



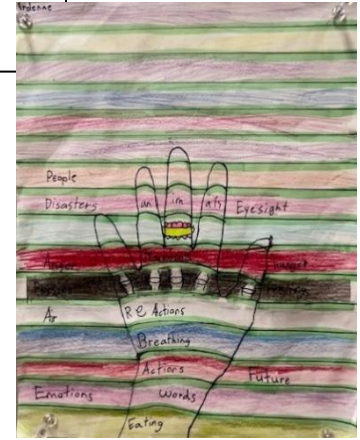
Alderson Elementary News

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October 18, 2024
Hi Alderson Families,

This week our Inclusive Learning team spent time meeting with all teachers to consider how we will best meet the needs of each of our learners at school. As mentioned previously, a couple of weeks ago we completed a school-wide reading assessment. We used this information and other classroom assessments to inform this conversation.



Early Dismissal @ 1:50 – Wednesday and Thursday (Oct 23 and 24)

Please remember that we will be dismissing students early on these days to make time for teachers to meet with families. Please pick your children up on time so we can get started with conferences.

Professional Development Day – Friday (October 25)

School is closed for children.

School Punctuality

Punctuality in elementary school is crucial for several reasons. Firstly, it helps children develop a sense of responsibility and discipline, which are essential life skills. Being on time ensures that students do not miss out on important instructions and activities that set the tone for the day. It also fosters a positive learning environment, as punctuality shows respect for teachers and classmates, reducing disruptions and allowing lessons to proceed smoothly. Moreover, consistent punctuality can boost a child's confidence and self-esteem, as they get to participate in morning greetings, and they are prepared and engaged in their schoolwork. Establishing this habit early on lays a strong foundation for future academic and professional success.

If you are having difficulty motivating your child to get ready for school in the mornings please reach out to your child's teacher so we can provide support – there are often things the school can do to assist with this.

If your child must be late for school on occasion, please ensure that you let us know by booking this through our absence reporting system – you can find the link for this on our website. Please also drop your child off at the office. Once teachers have completed their attendance individual children's arrival must be entered manually by the office. When children are dropped off at their classroom this can get missed.

Halloween

Students are encouraged to wear their costumes to school on Halloween. All costumes must be appropriate for school. Please ensure that your child's costume does not include parts that

would be frightening or gory for our young students (ie: no weapons, blood, or other gory makeup).

Costumes must also follow School District #43 guidelines:

- Recognizable Costumes: Students in costume should be easily recognizable and able to identify themselves to any staff member when asked. Additionally, students "in character" should behave appropriately. Intimidating, harassing, or humiliating behaviors do not contribute to a fun, festive, and safe environment.
- Appropriate Costumes: Replica weapons (e.g., guns, knives) are not allowed, nor are hypersexualized costumes or those depicting elements of sexual exploitation.
- Respectful Costumes: Costumes should not portray negative stereotypes or demean any group of people. They should not make light of anyone's religious, cultural, ethnic, or racial background.

Halloween Parade!!

This year our parade will happen at 1:15 on Halloween. **Parents are welcome to come and watch.** The parade will go around the perimeter of our school. We hope you can come to see all the costumes!

Cyber Safety Parent Information Night

Our families are invited to attend this session with Rochester families. In this session Carol Todd and Shaunna Martin (coordinators from Coquitlam's Learning Services department) will be facilitating an information night about Cyber Safety. This is such an important topic for all families of students in K-5 as their children begin to explore the internet. Knowing the potential dangers as your children are just beginning to explore the internet will equip you to keep them safe.

When: November 7th @ 6:30 (6:15 for snacks)

Where: Rochester Elementary Learning Commons (Library)

Provided: Snacks, childcare, current cyber safety information

Cost: \$5.00 (if payment is a barrier, please email msteeves@sd43.bc.ca)

Need Childcare? email msteeves@sd43.bc.ca: please state the number of children you need care for

To register for this event please click here: [SchoolCash Online](#)

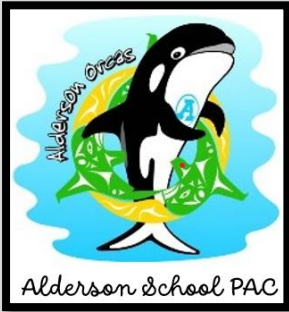


Upcoming Events:

Please check our online Calendar to plan ahead for upcoming events. As information about these events becomes available it will be added to each event. Click on the event to read more.

[Alderson Online Calendar](#)





A **HUGE** thank you to our PAC for the work they do to raise money for our school, and for running the special events that bring our community together. These events are a lot of work – please do your part. You can sent them an email if you can help out.

If you have questions about a PAC initiative please email them at:
AldersonSchoolPac@gmail.com



Alderson Elementary School PAC Spirit Wear Fall 2024 Orders!!

Ordering information can be found on our website by clicking the link below:

[Hoodie and spirit wear.pdf](#)

The order deadline is **Tuesday October 22nd** – **No Late orders will be accepted**



PAC Movie & Pizza Night

[Movie Night Flyer.pdf](#)



Movie: Despicable ME 4

Date: Friday, November 8, 2024

Time: Doors open at 6:00pm, Movie starts at 6:30pm **

Cash, Credit, Debit concession stand will be open **

SAVE \$ and PRE-ORDER on Munchalunch by November 1st

Purdy's Fundraiser

Please click below to find out how to order. All money raised from this fundraiser goes to Grade 5 year end celebrations.

To order click here: [Purdy's Grade 5 Fundraiser](#)

ORDER DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 18, 2024



Hot Lunch

Don't forget to put in an order so your child does not miss out!!

If your child would like hot lunch but money is tight for you right now, please speak to Ms. Dryer
sdryer@sd43.bc.ca

[Munch-A-Lunch!](#)

Lunch Date	Order By Date / Time (will auto-close after) [Timezone: PDT]	Lunch Theme
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

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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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- Divisions 1-4 will be involved in a **Bike Safety Program on October 30 & Nov 1** – please check the school online calendar for details about what your child should bring.
- If you haven't completed the required school forms (above) for this school year, please do so asap so your child doesn't miss out on fun activities like neighborhood walks and using the internet at school!!

Community & Parenting Events:

SD43 Family and Community Learning Series is Back – October 23

Rethinking social media for a better understanding of our children and youth with Madison Cameron.

- This online parent presentation is free.
- Click here for more information: [Rethinking social media](#)

Multisports Fun!!

- PD Day Camp (October 25) - James Park Community School
- Click here for more information: [Multisports Fun](#)

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