers from allergies 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.

Student Verification Form

Last week an email was set to you from the MyEd Family Portal letting you know that you can now go in to check your child's **Student Verification Form**. The information in that form is based on the current information we have in MyEd BC. Please follow the instructions in that email and let us know if we need to update any of the information for your child. **If we do not hear from you, we will assume that all of the information in that form is correct.** If you have any questions or need assistance with your log-in please let us know by emailing us or calling the office.

Upcoming Events....

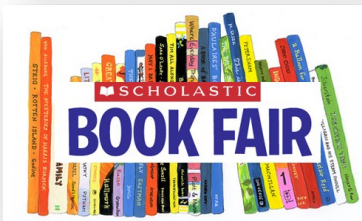
Thursday, October 19	Silly Hat Day —wear a silly hat to school today (preferably home made!!)
Thursday, October 19	Subway Hot Lunch Orders Due (see ordering info on page 4)
Friday, October 20	Professional Development Day (Schools are closed for students)
Monday, October 23	PAC Meeting —6:30 in the library
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. Students will be dismissed at 1:50 on these days.
	Book Fair!! Children can purchase books during lunch hour or with their parents from 2:00—3:30
October 27	Subway Hot Lunch (see ordering info on page 4)
October 31	Halloween Festivities—students are welcome to wear their costumes
Thurs. Nov 9—11:00-12:00	Remembrance Day Assembly
Friday November 10	School Closure Day (schools are closed)
Monday, November 13	Remembrance Day Holiday (schools are closed)
Thursday, November 30	Volleyball Tournament

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



The Scholastic Book Fair is once again coming to Alderson on October 25th and 26th during lunch time and after school until 3:30 pm in the school library. Partial funds from your purchases at the book fair go to support our library and classroom libraries.

Wed, Oct. 25, 12:00-12:35pm, 2:00-3:30pm
Thurs, Oct. 26, 12:00-12:35pm, 2:00-3:30pm

Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences

On October 25th and October 26th students will be dismissed from school at 1:50. This is to make some time for parents to meet with their child's teacher.

Each teacher has a different schedule for their meetings and will let you know how to set up a time to meet with them. Your meeting time may be on a different day that week depending on what works best for your child's teacher and yourself.

Division 3 Families: Please check your email for a message from Mrs. Strang about Parent Conferences for your class. Meetings with Ms. Kasidoulis and Ms. Gjalterna will be held between October 30 and November 10th.

School Paperwork

Thanks so much to all of you who have completed your school paperwork for this year. If you have not yet done so please do as soon as possible. A few of the most important forms your child needs completed are:

- The **Emergency Release Form** (a paper copy was sent home) . This provides us info about “safe release people” if you are unable to pick up your child during an emergency situation (earthquake etc).
- The **School Policies Form** (online at: sd43.schoolcashonline.com) These forms include permission for your child to participate in some school activities (short walking trips, using the internet for learning etc). Students who do not have their permission forms completed will not be able to participate in these activities until the forms are complete.
- The **Student Verification Form** (see information on page 1 of this newsletter)



Fall Art





FAMILY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities – Everyone Welcome! Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/ Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way 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 use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

November 8, 2023 – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (online)

Link to register - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-session-establishing-safe-caring-respectful-digital-communities-tickets-732334942527?aff=oddtcreator>

November 28, 2023 – 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm (online)

Link to register - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-session-establishing-safe-caring-respectful-digital-communities-tickets-732343096917?aff=oddtcreator>

November 30, 2023 – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (online)

Link to register - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-session-establishing-safe-caring-respectful-digital-communities-tickets-732346587357?aff=oddtcreator>

Alderson PAC

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

PAC Meeting
October 23, 2023
6:30 in the Library

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:

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

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!

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).

October 27—Subway

November 17—White Spot

Take care,

Anita Strang

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October 6, 2023

A Message to SD43 families: Safe and Appropriate Halloween

Halloween across all schools in SD43 is a fun and festive day which brings the school community together. Typically, the time around Halloween is incident-free and very respectful.

From time to time, a few students “in character” push the boundaries of what is socially acceptable, or what is appropriate behavior in schools, sometimes at the expense of others. With that in mind, for student safety and school climate reasons, and to ensure that every student and adult in our community enjoys the time around Halloween, we would like your assistance in reinforcing these guidelines with your children:

- Students in costume should be easily recognizable and/or identify themselves to any staff member when queried. Also, students “in character” are to conduct themselves appropriately. Behaviors which intimidate, harass, or humiliate members of the community do not contribute to a fun, festive, and safe environment.
- Replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are inappropriate, as are costumes which are hyper-sexualized, or costumes which depict elements of sexual exploitation.
- It is also important to note that costumes which portray negative stereotypes or that demean or make fun of any group of people are inappropriate. Costumes should not make light of anyone’s religious, cultural, ethnic or racial group.

As a reminder, by law and School District expectations, the use and possession of firecrackers or fireworks at school is strictly prohibited. This pertains to students before, during or after school, on or offsite.

With respect for each other, we can avoid any disruption to school communities in the form of vandalism and/or disrespectful, potentially dangerous behaviour. Students and parents need to be mindful that inappropriate behaviour will be addressed by school administration under the authority granted by the BC School Act and with the involvement of police where appropriate.

Please refer to these readily available public websites for more information:

<https://www.coquitlam.ca/286/Fire-Safety-Tips>

<https://www.portcoquitlam.ca/city-services/fire-emergency-services/fire-safety-information/>

<https://www.portmoody.ca/en/city-services/fall-safety-tips.aspx#Halloween-Safety>

Have a safe and happy Halloween.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland
Superintendent/CEO