



Alderson Elementary News

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May 23, 2025

Hi Alderson Families,

What a busy and exciting week we had. We hope to see many of you next Tuesday at our Parent Appreciation Event. Please see the information below.

Monday is a holiday – we hope you all enjoy the long weekend 😊

Today was our **district track meet**! The Alderson students represented us well and everyone had a great time. Thanks again to Mr. Maguire and Mr. Egelstad for organizing this wonderful experience for our students. Thanks also to the parents who came to help out.

Today was also our **School Carnival**!!! What a fantastic event this was again this year. So many great memories for our kids.

Please remember that **Monday, June 2 is a Professional Development Day** – School is closed for students.

Family Appreciation May 27th at 1:45 pm

All parents are welcome to attend this celebration 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 😊

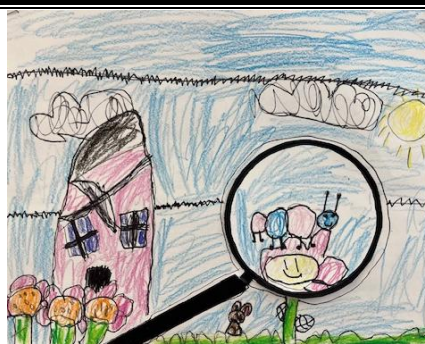


Upcoming Events



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 Yearbooks!!

You can now order Alderson Yearbooks online. **As per previous years, PAC will be gifting a yearbook to each of our grade 5 students.** For students in K to grade 4 please click on the link below to place your order with Photo Expressions: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/W35A5N>

- Cost: \$15 (tax included)
- **If you order your yearbook prior to May 26, 2025 there is no shipping charge since your yearbook will be delivered to the school.** After May 26 a shipping charge of \$7.00 will be added, and the yearbook will be delivered to your home.

Overdue library books and library closing



The school year is coming to a close and library book exchange will be suspended at the end of May for the year-end inventory. It would be a good time for students with books that have been overdue for several months to begin the hunt now. All books should be returned or paid for by **Friday, May 30**. Your child can access their account online using the username and password that they use at school.

<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/34759>

If your child doesn't know their password, please email acaspar@sd43.bc.ca to find out. Your child will also have access to the educational databases paid for by SD#43. Go check them out! Stories, games, databases! Use **sd43u** for the username and password.



Class Placement Process – 2025-26 school year

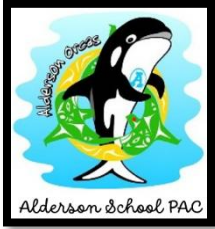
In June of each school year, our staff carefully considers how we will organize our classrooms for the upcoming school year. This is a complex process that our teaching staff puts a great deal of thought into. Our considerations include:

- **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.

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



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 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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School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025 – 2026

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
Professional Development Day – District Wide	Friday, September 19, 2025
Truth and Reconciliation Day	Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2025
Professional Development Day – District Wide	Friday, October 24, 2025
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, December 19, 2025
Winter vacation period	Mon, Dec 22, 2024 – Fri, Jan 2, 2026
Schools re-open after Winter vacation	Monday, January 5, 2026
Professional Development Day – School Based	Monday, January 26, 2026
BC Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026
Professional Development Day – Province Wide	Friday, February 27, 2026
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, March 13, 2026
Spring vacation period	Monday, Mar 16 – Friday, Mar 27, 2026
Schools re-open after Spring Break	Monday, March 30, 2026
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter Monday	Monday, April 6, 2026
Professional Development Day – District Wide	Friday, April 24, 2026
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2026
Professional Development Day – School Based	Monday, June 1, 2026
Last day of school for all students	Thursday, June 25, 2026
Administrative day	Friday, June 26, 2026

Alderson 2025-2026 Bell Schedule



8:55 – Warning Bell

9:00 – Instruction Begins

10:20-10:40 – Recess

12:00-12:37 – Outdoor Play Time

12:37-1:00 – Lunch Time (instructional time)

2:50 – Dismissal



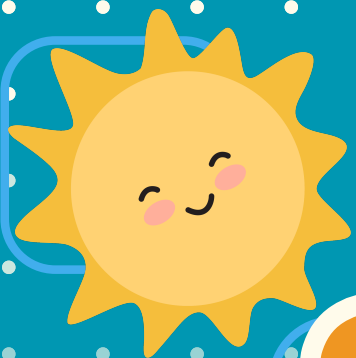


Before & After School Care Space available at the Alderson YMCA Kids Club

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 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**



Follow us on Instagram @dcyouthcamps



Questions? Email youthcamps@douglascollege.ca or call 604-527-5680.