



# Alderson Elementary News

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## Remember!

**Tomorrow (Friday, October 25) is a Professional Development Day – Schools are closed.**

October 24, 2024  
Hi Alderson Families,

This week we had our Parent Meetings. Thanks to all of you who came in to help us learn more about your child.

Last Monday we had our monthly assembly, and we celebrated the learning our students are doing about "Social Thinking" using the "We Thinkers" curriculum. Students from Division 8 and 9 shared the learning they are doing to help them understand that everyone has "thinking bubbles".

**Shadvin** from Division 9 said "Thinking bubbles are invisible. We think it in our brain." **Candice** from Division 9 said, "We have to share our words so they know." **Keerat** from Division 8 wrote this message in her writer's workshop book. These three girls shared their learning at the assembly! You can find out more about "Social Thinking" here: <https://www.socialthinking.com/social-thinking-methodology>.



Next week we have **Halloween on Thursday** and **Pajama Day on Friday**. For students in Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 please ensure that their pajamas are ok for cycling (rain or shine) and that they bring along foot gear that is appropriate for cycling.

## Halloween

Students can wear their costumes to school on Halloween if they wish. 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!

## Emergency Preparation

Please review the documents attached below and also available in the "Documents" section of our website.

- [District Emergency Response Information for Parents](#)
- [School Emergency Preparedness Parent Information Flyer](#)

These documents outline our procedures for emergency situations at school, such as fires or earthquakes. Understanding these procedures is crucial so that you can avoid calling the school during an emergency, ensuring that our phone lines remain open for essential communication as part of our emergency response plan.

**Please sign up as soon as possible so they know how many people they need to assist with childcare.**

### Cyber Safety Parent Information Night

Our families are invited to attend this session with Rochester families. In this session Carol Todd and Shauna 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.

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### You are invited!

ONLINE SAFETY Parents' Night  
with Carol Todd & Shauna  
Martin

**Who:** Cape Horn, Rochester & Alderson families

**What:** Important cyber info/Food/Childcare

**When:** Thurs Nov 07 6:15pm (soft)

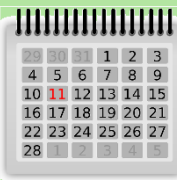
**Where:** Rochester Elem. Library

**Cost:** \$5 -register on Cash Key

\*If cost is prohibitive let us know.

Please send any of your online safety questions to Jessica at [jenny@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:jenny@sd43.bc.ca) or Marina at [msteeves@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:msteeves@sd43.bc.ca). Carol & Shauna will tailor the presentation to you!

**Childcare?** Please contact [msteeves@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:msteeves@sd43.bc.ca) to let us know how many children will be needing care.

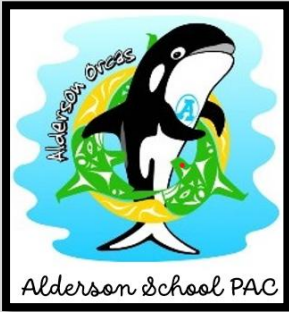


### Upcoming Events:

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 send them an email if you can help out.



If you have questions about a PAC initiative please email them at:  
[AldersonSchoolPac@gmail.com](mailto: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 **EXTENDED TO FRIDAY October 25th** – 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 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](mailto:astrang@sd43.bc.ca) and we can cover this cost for your family.

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**TRACONS**



**Tutoring**  
Gleneagle ConX Leadership

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A TUTOR?**

**SIGN UP FOR FREE TUTORING SESSIONS FROM  
DATES NOV 15th-JAN 17TH**

**TUES-FRI, 4:15-5:00pm @GLENEAGLE SECONDARY  
SCHOOL**



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!!**

# WHAT IS TALONS TUTORING?

**Talons Tutoring is a free tutoring service organized by Gleneagle Secondary School in which volunteer tutors from our school come in Tuesday-Friday's to help middle-school students in the SD43 district. Our goal is to provide accessible tutoring in core subjects, music, and foreign languages to students who may need academic assistance or want to learn more than they learn in school!**

## WHAT SERVICES DO WE OFFER?

**Core subjects (TUES-FRI):**

- Math**
- Science**
- Social Studies**
- English**

**And we NOW offer assistance in extra skills such as:**

**MUSIC (WED ONLY):**

- Piano**
- String**
- Wind/Brass**

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES (FRI ONLY):**

- French**
- Mandarin**