



Alderson Elementary News

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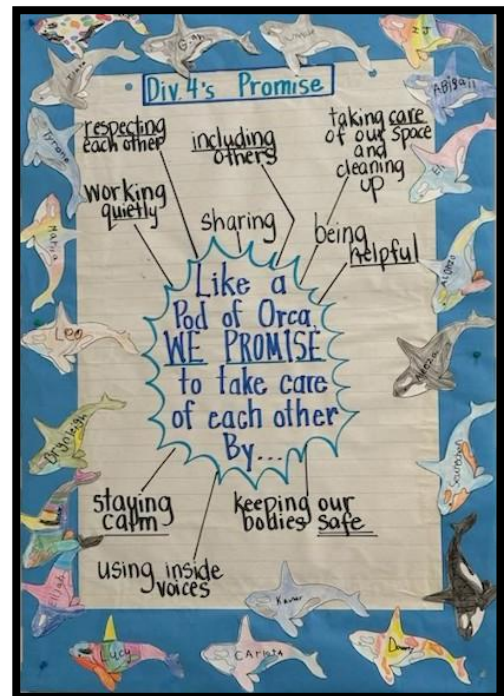
September 12, 2025

Hi Alderson Families,

The second week of school is always exciting as students join their new learning community and begin building new relationships.

One of the first things classes do is work together to create a "**class charter**". A class charter is an agreement that everyone in the classroom community works together to write. The teacher asks them to think about how they want to feel in their classroom, and what we all need to do to make the classroom a place where everyone feels safe and cared for. Each child then signs it, and it is posted on the classroom wall. Division 4 has already completed their class charter, so I included it here.

Of course, even with a class charter in place, **conflicts and challenges** happen among students. Part of our work in school is to help them work through social challenges to learn social problem-solving skills. If you are ever concerned about a situation for your child at school, please remind your child to let their teacher know about it. If you are concerned that your child is not doing this, please let their teacher know about the problem as soon as possible. It is important that we know about these things so we can assist your child in solving these difficulties when they are small. In going through a process to solve social conflict, children will gradually learn how to solve these problems on their own.



This past Thursday we had a musician, **Jack Thomas**, come to play for our students and to talk to them about persevering through difficult times. At 17 Jack lost an arm in a workplace incident and then taught himself to drum again with only one arm. Jack graduated from Terry Fox Secondary and went on to perform for Canada's Got Talent. Please ask your child to tell you about his performance. You can watch one of his appearances here: [Jack Thomas Canada's Got Talent](https://www.jackthomasmusic.ca). You can also check out his website here: www.jackthomasmusic.ca

Breakfast Club

The first week of our breakfast club has gone very well and has been busier than ever. We always have staff running the program, but things go much smoother if we also have parent volunteers to assist our staff. If you attend with your child, please consider also helping out. When you are

there, please ask the staff member who is in charge how you can help. **If you can commit to volunteering for our breakfast program more regularly**, please speak with Shannon Dryer (sdryer@sd43.bc.ca) and she will let you know when we need extra volunteers.

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 should have this system up and running by the end of next week and will email you to let you know. 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



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

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. The Alderson PAC is also sponsoring a welcome back ice cream social. Come enjoy an ice cream sandwich in front of the school by the office. First come first serve. A donation box will be available if you are able to make a donation to cover the cost.

Friday, Sept 19th **Professional Development Day**

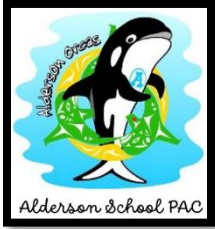
Schools in Coquitlam are closed for students. Our staff will be working with a facilitator to learn more about teaching Math. We will also be learning about developing strong classroom communities through the use of circles in the classroom.

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.****