

## Alouette Elementary School

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## DECEMBER 2022

There are only a few weeks left until the holidays and the energy and excitement at Alouette is contagious. Bulletin boards are adorned with festive art, Christmas trees can be found in classes, children are talking about the elf on the shelf, and delightful carols can be heard from the music room. Our thoughtful PAC is hosting a hot chocolate day on December 9 and all children will receive a free warm drink after recess. (Please send your child with a mug from home to help reduce our waste.) The holiday season is upon us, and we are looking forward to our *Holiday Magic Concert* on December 14. It's our first concert in years and we are happy to welcome families to our performances at 9:00 and 1:00. There will also be 50/50 draws held at both shows! Proceed go toward new playground equipment. **It is important to note that each performance consists of different classes. The specific classes in each show are in the next section of this newsletter.**

Student-Inclusive Conferences are currently taking place. This is an opportunity for families and teachers to celebrate each child's growth this term and set meaningful goals for term 2. A copy of the reporting exemplar will go home before the Christmas break and will serve as a summary of the conference discussion. Thank-you for your support.

December is such a festive time, and the year-end is also a time to reflect on families hit hard by world events. Our 5 Days of Giving campaign has always been an important event for our caring community. It is described a little further down in this newsletter and takes place the week of December 5 - 9. The proceeds will go directly to our local families to make the holidays a little brighter. Thank-you in advance for your generosity!

It has been a great first term! Thanks to our dedicated staff and PAC for all their work on the primary pumpkin patch, pumpkin decorating contest, Terry Fox Run, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation ceremony, Alouette Choir, Remembrance Day ceremony, Cross-Country Runs, Triple Ball and more. We have come together to honour and celebrate several occasions that have enriched our community. And we have much to look forward to in the new year.

On behalf of the Alouette staff, we want to wish you, and those you love, the best of the holiday season. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Mme Donna Servant  
Principal

Ms Melissa Ferris  
Vice Principal



## ***HOLIDAY MAGIC CONCERTS***

We are excited to have a winter concert this year! It has been challenging to arrange given our enrollment growth and limited seating as well as gym capacity due to the fire code. As a result, we are asking families to limit their attendance to 2 guests. We will be holding 2 concerts on Wednesday, December 14. **Each concert will consist of different classes.** The choir will perform at both shows and 50/50 tickets will be sold at both shows by our PAC. Please see the list below for specific classes in each show. We look forward to seeing you at the concert!

***Concert A will occur at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14. The following classes will perform:***

Division 2	Mrs. Dew
Division 3	Mr. Smeed
Division 5	Mrs. Schneider
Division 6	Mrs. Rupert
Division 7	Mr. Patterson
Division 10	Mrs. Wong
Division 14	Mrs. Aareskjold
Division 15	Mrs. Mah
Division 19	Mrs. Perry and Mrs. J. Gill
Division 20	Mrs. Sharpe

***Concert B will occur at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 14. The following classes will perform:***

Division 4	Mrs. N. Gill (Grade 6/7)
Division 8	Mr. Chiu and Mrs. Bice
Division 9	Mrs. Wightman and Mrs. Bice
Division 11	Mrs. Buhler
Division 12	Mrs. Holt
Division 13	Mrs. Dyer and Ms. Macphail
Division 16	Mrs. Nosek
Division 17	Mrs. Tang
Division 18	Mrs. Paulsen
Division 21	Ms. Vanhulsen and Mrs. Barker-Brown
Division 22	Mrs. Iacobucci

***A warm thank-you goes out to Division 1 who will be our production crew for both shows!***

## Kindergarten Registration 2023-24

Kindergarten registration for the 2023/2024 school year is open to children who are **5 years old on or before December 31, 2023**. Visit the district website for detailed information on the five phases (sibling registration, choice registration, general registration, late registration, open registration) and other important information: <http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

