



# Alderson Elementary News

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Hi Alderson Families,

It was great to see everyone back after the break. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. The weather is always challenging at this time of year. Please ensure that your child is dressed for outdoor play. We play outside every day even in rainy weather so they need to bundle up!! Please also make sure your child has a change of clothes at school. We encourage them to stay as dry as they can outside but accidents happen. Sending a change of clothes avoids the need for us to call home if they get wet or muddy.

## Learning Updates (Report Cards)

Your child's Learning Update was posted to the MyEd Family Portal on **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation)

Please ensure your child is dressed for any type of weather. We go outside for recess and lunch breaks rain or shine. Occasionally (once or twice a year) we keep the students inside when the rain is extremely heavy or the situation is unsafe. Even on those days it is important that students are prepared to be outside should we ever need to evacuate the building due to an emergency situation.



Division 3

# 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. A letter was emailed to you in December 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.

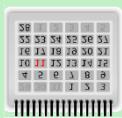
If you want your child to attend a Middle School that is not in your "catchment" area, you will need to apply for cross-catchment in February. You can find out about this process here: [SD#43 Cross Catchment Process](#).

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#/=>



# 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 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](http://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 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](mailto:AldersonSchoolPac@gmail.com)

### Next PAC Meeting – TBA

## 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