



Alderson Elementary

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February 6, 2026

Friday, February 6	PAC hot lunch day
February 2 – 6	Kindergarten Registration for September 2026
February 6 -11	Cross-catchment applications open
Monday, February 16	BC Family Day Holiday – school closed

Please regularly check the school website for calendar and event updates.

Well hello!

It is a pleasure to join the Alderson Elementary community this week. I want to begin by saying congratulations to your outgoing principal, Ms. Anita Strang, on her retirement and wish her all the very best in the next chapter. She has told me so many great things about this school community and I have already been warmly welcomed by students and staff.

While I'm sure things will largely run the same while I settle in, please bear with me as I adjust to how we do things here, and if things occasionally look a little different, we'll figure everything out in time.

I have been in the Coquitlam School District for many years, and I'm very much looking forward to this newest stop on my education journey. Please feel free to say hello when we bump into each other at drop-off and pickup. I'm looking forward to getting to know you. And if you have questions or concerns, I'm a phone call or email away.

Kindergarten Registration

While the official kindergarten registration period was up until February 5th, we still want to hear from you if you have a child born in 2021 who will be starting kindergarten in September. If you, or you know of a friend or neighbour have a child who has already turned 5 or will turn 5 before December 31st, please ensure you register as soon as possible. This information helps us to plan for our next year's school organization.

Kindergarten Registration
WELCOME
Is your child five (5) years old on or before December 31, 2026?

HOW TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN:

- 1 Use our School Locator to confirm your neighbourhood catchment school.
(If you have been accepted to a Program of Choice, please register at the school indicated on your acceptance letter)
- 2 Download and Complete our New Student Registration Form found below.
- 3 Prepare required verification documents.
- 4 Email the school your registration form and required verification documents on the posted registration dates (School email can be found at the bottom section of the school's website or on the school locator on our website)
- 5 Wait for a confirmation email and next steps from the school.

You can find information and registration packages on the school district website at:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Registration/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Cross-catchment applications now open

The school district's Cross Catchment Applications system for September 2026 is now open. See the graphic below for detailed information. Visit the front page of the [school district website](#) to apply online for Cross Catchment, either for Kindergarten or Grades 1-12.

Please note that the deadline for applications is strictly adhered to, and closes next Wednesday, February 11th at 4:00 pm.



The graphic is a promotional poster for cross-catchment applications. It features a megaphone icon with the text 'COMING SOON' in a red box. The main title 'Cross Catchment Applications for September 2026 Entry' is displayed in large white text. Below the title, two key dates are listed: 'FEBRUARY 6 Cross Catchment Applications OPEN at 9 AM' and 'FEBRUARY 11 Cross Catchment Applications CLOSE at 4 PM'. To the right, a green directional signpost points to 'OLD SCHOOL' and 'NEW SCHOOL'. A call-to-action section on the left encourages 'APPLY ONLINE!' with an icon of a hand pointing at a laptop screen. A note on the right specifies that the application is for students who wish to transfer to a school outside their neighbourhood catchment area.

Cross Catchment Applications for September 2026 Entry

FEBRUARY 6 Cross Catchment Applications OPEN at 9 AM

FEBRUARY 11 Cross Catchment Applications CLOSE at 4 PM

APPLY ONLINE!

Look for the link to the application form on the FRONT PAGE of www.sd43.bc.ca

For students who wish to transfer to another school that is not their neighbourhood catchment school

The cross catchment application system can be accessed here:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Looking ahead

A little heads up the BC Family Day holiday is Monday, February 16th. School is closed for the statutory holiday that day.





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 – TBA

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: PST]	Lunch Theme
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

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