Registration phase	Registration Starts on Parent Portal <i>12:00 noon</i>	Registration Ends on Parent Portal for parents <i>11:59 pm</i>	Documentation due at school by parents <i>12:00 noon</i>
Enviro Sibling	January 3, 2023	Jan 4, 2023	Jan 13, 2023
Sibling	Jan 4, 2023	Jan 10, 2023	Jan 20, 2023
Enviro	Jan 11, 2023	Jan 13, 2023	Jan 20, 2023
Choice	Jan 18, 2023	Jan 23, 2023	Feb 3, 2023
General	Feb 1, 2023	Feb 7, 2023	Feb 24, 2023
Late	Feb 22, 2023	July 28, 2023	Sept 1, 2023(for summer registrations)
Open	Aug 21, 2023	Sept 15 2023	Within 5 business days. If they reg in the summer, doc due within 5 business days of school opening

## Grade 8 and Additional Registration Periods 2023-24

Registration phase	Registration Starts on Parent Portal <i>12:00 noon</i>	Registration Ends on Parent Portal for parents <i>11:59 pm</i>	Parents notified?
General Grade 8	Feb 2, 2023	Feb 17, 2023	March 1 - prior to Spring Break
Wheelhouse	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 24, 2023	Prior to Spring Break
Late French	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 24, 2023	Prior to Spring Break
Early Enrolment for September	March 8, 2023	July 28, 2023	
K-12 Open Enrolment	August 21, 23	June 2024	

## STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

We have early dismissal at 11:30 on December 1<sup>st</sup> and no school on December 2<sup>nd</sup> as we will be holding conferences.

## STUDENT REPORTING & PROVINCIAL PROFICIENCY SCALE

The provincial proficiency scale used in conference reporting is explained at the link below. We know learning occurs on a continuum of development and takes patience and time.

<https://reporting.sd42.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Explanation-of-Provincial-Proficiency-Scale.pdf>

## STUDENT SAFETY

**Please use the crosswalk when crossing Isaac Crescent.** It is very busy at student drop off and pick up and we care deeply that our children are safe and that they also learn traffic safety. It takes a village, and your support of road safety is greatly appreciated!

## DROP OFF ZONE

**Please do not park or leave your vehicle when dropping off or picking up children.** If you must escort your child to class, please park on a nearby street and walk. It is important to keep traffic in our round-about moving. Thank-you for your cooperation.

## 5 DAYS OF GIVING AT ALOUETTE

Alouette has had a long-standing tradition of giving at Christmas to benefit families in need. We are accepting donations of cash and cheques (payable to Alouette Elementary) and gift cards. This method allows the recipients some flexibility with purchasing what best meets their own needs. All proceeds go toward creating hampers for local families in our community. This year our 5 Days of Giving will proceed as follows:



Monday December 5, **Money Monday**

Tuesday December 6, **Toonie Tuesday**

Wednesday December 7, **Wallet Wednesday**

Thursday December 8, **Gift Card Thursday**

Friday December 9, **Flexible Friday – Proceeds of cash, cheques, and gift cards to complete our hampers for local families in our community.**

Please contact the office if a tax receipt is required. A donation must have a value of at least \$25.00 before a tax receipt will be issued. These cheques must be made payable to School District 42. There is a cash donation form that must be completed for submission to the district.

Many thanks for helping to brighten Christmas for a family!

## SCHOOL CLOSURE DECISION: SNOW

The decision to close schools due to accumulating snowfall is ultimately the responsibility of the superintendent, who must balance the safety of students, staff, and parents with the need to provide learning. The decision is not taken lightly and is the result of a carefully thought-out process that is reviewed after each experience and refined if necessary.

The decision to close schools is made by 6:30 a.m. Details are:

- Posted on the SD42 Twitter feed (@sd42news).
- Posted on the SD42 Facebook feed (SD42Facebook).
- Shared with News 1130, CKNW, and CBC 690 radio stations.
- Posted on the SD42 Website ([www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca)).

