



## Alderson Elementary News

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December 6, 2024

Hi Alderson Families,

Your child's **Learning Update (report card)** will be posted to the MyEd Family portal by the end of the day on **Wednesday, December 18**. This is a good time to check that you have the information you need to access your child's report card. If you are not able to log in, please contact us: [alderson@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:alderson@sd43.bc.ca). **More information about logging in is on our website (address above)**

Please remember that our **Winter Concert** is on **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** from **1:30-2:30**. All parents are encouraged to attend!!

Your child's teacher will send home a message about what the children should wear for this performance.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Concert admission is a Toonie as a donation to the Share to support families during the holiday season!!



ALDERSON ELEMENTARY PRESENTS

# Winter Fantasy

A Musical Showcase

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
1:30pm  
in the Alderson Gymnasium

The students of Alderson are eager and proud to present "Winter Fantasy": a showcase filled with incredible musical talent, the hopeful anticipation of snow, and charming smiles that are sure to warm your heart this holiday season!

Come watch the children light up the stage and bring festive music to our community as we prepare for a snow-filled winter break!

On **Thursday, December 17** our Grade 5 leadership club has invited all students to wear "festive clothing". Children are welcome to dress in clothing that they might wear to a family celebration at this time of year. This clothing may relate to Christmas or another cultural celebration your family observes such as; Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, Ōmisoka, Soyal, or another Winter Solstice Celebration!!



## Upcoming Events



For information about future events please check our online calendar. As information about each event becomes available, it will be added to the calendar item. Click on the item to read more.

[Alderson Online Calendar](#)

## Registration for the 2025-26 School Year

### Middle School

Last week a letter was sent home with each Grade 5 student with information about their catchment Middle School. If the school mentioned in the letter is the school you wish your child to attend, no further action is needed from you. If it is not, please follow the instructions in the letter, apply for cross catchment, or see the instructions below to apply for a "Program of Choice".

### Programs of Choice

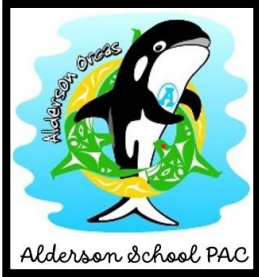
**Parents considering applying for a program of choice for their child for the 2025-26 school year should:**

- ensure that any changes to the student data we have, especially address changes, are in our student information system. Please email [alderson@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:alderson@sd43.bc.ca) if any changes are needed.
- ensure you have the correct information listed as your child's "catchment" school by utilizing the school district school locator using your current address, and ensure that this is the address we have in our student information system.
- ensure that you have your child's personal education number (PEN) with you when you apply as it is required on both the Programs of Choice and the Cross Catchment applications. Your child's PEN number can be located on their report card or by accessing the MyEd parent portal.
- Parents of children with disabilities/diverse abilities needs should **register using the online registration process**. Please also contact the school to inform them of your child's needs so the school has the appropriate supports in place.

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be held throughout the district from **February 4 – 6, 2025**. An online registration form will be posted on the Alderson and the District websites for parents to fill out. **Please ensure that you apply at your child's catchment school** (you can check this on the [school locator](#)). School secretaries will be using this school locator to verify that each applicant is in our school catchment. Please be sure to read all of the information and follow the instructions regarding the required documentation for registration.

New kindergarten students who have an older sibling at Alderson are considered "in catchment" even if their address is out of our catchment area. You can apply directly to Alderson without going through the cross-catchment process. **Only those students who are five years of age on or before December 31, 2025 can be accepted for September 2025 enrollment.**



# Alderson PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

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)



## Pancake Breakfast!!



On the last day of school before Winter Break - Friday, December 20 - our PAC is hosting a pancake breakfast for all of our students. If you can help with this, please email them at the address above. Students are also encouraged to wear their pajamas to school on that day 😊. Students will attend the breakfast with their classes shortly after 9:00. Thanks so much to our PAC for hosting this highly anticipated tradition!!



## 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](mailto:sdryer@sd43.bc.ca))

## Munch-A-Lunch!

Lunch Date	Order By Date / Time (will auto-close after) [ Timezone: PDT ]	Lunch Theme
Wed, Dec 18, 2024	Tue, Dec 10, 2024 8:00 PM	12/18 (Wed) - Subway



## Winter Weather Ahead!!

Please ensure you are aware of the procedures when snow happens. I have posted everything you need to know on our website here:

[Winter Weather Ahead](#)





### YMCA Kids Club Before & After School Care

The YMCA Kids Club licensed before and after school care program offers children in our school community with a safe and welcoming environment to connect with others and participate in productive and enjoyable activities.

