



Alderson Elementary News

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Hi Alderson Families,

On Monday we had an assembly. It was extra exciting because the new principal, **Mr. Mushens**, came to meet all of our students! **Kaylee** and **Sherwan** from Division 2 did a great job as the MCs for this assembly. **Ethan** and **Kayden** from Division 2 presented some of the learning they have been doing including writing comic books and coding. The assembly ended with a fun arrangement of Deck the Halls sung by **Division 2**. Thanks to the parents that were able to attend!

The last day of the **Breakfast Program** for this term will be **Wednesday, December 17**. After that please have breakfast with your children at home before school.

Holi-yay!!

This year we are trying out a new tradition. Rather than our usual pancake breakfast on the last Friday before the holiday, the PAC is hosting a special afternoon of crafts, games, hot chocolate and cookie decorating!! **Thanks to our PAC - we are looking forward to this!!**

Library News

Please send any Library Books back to school next week. Students will not be borrowing books next week – book borrowing will resume following the winter break.

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.

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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 17th**. 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 alderson@sd43.bc.ca for assistance.

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.

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: [SD#43 Cross 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/French%20Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/>
- o Montessori: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Montessori/Pages/default.aspx#/>
- 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/French%20Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/>
- o Montessori: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Montessori/Pages/default.aspx#/>

Kindergarten Transition

SD43 in partnership with Kinsight annually invites parents of preschool aged children with diagnosed disabilities, developmental delays and/or additional support needs to our Kindergarten Transition information session. The session is hosted by our Zone Coordinators and Kinsight Supported Child Development Consultants.

This year's in-person session is scheduled for:

Thursday, January 8th at the ELC from 7-9 pm (doors open 6:30)

Please read more about this session here: [Kindergarten Transition Flyer 2026 pdf.pdf](#)

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

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

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: www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Registration

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

Lunch Date	Order By Date / Time (will auto-close after) [Timezone: PST]	Lunch Theme
Fri, Jan 16, 2026	Thu, Jan 08, 2026 8:00 PM	01/16 (Fri) - Treat Day - TCBY
Fri, Jan 23, 2026	Thu, Jan 15, 2026 8:00 PM	01/23 (Fri) - Red Robin
Fri, Jan 30, 2026	Thu, Jan 22, 2026 8:00 PM	01/30 (Fri) - Dominos Pizza
Fri, Feb 06, 2026	Thu, Jan 29, 2026 8:00 PM	02/06 (Fri) - Baked Nuggets
Fri, Feb 13, 2026	Thu, Feb 05, 2026 8:00 PM	02/13 (Fri) - Treat Day - TCBY
Fri, Feb 20, 2026	Thu, Feb 12, 2026 8:00 PM	02/20 (Fri) - Hot Dogs
Fri, Mar 06, 2026	Thu, Feb 26, 2026 8:00 PM	03/06 (Fri) - Subway
Fri, Mar 13, 2026	Thu, Mar 05, 2026 8:00 PM	03/13 (Fri) - Treat Day - TCBY