

## Hi Alderson Families,

This year we are having an assembly every Monday. During this and last week's assemblies we talked about the importance of recycling in the bins outside of each of our classrooms. Our students are often confused about what goes into the various bins. We also talked about reducing the materials going into the land fill by using our recycling bins more effectively. Since the assembly students have been asking many questions to ensure they know which bin to place their recyclables into. **Way to go Orcas!!**

### Next week we have Halloween on Tuesday

Our classrooms will be having some special events during the day and students are encouraged to wear their costumes if they would like to. At about 1:15 we will have our traditional Halloween parade. Parents are welcome to come by to view the parade. We will parade around the exterior of our school building. Parents can view by standing around the school.

Please ensure that the costume your child wears to school is school-appropriate. The letter from Patricia Gartland (Superintendent of Coquitlam Schools) explains in detail what is permitted in a school setting. If your child is wearing a costume for trick-or-treating that is gory or has a replica weapon involved, please make sure those details are left at home when they wear their costume to school.

## PAC-School Fundraisers

The Alderson PAC runs fundraises each year to raise money for valued extras at our school (Our annual carnival, our pancake breakfast in December, performing groups, busses for trips, etc) . Your child is fortunate these extras to enrich their school experience. **For these things to be possible it requires volunteers — please email our PAC to see how you can help out [aldersonschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:aldersonschoolpac@gmail.com)**

Their next fundraiser is **Purdy's Chocolates**—please see page 3 for details about how to order.

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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.

## Upcoming Events....

Tuesday, October 31	Halloween Festivities—students are welcome to wear their costumes
Thurs. Nov 9 @ 11:00	Remembrance Day Assembly
Friday November 10	School Closure Day (schools are closed)
Monday, November 13	Remembrance Day Holiday (schools are closed)
Friday, November 17	White Spot Hot Lunch (see ordering info on page 4)
Thursday, November 30	Volleyball Tournament
Tuesday, December 19	Winter Concert—this will be in the afternoon—the exact time will be announced soon.
Friday, December 22	Pancake Breakfast @ 9:00 (No breakfast program before school on this day)
	Last day of school prior to winter break
December 30—January 7	Winter Break (Schools are closed)
Monday, January 8	School reopens following winter break

### 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](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/alderson/Calendar)

## 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](http://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:** The information in that form is based on the current information we have for your child in MyEd BC. Please follow the instructions in the email that was sent out recently and let us know if we need to update any of the information we have 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



## Alderson PAC

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

PAC Meeting  
TBA  
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/>

## Purdy's Fundraiser

We get 25% back in fundraising profit, and you get chocolates made in Canada with premium quality ingredients, and sustainable cocoa.



### Order Online:

- Join our group by clicking on this link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1431351-108246>
- Please provide your email in the box. If you have already registered, you will automatically join the campaign. If you haven't you will need to register before joining the campaign. Please order using your child's name and Division number as orders will be sent home with your child.
- Click "Shop online" to start shopping.
- Invite your friends and family to help! They can simply follow the same steps as above.

Order deadline: November 20, 2023

Your child will take home their orders on or around December 4, 2023

Thanks for your support!

For any questions, please email [aldersonschool-pac@gmail.com](mailto:aldersonschool-pac@gmail.com)

## 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: [aldersonschool-pac@gmail.com](mailto:aldersonschool-pac@gmail.com)

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

### November 17—White Spot

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](mailto:astrang@sd43.bc.ca)) or Shannon Dryer ([sdryer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:sdryer@sd43.bc.ca)).













## Alderson Elementary School PAC Spirit Wear Fall 2023

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://aldersonelementaryschoolfall2023.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Tuesday October 31st, 2023 (11:59pm PDT)**

<p><b>Gildan Heavy Blend™ Hooded Sweatshirt</b></p>  <p>2 Colors \$30.00</p>	<p><b>Gildan Heavy Blend Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt</b></p>  <p>2 Colors \$35.50</p>	<p><b>Gildan Ultra Cotton 100% Cotton T-Shirt</b></p>  <p>2 Colors \$13.00</p>	<p><b>Gildan Long Sleeve T-Shirt</b></p>  <p>2 Colors \$20.00</p>	<p><b>ATC Adult Everyday Fleece Sweatpants</b></p>  <p>2 Colors \$34.00</p>	<p><b>Gildan® Heavy Hooded Youth Sweatshirt</b></p>  <p>2 Colors \$28.50</p>
<p><b>Gildan® Heavy Zip Hooded Youth Sweatshirt</b></p>  <p>2 Colors \$30.00</p>	<p><b>Youth Gildan T-Shirt</b></p>  <p>2 Colors \$13.00</p>	<p><b>Gildan Long Sleeve T-Shirt</b></p>  <p>2 Colors \$20.00</p>	<p><b>ATC Youth Everyday Sweatpants</b></p>  <p>2 Colors \$34.00</p>		

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Questions?  
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<https://www.mvpathleticsupplies.com/>





## Alderson Elementary School Grade 5 Spirit Wear 2023

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://aldersonelementaryschoolgrade5spiritwear2023.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Tuesday October 31st, 2023 (11:59pm PDT)**

Gildan® Heavy  
Hooded Youth  
Sweatshirt



\$34.00

Gildan® Heavy Zip  
Hooded Youth  
Sweatshirt



\$43.00

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## 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 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->



Take care,

*Anita Strang*

Principal,

Alderson Elementary

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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



# 2023 Full Day Winter Camps Gr. K - 7

This winter break, join staff from Place Maillardville Society for a full day of fun! Our leaders have planned an assortment of games, sports, crafts and outdoor adventures.

**Time:** 8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Maillard Middle School  
1300 Rochester Ave., Coquitlam

Week	Dates	Cost
1	Dec 27 - 29   3 days	\$105
2	Jan 2 - 5   4 days	\$140



Register online at [placemaillardville.ca](http://placemaillardville.ca)





**FREE**

## **Celebration of Softball Practice**

**for kids born 2015/2016/2017**

- No equipment needed for this unique, try-it-out event
- Kids HAVE FUN while making friends, exercising, and learning the game.
- Covers fundamentals of softball, emphasizing fair play, safety, teamwork, and fun with sought-after coaches and Titan mentors.

## **Our Players Our U9 Program:**

- We welcome Multi-Sport Kids & new athletes born 2017/2016/2015
- 1 Game and 1 Practice/week Monday & Wednesday 6 - 8 pm April - June
- Winter development available
- Epic Summer Wrap-up Party

### **Info and Player Registration**

<https://www.tcmsa.ca/u9-registration/>

**October 29**

**10 am - 12 pm**

**Hyde Creek Rec Centre**

**1379 Laurier Ave**