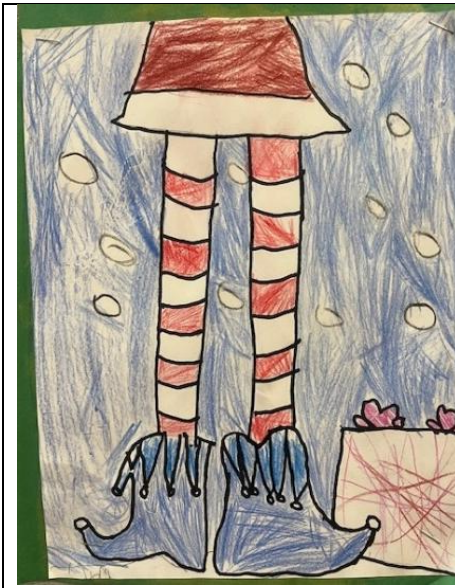


For more information or to register, visit [gv.ymca.ca/childcare](http://gv.ymca.ca/childcare).

# YMCA Kids Club

In need of before and after school care? The YMCA Kids Club program serves families in our school community and currently has spaces available. The Y understands that time gaps before and after school can be a challenge for parents, which is why its licensed Kids Clubs programs offer school-aged children a safe and inviting environment to connect with others and participate in enjoyable activities.

To learn more about YMCA Kids Club and to register your child for before and after school care, contact [ymcakidsclub@bc.ymca.ca](mailto:ymcakidsclub@bc.ymca.ca) or visit [gv.ymca.ca/childcare](http://gv.ymca.ca/childcare).



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# YOUTH WINTER PROGRAMS

## NEW WEST & COQUITLAM

### YOUTH BASKETBALL Ages 10-14

Take your kid's basketball game to the next level so they can train for the upcoming season. They will improve their passing, dribbling, shooting, rebounding, defense, one-on-one moves, and have fun while doing it!

#### **New Westminster - Gym N1100**

Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 11:30am - 1:30pm  
\$149 | CRN 11479

#### **Coquitlam - Pinetree Rec Centre Gym 3**

Saturdays Feb 8 - March 8, 10:45am-12:15pm  
\$69 | CRN 11489

### JUNIOR ROYALS BASKETBALL Ages 6-9

This program is for younger athletes looking to learn and improve their skills in dribbling, shooting, passing, defence and teamwork. It's a great opportunity for them to be active, have fun and make friends. It's a slam dunk!

#### **New Westminster - Gym N1100**

Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 2 - 4pm  
\$149 | CRN 11481

#### **Coquitlam - Pinetree Rec Centre Gym 3**

Saturdays Feb 8-March 8, 10:45am-12:15pm  
\$69 | CRN 11490

### YOUTH BADMINTON Ages 10-14

Your child will learn the fundamentals and strategies of the game, while developing their shots, and improving their fitness through drills and friendly competition.

#### **New Westminster - Gym N1100**

Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 9am - 11am  
\$149 | CRN 11474

#### **Coquitlam - Pinetree Rec Centre Gym 3**

Saturdays Jan 11 & 18, 9am - 12:30pm  
\$69 | CRN 11488 (Note: 2 sessions only)

### YOUTH COMPUTERS Ages 9-14

#### • DIGIART

Budding graphic artists will love this fun and creative program. Using various online programs, the kids will learn photo and art manipulation, logo and branding development, and much more.

#### **New Westminster - Room N5100**

Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 11:30am -1:30pm  
\$149 | CRN 11480

#### • CODING & COMPUTER DESIGN

Your child will learn skills to build simple websites and games, and, by refining their designs will develop their logic and problem-solving skills.

#### **New Westminster - Room N5100**

Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 2-4pm  
\$149 | CRN 11477

#### • JAVASCRIPT & PLAYFUL PROGRAMMING

Your kids will learn computer programming languages like HTML and jQuery in a DOM framework allowing them to develop interactive webpages & games.

#### **Coquitlam - Room A2110**

Saturdays Jan 11 - March 8, 8:30-10:30am  
\$169 | CRN 11483

#### • VIDEO GAME DESIGN


Using creativity, collaboration and critical thinking, your kids will learn to make their own video game from scratch using various platforms including Makecodearcade and Roblox.


#### **Coquitlam - Room A2110**

Saturdays Jan 11 - March 8, 10:45am-12:45pm  
\$169 | CRN 11482

## GET IN TOUCH

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Register now!