



## Alderson Elementary News

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August 28, 2025

Hi Alderson Families,

Welcome back to our returning Alderson Families, and a warm welcome to new families who are joining our community this year. We hope you had a fantastic Summer vacation and we look forward to hearing about everyone's Summer adventures!

We would like to welcome a few new staff members to our team:

- **Ms. Purdy** will be replacing Ms. Murphy for the year
- **Ms. Kelly** is our new counsellor
- **Ms. Won** is a new EA at Alderson

### Tuesday, September 2

- **Returning Grade 1 to Grade 5 students** attend school from 9:00-9:30. Please have your child return to their classroom from last school year.
- **New Grade 1 to Grade 5 students** attend school from 9:00-9:30. Please have your child come to the front doors of the school. They will meet some of our staff and have a tour of the school. At 9:30 they will be dismissed from the front doors of the school
- **New Kindergarten Students** attend from 9:45-10:15 in the school gym.

### Wednesday to Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

- **New and returning Grade 1 to 5 students attend school full time.** They are in temporary groupings for the first week while we finalize class placement. The location their class will meet in will be communicated to all students on Tuesday.
- **New Grade 1-5 Students** will meet at the Library at 9:00 and will be placed in a temporary classroom for the week.
- **New Kindergarten Students** follow the gradual entry schedule which was sent out to you in early July. **At this time there have been no changes to that schedule.** Please contact us if you do not have that schedule

### Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

If possible, students move into their new classrooms for the 2025-26 school year. Please drop your child off at the same classroom they attended during the first week. Students will also be dismissed from that classroom. They will come with a note communicating who their new teacher is and where to drop them off and pick them up beginning on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Breakfast Program**

Our Breakfast Program will start up again on **Monday, September 8th**. There will be no breakfast served at school during the first week back.

Our Breakfast Program receives funding from Breakfast Club of Canada. The intention of this program is to provide breakfast for our entire community (not just families who need this support). We encourage everyone to join up!! Breakfast is provided daily from 8:30—8:50.

## **School Supplies for 2025-26 School Year**

We order school supplies for all children centrally, so you do not need to shop for them. The cost for supplies will be \$50 per child again this year. We have utilized some funding we have received to subsidize the cost of school supplies for all students. Please understand that we will not have this funding in future years, which will affect the cost of supplies.

**We will be asking parents to pay for their children's supplies later in September when our online payment system is ready.** If you prefer to purchase supplies on your own, supply lists are posted on our website – please follow the link below.

[www.sd43.bc.ca/school/alderson/Parents/SchoolSupplies](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/alderson/Parents/SchoolSupplies)

## **School Communication**

All school communication is sent through email. Please ensure that our office has up to date contact information so that you don't miss any information. Our "Alderson News" is sent out every week on Fridays and posted on our website. Please familiarize yourself with our website as this is the central location for all school communication.

## **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**

*Anita Strang*

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Alderson Elementary

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School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)



## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025 – 2026

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
<b>Professional Development Day – District Wide</b>	<b>Friday, September 19, 2025</b>
Truth and Reconciliation Day	Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2025
<b>Professional Development Day – District Wide</b>	<b>Friday, October 24, 2025</b>
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
<b>Professional Development Day – School Based</b>	<b>Monday, January 26, 2026</b>
BC Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026
<b>Professional Development Day – Province Wide</b>	<b>Friday, February 27, 2026</b>
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
<b>Professional Development Day – District Wide</b>	<b>Friday, April 24, 2026</b>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2026
<b>Professional Development Day – School Based</b>	<b>Monday, June 1, 2026</b>
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



# KidSport

**Saturday  
September 6  
10am–1pm**

So **ALL** Kids Can Play!

## **USED EQUIPMENT SALE**

sponsored by:

*Saputo*

**POIRIER FORUM  
618 POIRIER STREET  
COQUITLAM**

Admission by **donation**  
or non-perishable item  
to the **SHARE Food Bank**

### **SAVE on your family's sports equipment!**

The KidSport Used Equipment Sale has everything from bikes and hockey gear to fitness equipment, wetsuits, and more!

### **Open to EVERYONE!**

equipment for **ALL** kids and adults!

Outfit a child for lacrosse or hockey, including helmet, stick, and/or skates for approximately \$100!

### **GIVE back! Donate your gently used\* equipment**

From *August 22 – September 5*, donate your used equipment at the following locations:

- Port Moody Recreation Complex (main lobby)
- Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex (main lobby)
- Port Coquitlam Community Centre (lower arena lobby)    [www.kidsporttricity.ca](http://www.kidsporttricity.ca)

**\*gently used**  
equipment is:

- less than 6 years old
- in good condition
- wearable for league sports