



Hi Alderson Families,

We have enjoyed a great week of reconnecting with returning students and families and meeting our new community members. School routines and protocols were reviewed and our Grade 1—5 students spent time visiting different classrooms and working with different teachers. This helps all of our students get to know teachers and other staff members they haven't worked with in the past.

The activities in these groups included learning about the Medicine Wheel, Participating in some "reader's theatre" activities with the stories "Raven: The Trickster" and "Raven steals the sun". They also spent time in the gym learning about Lacrosse. Each student then completed an "all about me" craft. These were shared with their group, and will be used to introduce themselves into their new classroom community next week.

On Monday we will be reorganizing the students into their new classrooms and they will meet their new teacher. In the morning all students will return to the classrooms they went to during the first week. Students will also return to that classroom at the end of the day so you can pick them up in the same place. **After school please have your child show you their new classroom door so that you know where to drop them off in the morning.** Your child's new teacher will send them home with a letter introducing themselves to you so you know whose class they are in.

Next week Kindergarten students continue to follow the Gradual Entry Schedule.

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Daily Health Check

While there are no longer any health restrictions in schools, students are still required to stay home if they are ill and unable to participate fully in routine activities. Please check with your child each day prior to bringing them to school.

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.



The 2023 Terry Fox School Run is set for this month and we are so excited to be taking part! Our event will be taking place on **Friday, 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. You can donate by here:

[Alderson Elementary - Coquitlam, BC | Terry Fox School Run](#)

Upcoming Events....

September 11	Students move into their new classrooms for the year at some point today. New Kindergarten Students continue to follow their gradual entry schedule.
September 15	Individual Photo Day (see more information about this on page 3)
September 18	New Kindergarten Students begin to attend full-time.
September 21 @ 2:00	Terry Fox Run
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!!
September 22	Professional Development Day (school is closed for students)
October 2	Truth & Reconciliation Day Holiday (Schools are closed)
October 9	Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Schools are closed)
October 20	Professional Development Day (Schools are closed for students)
October 25 & 26	Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences

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



Picture Day Is Coming

Cherish this Yearly Portrait that captures how fast they grow up!

Friday, September 15th

Easy Steps for Awesome Portraits:

1. Check: hair combed face washed "sleep" removed from corner of eyes
2. Dark solid colour clothing tends to photograph best and it's best to avoid large busy patterns that can draw attention away from your child's face.
3. Use your Express Proof your child brings home to view your child's portrait on photo day!
4. Order from a wide selection of packages at special prices available only through your school.
5. When your finished order arrives, enjoy your portrait that captures this special time in your child's life. Share them with friends and family.

Thank You for Trusting Us With Your Memories.

Photo Expressions
604-477-7399
www.PhotoExpressions.ca

Birthdays

At Alderson we celebrate each child's birthday by recognizing them at our assemblies, and each classroom has a way of acknowledging this type of special day. We ask that parents do not send in treats for the class on birthdays—please save them for your child's home celebration. As you can appreciate with a class full of students that makes for a lot of time celebrating!!



It also leads to difficult situations for students who have dietary restrictions etc.

If you have any concerns or questions about this do not hesitate to ask .



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 initiatives:
<https://www.facebook.com/AldersonElementary/>

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.

Breakfast will begin being served on **Monday, September 11** and is open every weekday from **8:30 until 8:55**.

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!!

School Supplies

To purchase school supplies you can do so through the school (\$55.00 per child) or you can purchase them on your own. If you would like to purchase through the school the payment system will be ready next week. **We will email all families when this system is ready.** If you wish to purchase them on your own 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.

If you purchased school supplies last June, your child's teacher already has them and will keep them for your child and hand them out as needed. We will not be sending school supplies home.



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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