



Welcome back Alderson Families!!

We are excited to welcome everyone back for the 2022-2023 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 6th

- **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 –

While you wait for your child please join our PAC for refreshments outside of our Multi-purpose Room!!

Wednesday, September 7th

- **Grade 1 to 5 students** begin attending school full time in temporary groupings. Please have them bring a pencil box with some basic supplies, a snack and some lunch.
- **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 pencil box with some basic supplies, 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. 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

The protocols remain the same as they were at the end of last school year.

* Please complete a daily health check with your child each day before school—

Daily Health Check

*Children with any type of illness are required to stay home until their symptoms have gone.

* If your child suffers from allergies resulting in symptoms please let your child's teacher know so that we don't need to call home unnecessarily.

Upcoming Events....

Tuesday, September 6	<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 7-9	<p>Grade 1-5 students participate in school-wide community building activities</p> <p>New Kindergarten Students follow their gradual entry schedule.</p>
September 12th	<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 19th	<p>New Kindergarten Students begin to attend full-time.</p>

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:

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

The screenshot shows the website for Alderson Elementary School, School District No. 43 (Coquitlam). The header includes the school name and navigation links like Home, About, Programs & Services, Staff, Parents, Intranet, Publications, and Staff. A search bar is also present. Below the header, there's a section for 'School District 43 Communicable Disease Management' with a warning icon and a note that updates are posted as they become available. A large circular image shows a 'WELCOME TO ALDERSON' sign in a school hallway. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'School News' with links to '2022-2023 School Supply Lists', 'MyEd BC Family Portal', and 'SD43 2022/23 Budget and Multi-Year Fiscal Plan'; 'On the Calendar' with 'Gr 1-5 1st Day Schedule' (06 Sep 2022 9:00 AM- 9:30 AM), 'Kindy 1st day schedule' (06 Sep 2022 9:45 AM- 10:15 AM), and 'Kindergarten Students' Schedule' (07 Sep 2022 All Day); and 'Quick Links' with 'Parent eForms', 'SD43 Emergency & Incident Weather Information', 'MDI', 'Student Learning Survey', 'School Activities', 'MyEd BC Family Portal', 'Absence Report', 'FSA Log In', and 'Online Payments'. There are also sections for 'District News' with 'Superintendent's welcome letter to families' and 'Superintendent's Summer Letter to Families', and a 'Bell Schedule' listing times for 'Warning' bell, 'Instruction Begins', 'Recess', 'Instruction Resumes', 'Outdoor Play', 'Instruction Resumes', 'Lunch Time', and 'Dismissal'. At the bottom, there are 'Documents' and 'View Documents' sections.

COVID 19 Update

Currently the protocols for Covid 19 remain the same as they were at the end of last school year. Please be aware that all schools in School District #43 follow the protocols as set out by the Provincial Health Office and that these protocols may need to be adjusted over the year. Please make sure you and your child are aware of the following protocols at school:

- It is expected that all staff, students and visitors to our school continue to do a daily health check prior to entering the school. People are expected to stay home if they are experiencing any new symptoms of illness (including symptoms of COVID-19 or other illnesses) and follow the BCCDC guidance outlined here: [SD43 Communicable Disease Protocols](#).
- Our cleaning staff are following the rigorous cleaning protocols outlined in the document linked above.
- All students and staff will engage in frequent handwashing when transitioning between activities. We have sinks in every classroom for this. Hand sanitizer is also available at all entrances and in all classroom spaces.
- We continue to encourage our staff and students to respect each other's personal space and maintain distance whenever possible.
- Students do not to share their food with their classmates
- While masks are not required currently, some community members will choose to wear masks and will be respected for this personal choice.
- A link to the [SD43 Communicable Disease Protocols](#) is available on our school and district websites under the School District 43 Communicable Disease Management banner at the top of the page.

Thank you to each of our community members for their cooperation with these protocols. Your diligence with this is appreciated.

School Supplies



Our school supply lists are posted on our website under the "Parents" tab. Please follow the list as closely as possible so your child has all of the things they need. Please keep supplies at home until the second week of school. Your child's teacher will let you know when they should bring them to school. You can view the lists here:

[2022-2023 School Supply Lists](#)

If you are going through financial difficulties right now, please let me know and we can assist you with purchasing supplies for your child.



Any Questions?

Please email me using the contact information below.

Take care,

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