



Alderson Elementary News

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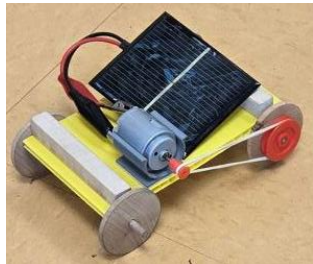


January 17, 2025

Hi Alderson Families,

On Monday we our January Assembly. We recognized students who have January birthdays, and we enjoyed some "celebration of learning" presentations.

Division 9 talked about how they are using and developing their critical thinking skills. Thanks to **Tristan**, **Cassie**, **Logan**, and **Samuel** for explaining how each of them is using their critical thinking skills to learn and solve problems. **Tristan** said, "I used my critical thinking skills to build a Charmander. One of the pieces got lost so I used a flashlight to find it." **Cassie** said, "When I was making a wheelchair with my sister, me and Kara used our critical thinking to make it out of my Grandma's stuff." **Logan** said, "I helped my sister build with Lego and when one of the pieces was missing I found it for her." **Samuel** said, "When I was making a Star Wars castle I lost one of the pieces and I used my critical thinking to find it."



Division 3 & 4 shared the learning they did when they had a special guest speaker from the "[Green Bricks](#)" organization come to their class to teach them about saving energy. Thanks to

Ainsley, **Maya**, **Bianca**, and **Marie** who spoke at the assembly to share their learning. **Ainsley** said "We learned how we can save energy to help with climate change." **Maya** said, "We made a speed drawing of the sunrays, the earth, a building, a car and the earth's atmosphere." **Bianca** said, "They explained about saving energy by using renewable and not too much non-

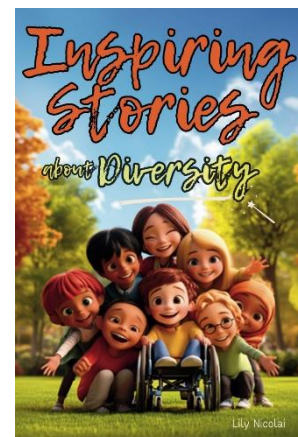
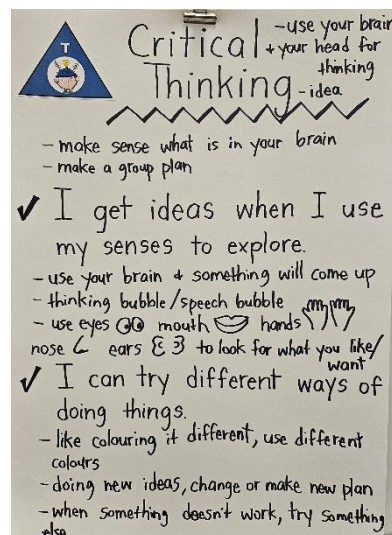
renewable energy." **Marie** said, "we learned about making a solar powered car that used the sun rays to move."

Division 1 shared that they learned about diversity through a book talk with Ms. Mattson. She read **Santiago's Secret Language**, and **Hasika's Henna Hands** by Lily Nicolai. **Orobosa**, **Andre**, **Silas** and **Leon** shared their learning during the assembly. **Orobosa** said they learned there is "strength in diversity, and it is okay to be different from others." **Andre** shared that "its ok to be different." and "You are perfect the way you are." **Silas** said, "Its ok to be different and to have your own culture," **Leon** said, "We learned about people in different cultures and that we should treat others how you would like to be treated."

Ms. Mattson successfully applied for a grant from our International Education Department to purchase books about diversity and she has been doing book talks with each of our classes so our students better understand the value of diversity in our community.

Thanks to Ms. Mattson and to our International Education Department!!

Please take some time to ask your child(ren) about what they are learning at school.



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

In December 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".

Kindergarten Registration – February 4th – 6th

If your child was born in 2020 it is time to register for Kindergarten!!

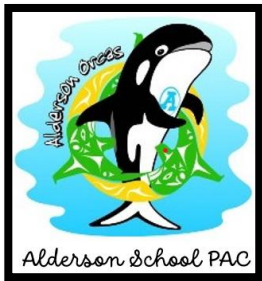
An online registration form will be posted on the Alderson and the District websites for parents to fill out. **Please ensure that you apply at your child's catchment school** (you can check this on the [school locator](#)). School secretaries will be using this school locator to verify that each applicant 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.**

Cross Catchment Process – February 7th to 12th

If you would like your child to attend a school outside of your catchment you need to first register at the school within your catchment and then apply to be considered within our cross-catchment process. To find out about this process please click here: [Cross Catchment Process](#).





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



Next PAC Meeting – Monday, January 20 @ 6:00

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	Lunch Menu	**Orders Due By**	
Wednesday, January 29, 2025	Baked Nuggets	Tuesday, January 21, 2025	8:00 PM
Wednesday, February 5, 2025	Subway	Tuesday, January 28, 2025	8:00 PM
Wednesday, February 26, 2025	White Spot	Tuesday, February 18, 2025	8:00 PM
Thursday, March 14, 2024	TCBY - TREAT DAY	Thursday, March 6, 2025	8:00 PM

***** Late orders cannot be accepted due to vendor deadlines.****



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](#)

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Join the Tri-City Eagles Field Hockey Club

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Mites / Mini (U10)
EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS FEB 15

Junior (U11-U18)
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Register Now
2025
Early Bird Pricing Open Until:
February 1st for Juniors
February 15th for Mites/Minis

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