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE LIBRARY

We have a number of overdue books, and it would be greatly appreciated if families could take an extra look around the house for them over the winter break. We wouldn't want Santa to trip over one and get hurt.

Happy New Year and hopefully everyone in your home will have a chance to curl up with a good book over the next few weeks!

Mrs. Waterman  
Teacher-Librarian



## READING CORNER

Nightly reading time is critical for your child's long-term reading development so please make reading time a priority in the months ahead. Reading is an important factor in school success.



It is sometimes wrongly assumed that reading skills are due mainly to natural ability; that children are either good readers or they are not. This is simply not the case. While it is true that some children do initially learn to read more easily, the MOST important factor in a student's eventual reading level is the amount of time they spend reading. One study of almost forty thousand fifth graders found that those who read 40 minutes a day acquired almost four times the vocabulary of students who read only 12 minutes a day. It also found that students whose families encouraged reading activities at home had higher reading achievement. Reading research consistently shows a potent relationship

between the volume of reading and reading achievement, so please encourage your child to read every night!

## **BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS**

Please ensure that your children are aware of lunchtime and afterschool arrangements when they arrive at school in the morning. We are happy to assist when unexpected problems arise, however we do appreciate your efforts in keeping those occurrences to a minimum so as not to disrupt the classroom learning environment.

## **LOST & FOUND**

Items will be on display in the lobby on December 1 and 2. The box is located in the lobby, and you may look through it any time. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the day on December 14.



## **WINTER BREAK**

The last day of school before winter break will be Friday, December 16, with dismissal at 2:20 pm. School will reopen on Tuesday, January 3 at 8:30.



# ***PAC UPDATES***

Thanks for all your support this Fall!

**Poinsettia and Purdy's** pick-up is scheduled for the afternoon of December 8<sup>th</sup> and all day on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have a table set up in the front lobby with both items ready to go. A parent portal will be sent out if there is a delay in arrival times. If you wish to schedule an alternative pick up time, please contact PAC at [alouettepac@gmail.com](mailto:alouettepac@gmail.com)

**Hot Chocolate Day** is back at Alouette! Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> the PAC will be serving up hot chocolate for our comfy cozy day. Please send your child with a mug labelled with their name on it. Thank you to Global Coffee for donating the hot chocolate for this event. We are still looking for volunteers to help with serve the hot chocolate. If you can lend your time on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-11:00am please send an email to PAC.

**Magical Holiday Concert-** The PAC will be assisting with setting up the gym for this event. We are looking for volunteers to help with set up and take down the following dates and times:

**December 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-2:20pm** Set up of stage and decorations

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**- Set up chairs in the gym for the audience—TBD on time

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**- Selling 50/50 tickets before the AM and PM shows. 8:30-9am and 12:30-1pm

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**- 8:30am Take down stage and decorations

Don't forget to bring CASH to purchase tickets for 50/50 Tickets. Tickets will be sold before the shows and the winner will be announced at the end of each concert. All proceeds will be going to purchasing equipment for the intermediate playground.

Please send PAC an email to PAC if you can assist us.

There is still time to participate in our winter fundraisers! **Global Coffee-** Orders Due December 9<sup>th</sup>

[www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca/alouette](http://www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca/alouette)

The PAC will be hosting another grounds clean-up the morning of January 3rd, if you are interested in volunteering, please contact PAC.

**Next PAC meeting** is Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am via zoom. Please email PAC to RSVP.



# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The Family Education and Support Center is excited to have the following courses and workshops available for this winter.

- For a full list of programs, see the winter program guide: [Family Education and Support Centre Winter Program Guide](#). To register, call 604-467-6055 or visit <https://www.familied.bc.ca/>.

