



Welcome back Alderson Families!!

We are excited to welcome everyone back for the 2023-2024 school year. A special welcome to families and staff who are joining the Alderson Community.

I am sending out this letter to remind families about the plans for the first week of school. **If you are receiving this newsletter but your child will be attending another school please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our contact lists.**

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First Week Back

Tuesday, September 5th

- **Grade 1 to Grade 5** students attend school from 9:00-9:30. Please have your child go to the classroom they attended last school year. They will be provided with information about which **temporary** group they will be placed in for the remainder of the first week.
- **Students who are new to Alderson** will meet at the front doors of our school. On that day your child will take a tour of the school and the plans for the week will be explained.
- **New Kindergarten Students** attend from 9:45-10:15 in the gym. Parents come to the Multipurpose Room to meet with the Principal for some information and in case you have any questions. If your child is reluctant to remain in the gym feel free to stay with them.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday September 6th, 7th and 8th

- **Grade 1 to 5 students** begin attending school full time in temporary groupings. Please have them bring a snack and some lunch with them.
- **Students who are new to Alderson** meet at the front doors of our school. They will be placed in temporary groupings for the first week of school while we finalize class placement. Please have them bring a snack and some lunch.
- **New Kindergarten students** follow the gradual entry schedule we sent out to them. Please contact us if you have not received this.

Monday, September 12th

- **Grade 1-5 students** return to the temporary groupings from last week. If our organization is finalized, students will be reorganized into their new classrooms with their teachers for the year at some point during the day. A notice will be sent home introducing you to their new teacher.
- **New Kindergarten Students** will continue to follow their gradual entry schedule.

Daily Health Check

While there are no longer any health restrictions in schools, students are still required to stay home if they are ill and unable to participate fully in routine activities. Please check with your child each day prior to bringing them to school.

Your cooperation with keeping your child home from school when they are ill protects other students and staff from illness.

If your child suffers from allergies resulting in cold-like symptoms, please let your child's teacher know so that we don't call home to report that they are ill unnecessarily.

Upcoming Events....

Tuesday, September 5	<p>First Day of School</p> <p>Grade 1-5 students attend their class from last year 9:00-9:30.</p> <p>New Students meet a teacher outside the front doors of the school.</p> <p>New Kindergarten students go to the gym at 9:45-10:15.</p>
September 6-8	<p>Grade 1-5 students participate in school-wide community building activities.</p> <p>New Kindergarten Students follow their gradual entry schedule.</p>
September 11th	<p>If possible, students move into their new classrooms for the year.</p> <p>New Kindergarten Students continue to follow their gradual entry schedule.</p>
September 18th	<p>New Kindergarten Students begin to attend full-time.</p>
September 21 @ 2:00	Terry Fox Run
September 21	<p>3:00-4:00—Meet the Teacher</p> <p>3:30-4:30—PAC School Picnic</p>
September 22	Professional Development Day (school is closed for students)

School Calendar

There is an overview of the main school dates for this year on our website. You can download that calendar here:

[Alderson Community Calendar](#)

Please also check our ecalendar for a complete list of future dates:

www.sd43.bc.ca/school/alderson/Calendar

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On the Calendar

- First Day of School - Grade 1-5**
05 Sep 2023 9:00 AM- 9:30 AM
- First Day of School - Kindergartners**
05 Sep 2023 9:45 AM- 10:15 AM
- Terry Fox Run**
09 Sep 2023 9:00 AM- 2:45 PM



School Supplies

This year there are two possible ways to purchase supplies for your child:

1. You can purchase through the school. **This year we have been able to secure funding to subsidize the cost of school supplies for all children if you choose to purchase them through us. Supplies will cost \$55.00 per child.** Currently we are updating our payment system for the new year so paying for supplies is not yet possible. I will email all families when the system is ready to accept new payments.
2. The second way to purchase supplies is to check the supply lists we have posted online and purchase supplies yourself at a local store. You can view our lists here: [Alderson Supply Lists 2023-24](#). **When shopping for school supplies please keep in mind that the brands requested are important.** While you may be able to find a similar supply at a lower price, low quality materials do not last and result in teachers requesting more supplies during the school year.

If you are concerned that the cost of supplies is more than your family is able to afford at this time, please let me know. We are providing these supplies at a subsidized cost currently but are able to subsidize supplies further for those who need us to. **Please let us know by emailing astrang@sd43.bc.ca.**



School Communication

We send out a weekly newsletter each Friday reflecting on the week and letting our community know about upcoming events.

We send this—and all other communication—through email so please make sure we have the best email address possible for you so that you do not miss anything.

Also, we work to keep our [school website](#) up to date with all of the information you will need.

You can visit our website here:
sd43.bc.ca/school/alderson



Any Questions?

Please email me using the contact information below.

Take care,

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