

# Alderson Elementary News

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Hi Alderson Families.

It is hard to believe it is December already!! The weather this month looks pretty wet – thanks for making sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather!!

Please make sure to read this newsletter carefully as there are many important things to be aware of at this time of year.

Along with the treat day next Friday (Dec 12), the PAC will be hosting a TCBY (Frozen Yogurt) "pop-up" store to sell the leftovers from the Volleyball Tournament. The extra frozen yogurt is on sale for \$4.00. Cash or card will be accepted.

#### Winter Concert!!

Our classes are busy preparing for the winter concert! Please remember that our winter concert is on **Tuesday**, **December 16 at 2:00 PM**. The concert will last about 45 minutes. If it ends prior to the end of the school day you are welcome to pick your child up early from their classroom. Please make sure to sign your child out with their teacher.

Admission to the concert is by donation. All donations will go to SHARE. There will be a container for donations at the door. You can also donate using this QR code.

Taking pictures at the concert is fine, but please respect the privacy of other families and do not post pictures of other people's children to your social media.



## Learning Updates (Report Cards)

Your child's Learning Update for first term will be posted to the MyEd Family Portal by the end of the day on **Wednesday**, **December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Ahead of that please ensure that you are able to access your MyEdBC account so you will be able to view your child's report card. You can log in here: MyEd Family Portal

If you are not able to access your account please email <u>alderson@sd43.bc.ca</u> for assistance.

#### Winter Weather Ahead!!



Please make sure that you are aware of the district and school plan for communication in the unlikely event that schools are closed due to wintery weather. You can read about this on the district website:

www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation

# Kindergarten Registration, Middle School transition & Programs of Choice

If you have a child who is currently in Grade 5, or a child who was born in 2021 and will be starting Kindergarten next September, it is time to start thinking about these transitions. In addition to the information below please see the flier on the next page so you know when the information sessions for these programs are.

### 2026-27 Kindergartners

There are some options parents should consider for Kindergarten. You can register your child at your "catchment" school during the first week of February, or at one of our District's "Programs of Choice". Registration for Programs of Choice happens in January. If you want your child to attend a school that is not in your "catchment" area, you will need to apply to "cross-catchment" in February. You can find out about this process here: <u>SD#43 Cross</u> Catchment Process.

You can find out more about Programs of Choice on the SD#43 website:

o French Immersion:

http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/French9020Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/=

- o Montessori: <a href="http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Montessori/Pages/default.aspx#/=">http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Montessori/Pages/default.aspx#/=</a>
- o Mandarin Bilingual: http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Mandarin/Pages/default.aspx#/=

#### Grade 5 Students

For September our current Grade 5 students will automatically be registered at their "catchment" Middle School. Soon a letter will be emailed to you letting you know which school your child is automatically registered at. If you believe the school identified is not correct, you will need to provide us with proof of your current home address. It is also important that addresses are correct for sibling applicants.

If you want your child to attend a Middle School that is not in your "catchment" area, you will need to apply for cross-catchment in February. You can find out about this process here: **SD#43 Cross Catchment Process**.

If you want your child to attend a "Program of Choice" for their Middle School years you will need to submit an application to the district in January. You can find information about how to do that here:

O French Immersion: http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/French902DPrograms/Pages/default.aspx#/=

O Montessori: http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Montessori/Pages/default.aspx#/=













# PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

**Kindergarten Programs of Choice and Late French Immersion for September 2026 Entry** 

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 SD43 Education Learning Centre 1080 Winslow Ave., Coquitlam



6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Kindergarten Programs of Choice Presentation: French Immersion, Mandarin Bilingual and Montessori

7:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Late French Immersion Presentation (for students entering Grade 6 in September 2026)



\*Note: While identified as part of the overall presentation on the programs, these sessions do not focus on the registration process.



This event is <u>FREE</u> and open to all interested parents/ caregivers. No registration is required!

Learn more: www.sd43.bc.ca/programs

# 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 applications.

Alderson Online Calendar

be added to the calendar item. Click on the item to read more.

#### Monday, Dec 8th December Assembly @ 11:20

Parents are always welcome to attend our assemblies.

#### Monday, Dec 8th PAC Meeting @ 6:15

In the Alderson Library.

#### Tuesday, Dec 16 Winter Concert @ 2:00-2:45

Parents are encouraged to attend.

#### Wednesday, Dec 17 Learning Updates (Report Cards) Published to MyEd

Please make sure you can access your MyEd family portal account so that you can view your child's Learning Update.

Friday, Dec 19 Last Day Prior to Winter Break

Monday, Jan 5 First Day back following Winter Break

#### Monday, Jan 19 January Assembly

Parents are always welcome to attend our assemblies.

#### Monday, Jan 26 Professional Development Day

School is closed for students

#### February 3, 4, & 5 Kindergarten Registration

If your child was born in 2021 it is time to register for Kindergarten! You can find out more about registration on the school district website: <a href="https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Registration">www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Registration</a>

#### February 4 & 5 Early Dismissal for Student-Led Conferences

Students will be dismissed at 1:50. Your child's teacher will let you know how to come for your child's conference.



# 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.

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

Next PAC Meeting - December 8 @ 6:15

# **Hot Lunch**

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

#### Munch-A-Lunch!

\*\*\* Late orders <u>cannot</u> be accepted due to vendor deadlines.\*\*

Lunch Date	Order By Date / Time (will auto-close after) [ Timezone: PDT ]	Lunch Theme
Fri, Dec 12, 2025	Thu, Dec 04, 2025 8:00 PM	12/12 (Fri) - Treat Day - TCBY

