

Alderson Elementary News



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May 2, 2025

Hi Alderson Families,

This week we had an assembly on Monday, and we had a special presenter come on Thursday. The presenter was **D.O. Gibson**. Please ask your child about this presentation. Our community very much enjoyed it! You can find out more about his presentation on his website: <https://iamdogibson.com/>

Tonight we are looking forward to our first **Family Dance Night** – our students are very excited about this very special event!! Thanks to our PAC for organizing this event for our community. If you are planning to attend, please remember that this is a family event – all students **must** be accompanied by a parent to attend. **If your child comes without a parent, we will call to have them picked up.**

Class Placement Process – 2025-26 school year

In June of each school year, our staff carefully considers how we will organize our classrooms for the upcoming school year. This is a complex process that our teaching staff puts a great deal of thought into. Our considerations include:

- **Classroom Environment:** We evaluate the type of classroom environment in which each child will thrive.
- **Classmates:** We consider which classmates we believe each child will work best with.
- **Friend Group Expansion:** We aim to support each child in expanding their friend group. Whenever possible, we strive to provide new experiences each year, allowing them to interact with different peer group configurations. We work to ensure that each of our students has some familiar faces in their next classroom. We avoid keeping students in classrooms with their “best friend” as this can lead to the formation of “cliques” and a narrowing of their friend group.
- **Leadership Development:** Optimally, we try to offer opportunities for children to experience being the older in a combined-aged grouping some years to develop their leadership skills, and the younger other years to gain that experience as well.

Occasionally, parents send in requests to us. **Parent requests will be considered if they are received prior to the end of May.** If you wish to make a request, please ensure it follows the following guidelines, and that you email it directly to the Principal at astrang@sd43.bc.ca:

- **Learning Environment:** Parent requests should not identify a specific teacher. Instead, please describe the type of learning environment you believe your child will do best in.
- **Friend Requests:** Please avoid requesting specific friends for your child's class. When you do this, you are also making a request for somebody else's child. If there is a specific situation you are working

Please understand that parent requests will be considered within our class placement process, but that granting parent requests is not always possible.

Family Appreciation May 27th at 1:45 pm

This is a special event to recognize the contributions that parents make to Alderson and to their child's education. In honor of our PAC and our families, our students will be showcasing their learning with a butterfly theme! Refreshments will be served 😊

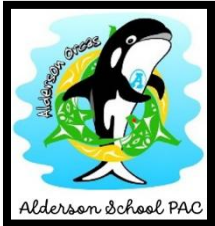


Upcoming Events



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](#)



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 – June 17 @ 6:00PM

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
Edit	Fri, May 09, 2025	Fri, May 02, 2025 8:00 PM	05/09 (Fri) - Baked Nuggets
Edit	Fri, May 30, 2025	Fri, May 23, 2025 8:00 PM	05/30 (Fri) - TCBY - TREAT DAY
Edit	Fri, Jun 06, 2025	Fri, May 30, 2025 8:00 PM	06/06 (Fri) - Pizza Pizza
Edit	Fri, Jun 13, 2025	Fri, Jun 06, 2025 8:00 PM	06/13 (Fri) - TCBY - TREAT DAY
Edit	Fri, Jun 20, 2025	Fri, Jun 13, 2025 8:00 PM	06/20 (Fri) - White Spot

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

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Before & After School Care Space available at the Alderson YMCA Kids Club

The Y understands that time gaps before and after school can be a challenge for parents. This is why its Kids Clubs 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.**





SD43 SUMMER CAMPS



June 30 – August 8, 2025

No camp on Statutory Holidays

**Open to students who have completed
Kindergarten through Grade 5**

*Registration is NOW OPEN!
Closes on Monday, June 2nd, 2025 at 5pm*

**Miller Park, James Park
Community Schools**



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SUMMER CAMPS

DOUGLAS DOUGLAS COLLEGE

Choose from sports, computers, art, dance, writing, acting, and leadership programs.

Half-day camps

\$160

Full-day camps

\$260

Children and youth 6-14 years old.

July 2-August 29.

New Hot Lunch program \$60 per week. Veggie or meat options.



**Scan the QR code
& register April 24**



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