



Alderson Elementary News

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Hi Alderson Families,

Thanks to all of you who attended our Winter Concert on Tuesday. It was a fantastic success. Our students did such a great job. Again, a big thank you to **Ms. Baker** for all the work she put into putting together and practicing for this event.

Please understand that staff are encouraged to "unplug" for their vacation so will not be responding to emails over the holiday. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season with your family!!

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year!!

Holi-yay!!

This was the first year of this event and it was wonderful!! The kids enjoyed an afternoon of cookie decorating, hot chocolate, holiday bingo, beading and card making. This was an amazing event organized by our PAC along with a wonderful group of volunteers. What a great way to celebrate the end of the first term of the school year!!

Learning Updates (Report Cards)

Your child's Learning Update was posted to the MyEd Family Portal on **Wednesday, December 17th**. Please make sure to print a copy for your records as it will be removed from the portal on July 31, 2026. If you are not able to access your account please email alderson@sd43.bc.ca for assistance. We will assist you following the Winter Holiday.

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.

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

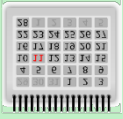
SD43 in partnership with Kinsight annually invites parents of preschool aged children with diagnosed disabilities, developmental delays and/or additional support needs to our Kindergarten Transition information session. The session is hosted by our Zone Coordinators and Kinsight Supported Child Development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

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, 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.

Monday, Feb 16 **BC Family Day**

Holiday – School is closed

Friday, Feb 27 **Professional Development Day**

School is closed for students.





Alderson Elementary School PAC
WhatsApp channel



Scan this QR code using the camera to view or follow this channel.

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