**Anger Monsters (8-12 years):** This children's program is designed to teach children 8-12 yrs old what anger is. This program is designed to allow participants to be able to identify their triggers and learn tools to help control their anger. The parents program features skills from Neufeld Institute, including various anger cycles and goals of behavior. Participants will also learn how to help support their child's efforts to tame their anger, along with different calming techniques. Date: Feb 4- Mar 4 (Sat) Time: 330pm-530pm Cost: \$90 \*price is for 1 child and 1 parent/guardian\*

**Anger Monsters (6-7 years):** This children's program is designed to teach children 6-7 yrs old what anger is. This program is designed to allow participants to be able to identify their triggers and learn tools to help control their anger. The parents program features skills from Neufeld Institute, including various anger cycles and goals of behavior. Participants will also learn how to help support their child's efforts to tame their anger, along with different calming techniques. Date: Jan 7- Jan 28 (Sat) Time: 330pm-530pm Cost: \$90 \*price is for 1 child and 1 parent/guardian\*

**I Am Awesome (Spring Break Camp):** This course is designed to help young people with communication styles, triggers, "I" statements, looking at their special inner qualities, how to deal with stress and how to be a friend. We are offering two sessions. Ages 6-8 years Date: Mar 13 - 17 Time: 8am - 12pm Cost: \$86/child Ages 9&10 years Date: Mar 20 - 24 Time: 8am - 12pm Cost: \$86/child

**STEPE:** Developmentally appropriate parenting skills for children aged 0-6. Programming for children 0-6 is available. Date Jan 30- Feb 24 (Tues/Fri) Time: 1-3pm Cost: FREE

**Parenting Resilient Children:** Understand better what resiliency is and how we can foster it in our families. Please note, this workshop will take place via Zoom. Date: Feb 14 (Tues) Time: 10am - 12pm Cost: \$15

**Conflict Resolution Parenting:** Learn how to use "I" statements, conflict management styles, trigger scale, active listening, paraphrasing and open questions for parenting. This workshop will take place via Zoom. Date: Jan 10 (Tues) Time: 10am - 12pm Cost: \$15

**Healthy Relationships:** This 2-part course looks at the fundamentals of any adult relationship including the foundation, needs, wants, and communication skills. Date: Feb 4 & Feb 11 Time: 9am-3pm Cost: \$90/per person \*must register in pairs\*


**Men's Anger Management:** Explores the complex nature of anger, recognizing triggers, alternative methods of expression, and how to defuse anger. Date: Jan 15- Feb 5(Sun) Time: 9am - 2pm Cost: \$90

**Brave New You:** Women learn about creating and keeping their boundaries, healthy communication, managing challenging conversations, expressing feelings, and identifying personal needs. Date: Feb 4- Mar 4 (Sun) \* no class Family Day weekend Time: 9am - 2pm Cost: \$90




# December

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Sunday	Mond	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Early dismissal at 11:30 for conferences  Lost & Found in front lobby	2 No school due to conferences  Lost & Found in front lobby	3
4	5 5 Days of Giving <i>Money Monday</i>	6 5 Days of Giving <i>Toonie Tuesday</i>	7 Div. 4 & 5 Entrepreneur Fair  5 Days of Giving <i>Wallet Wednesday</i>	8 5 Days of Giving <i>Gift Card Thursday</i>  Purdy's and Holiday Plant Pick up from Lobby	9 5 Days of Giving <i>Flexible Friday</i> Global Coffee Orders Due Comfy Cozy Day! Hot Chocolate Day! Bring a mug Decorating for Concerts	10
11	12	13	14 Holiday Magic Concert 9:00 am Group A 1:00 pm Group B	15 Stage and Decorations Taken Down	16 Last Day before Christmas break Div. 8, 9, 10 skating Div. 2 & 3 swimming	17
18	19 Schools closed for Christmas break	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31



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Sunday	Mond	Tuesda	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 School closed	3 School re-opens Welcome back!  PAC Grounds Clean Up	4	5	6 PAC Meeting 9:00 a.m.	7
8	9 Body Science Presentations All Week	10	11	12 Kindergarten Dental Screening	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Body Science Presentations	20	21
22	23 Non-Instructional Day (No School for students)	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				