



Alderson Elementary News

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Hi Alderson Families,

We have had a wonderful first week reconnecting with our classroom communities from last year and getting to know our new students. The theme this week was friendship and learning some new playground games that everyone can play when they are outside at recess and lunch.

It is unfortunate that the skies have been a bit smoky this week and our thoughts are with the people living in areas of BC affected by the wildfires. Please know that our district is monitoring the situation and making recommendations to schools based on the current conditions. There have been times in past years when we have kept the children inside the building at recess and lunch due to the conditions and we will do the same if this year if that becomes necessary.

Class Placement

On Monday students should go to the same classroom they went to this past week. During the day they will be moved into their new classrooms. Your child's new teacher will send them home with a letter of introduction, so you know who their permanent teacher will be for the 2024-25 school year.

At the end of the day students will be dismissed from the same classroom they were dropped them off in, so you know where to find them. When you pick them up please have your child show you where their new classroom is so you know where to drop them off on Tuesday morning.

Weekly Newsletter

I send a newsletter out to all families each Friday. If for some reason you don't receive one, please check our website. On the home page there is a "School News" section. I always post our newsletter there as soon as it is ready on Friday. Please make sure to check it each week for new information. The newsletter often looks similar week to week but there is always some new information.

PAC Page

In each newsletter we provide information about our **PAC (Parent's Advisory Committee)** activities. You will also find information on the PAC page of our website: [PAC Page](#). Please see below for the Fall hot lunch offerings, and the date of our first PAC meeting of this school year.

Celebrating Birthdays

At Alderson we celebrate each child's birthday by recognizing them at our monthly assemblies. In addition each classroom has their own tradition for celebrating each child's special day. **We ask that parents do not send in treats for the class on birthdays—please save them for your child's home celebration.** Treats brought to school make for difficult situations for

students who have dietary restrictions, and we want to make sure each of our students have a similar experience on their special day. If you have any concerns or questions about this expectation, please do not hesitate to ask.

School Supplies for 2025-26 School Year

We order school supplies for all children centrally, so you do not need to shop for them. By default, we are assuming that families are purchasing school supplies from us. The cost for supplies will be \$50 per child again this year. If you prefer to purchase supplies for your child on your own, please let us know.

Again this year we are utilizing special funding we 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.

Currently our payment system is not ready. We let parents know when this system is ready to take your payment. 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

Parking: Pick-up and Drop-off

Please make sure you are aware of the parking regulations on Gauthier and Alderson Ave. Bylaw officers come by regularly to ensure that parents are following these regulations. Please also respect the following expectations:

- **Staff Parking is for Staff only** please do not use this as a place to drop off or pick up your child.
- **Respect Accessible Parking** – The area directly in front of the school doors is to be used by people with a valid accessible parking pass. Please do not stop your car here even for a moment.
- **Respect our Neighbor's Driveways** – Please do not block driveways or use the entrance to the complexes across the street from the school as a place to drop off your child.

In recent years we have had some concerning “near misses” with children crossing Gauthier to get to or from their parent's cars. Children should only be crossing the street accompanied by their parents. Please do not drop your child off in the middle of the street.

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

Monday, Sept 8th

Breakfast Club Begins

Our Breakfast Program will start up again on **Monday, September 8th!!**

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 come!!

Breakfast is provided daily from 8:30—8:50.

Friday, Sept 12th

Picture Day!!




*Picture Day
is coming!*

Friday, Sept 12, 2025

1. **Prep:** Ensure hair is combed, face is clean, and eyes are clear.
2. **Dress:** Dark, solid colors work best. Avoid busy patterns.
3. **View:** Use the Express Proof your child brings home to see their portrait.
4. **Order:** Choose from special packages available only through your school.
5. **Share:** Once your portraits arrive, enjoy and share these special memories.

Thank you for trusting us with your memories.

 **Photo Expressions**

Thursday, Sept 18th

Alderson Open House & PAC Ice Cream Social

On **Thursday, September 18th** you are invited to come with your child to visit their classroom and meet their new teacher. You can also join us for the **PAC Ice Cream Social**. We hope you are all able to drop by!! Thanks so much to our PAC for organizing this for our community!

Friday, Sept 19th

Professional Development Day

Schools in Coquitlam are closed for students. Our staff will be working with a facilitator to learn more about teaching Math. We will also be learning about developing strong classroom communities through the use of circles in the classroom.

