



Alderson Elementary News

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Hi Alderson Families,

Please remember that Monday is Truth and Reconciliation Day so schools are closed.

This week all of our classrooms spent time learning about **Truth and Reconciliation**. Today we had our Truth and Reconciliation Assembly. It was amazing to see so many of our community members joining together wearing orange shirts. At home you can continue this conversation with your child – here are some questions you could ask as conversation starters:

- *What was the assembly about today?*
- *What did your class do this week to talk about Truth and Reconciliation (younger students may be more familiar with "Orange Shirt Day").*
- *What did you find out this week that you didn't know before?*
- *What song did you sing at the assembly? Can you sing some of it for me? (The song was called "[Music Alive](#)" (click here hear the song on youtube). It was written by Sherry! Sewepagaham (Cree-Dene).*

Thanks to **Bretta, Chase, Anji, and Ashley** from Division 2 who were the MCs for our assembly. Thanks to **Natasha** from Division 2 for running the technology. These students are part of our Leadership Club run by **Ms. Yap**. Thanks to **Mr. Martin** who spoke about the historical experiences of Metis communities in Canada and how we can help moving forward to honor reconciliation and the healing process. Thanks to **Mr. Egelstad** who played the piano for us, and **Ms. King** who taught everyone the song. Thanks to **Ms. Choi** and **Ms. Busch** for organizing this assembly.

Pick up and Drop Off

Please respect the regulations posted on the roads around our school. Some important reminders about the expectations:

- The area directly in front of the school on Gauthier is a **No Stopping** zone. It is not ok to stop there even if you are waiting in your car, and even if you will just be there for a moment. The only vehicles that are permitted to use that area are those who have a permit indicating that they require "accessible parking" spots.
- **The staff parking lot is not to be used for pick-up or drop off** except if your child goes to the YMCA kids club and you are doing so before 8:00 am or after 4:00 pm. There is one accessible parking spot in that lot. Individuals with a permit are permitted to park there. Please do not pull into the lot or wait in the driveway to drop off or pick up your child. Please do not block the driveway.
- **Please ensure you are not using or blocking the driveways of our neighbors**

Lately I have also had several complaints that people are endangering the safety of their children by dropping off or picking them up in the middle of the road. Please keep in mind that your children are aware of the regulations and when you do not follow the bylaws, your children are watching and learning that breaking the rules when they don't work for you is OK.





Upcoming Events:

We have now added all of the events we know about now for this school year to the online calendar. If you want to know when special events are throughout the year so you can plan ahead you will find that information in each of the calendar. Please let us know if you notice any dates that you think are incorrect. If you click

on the calendar items there is often details about the event.

[Alderson Online Calendar](#)

Alderson PAC

Purdy's Fundraiser

Please see the flier at the end of this newsletter for more information about how to order. All money raised from this fundraiser goes to Grade 5 year end celebrations.

Hot Lunch

Thanks to the PAC for a successful first hot lunch day!! If you missed it, you can still order future lunches by clicking below:

[Munch-A-Lunch!](#)

Lunch Date	Order By Date / Time (will auto-close after) [Timezone: PDT]	Lunch Theme
Wed, Sep 25, 2024	Mon, Sep 23, 2024 10:00 AM	09/25 (Wed) - Hot Dogs
Wed, Oct 02, 2024	Tue, Sep 24, 2024 8:00 PM	10/02 (Wed) - White Spot
Fri, Oct 11, 2024	Thu, Oct 03, 2024 8:00 PM	10/11 (Fri) - TCBY - Treat Day!
Wed, Oct 16, 2024	Tue, Oct 08, 2024 8:00 PM	10/16 (Wed) - Dominos
Wed, Oct 30, 2024	Tue, Oct 22, 2024 8:00 PM	10/30 (Wed) - Subway
Wed, Nov 06, 2024	Tue, Oct 29, 2024 8:00 PM	11/06 (Wed) - Red Robin
Fri, Nov 15, 2024	Thu, Nov 07, 2024 8:00 PM	11/15 (Fri) - TCBY - Treat Day!
Wed, Nov 20, 2024	Tue, Nov 12, 2024 8:00 PM	11/20 (Wed) - Loz Takos
Wed, Dec 04, 2024	Tue, Nov 26, 2024 8:00 PM	12/04 (Wed) - Pizza Pizza
Wed, Dec 18, 2024	Tue, Dec 10, 2024 8:00 PM	12/18 (Wed) - Subway

≡ SchoolCash Online

Thanks to all of you who have already completed the tasks in your [SchoolCash Online](#) account. If you have not yet done so, please take care of completing the following tasks as soon as possible:

✔ **Purchase School Supplies - \$50.00**

You still have time to ensure your child has the school supplies they need for this year. To find out more about the ways you can get supplies for your child please go here: [School Supplies](#)

✔ **Purchase a Planner - \$4.75**

Planners are required for to each child in Divisions 1-7. Planners are used daily in classrooms for students to plan their week, and as a home-school communication tool.

✔ **School Policies Forms - required**

These forms provide us with your consent for several school activities including using the internet and participating in neighborhood walks. We are required to collect this information every year.

Your child will not be able participate in these activities and others until these forms are complete.

✔ **Emergency Release Forms - required**

These provide us with the information we need should an emergency happen while your child is at school.

✔ **Medical Alert - required for children with medical alert information**

These forms ensure we are aware of how to respond if your child has a severe allergy or another health issue while at school.

✔ **Volunteer Application - optional**

✔ **Driver Application - optional**

****Cost Items****

If you are concerned that your family is not able to afford an item listed in SchoolCash Online, please email astrang@sd43.bc.ca and we can cover this cost for your family.

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School Individual Photos

Just a reminder that the photo ordering deadline is **Tuesday, October 1st** for the earliest delivery. Any orders placed after this will be delivered back with the retake photo orders end of October. Please remind your families of this upcoming deadline.

If any families have lost their Express Proof access code they can contact their staff at studio@photoexpressions.ca or by phoning them at 604-477-7399 for assistance.

Stay Connected to SD43!

We encourage all members of our school community to stay informed and engaged by following our district's social media pages. Get the latest updates on school events, student achievements, important announcements, and more!

Follow us on [Facebook @sd43bc](#), [Instagram @schooldistrict43](#), [X formerly Twitter @sd43bc](#)

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