Monday, Sept 29th

Truth & Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day Assembly

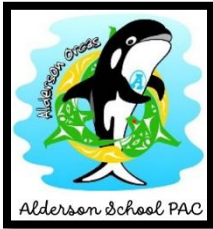
Students are encouraged to wear their Orange Shirts on this day. You can read more about the importance of this day here: [National Day for Truth & Reconciliation](#)

Tuesday, Sept 30th

Truth & Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day

Schools are closed on this day as part of Truth & Reconciliation





Alderson PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

Our PAC works hard for our school to provide some extra special and very valued events to our school year that bring our community together. These events are a lot of work – **please do your part**. You can send them an email to find out how you can help out.

Next PAC Meeting – October 6, 2025 @ 6:15PM

You can visit the Alderson PAC page on our website here:

[Alderson PAC](#)

If you have questions about a PAC initiative you can email them at:

AldersonSchoolPac@gmail.com

Hot Lunch

Don't forget to order hot lunch!! Please click on the link below to access the lunch platform.

Munch-A-Lunch!

Lunch Date	Order By Date / Time (will auto-close after) [Timezone: PDT]	Lunch Theme
Fri, Sep 26, 2025	Mon, Sep 22, 2025 8:00 PM	09/26 (Fri) - Hot Dogs
Fri, Oct 03, 2025	Thu, Sep 25, 2025 8:00 PM	10/03 (Fri) - Treat Day - TCBY
Fri, Oct 10, 2025	Thu, Oct 02, 2025 8:00 PM	10/10 (Fri) - White Spot
Fri, Oct 31, 2025	Thu, Oct 23, 2025 8:00 PM	10/31 (Fri) - Subway
Fri, Nov 14, 2025	Thu, Nov 06, 2025 8:00 PM	11/14 (Fri) - Treat Day - TCBY
Fri, Nov 21, 2025	Thu, Nov 13, 2025 8:00 PM	11/21 (Fri) - Baked Nuggets
Fri, Nov 28, 2025	Thu, Nov 20, 2025 8:00 PM	11/28 (Fri) - Pizza
Fri, Dec 05, 2025	Thu, Nov 27, 2025 8:00 PM	12/05 (Fri) - Red Robin
Fri, Dec 12, 2025	Thu, Dec 04, 2025 8:00 PM	12/12 (Fri) - Treat Day - TCBY

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



Alderson Elementary PAC Hot Lunch Program



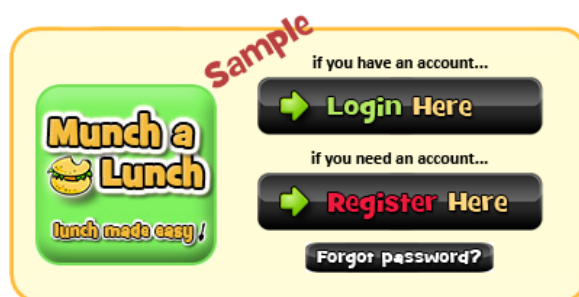
Hello Alderson Families!

Welcome to a new school year.
Starting on Tuesday, September 9th, you will be able to order hot lunches scheduled until December using **MunchaLunch.com**

**Our FIRST hot lunch is scheduled for Friday, Sept 26th (Hot dogs)
Late orders will not be accepted.**

Are you BRAND NEW to Munchalunch?

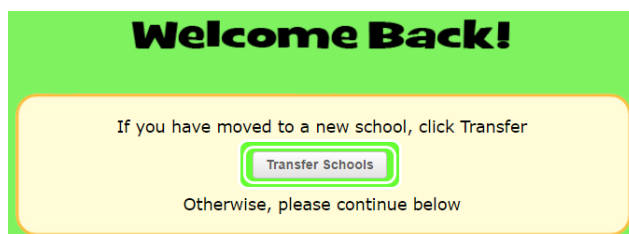
- 1) Go to: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/alderson>
- 2) Click the “**Register Here**” button (as shown below). The system will guide you through
- 3) After adding your children, click the green “Order Lunch!” button to order
- 4) Next time, just click the “**Login Here**” button to access your account.



- If you need assistance with ordering, or do not have access to the internet, please contact aldersonschoolpac@gmail.com

Does your child already have an account with Munchalunch but registered at their previous school?

Please login to your child's munchalunch account. Click on “Transfer Schools” and follow the instructions.



We appreciate your support with our hot lunch program as the funds raised go towards general fundraising within the school.



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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



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

***gently used**
equipment is:

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