

Alouette Elementary

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JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

There's often a sense of calm when we return to school after Christmas break. Children know their teachers and classmates, routines are established, and we have had the opportunity to get to know our families just a little bit better. The famous quote from the movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*, resonates with me. *Strange isn't it. Each man's life touches so many others.* We are all connected and relationships are the strength of Alouette. Children feel how adults are interacting, they feel what we think about our school. Working together and staying positive, we can help all our students thrive. And our recent *Holiday Magic* concerts were a demonstration of this. Everyone came together to create something special that supported our amazing children. It gave me goosebumps to be part of the positive energy that comes from watching them in concert. And I am so proud of what we all accomplished *together*.

A new year is a great time to focus on our goals that we set in the first term. Thank-you for keeping these goals alive at home. We reviewed many reports where children want to get better at reading, writing, adding, organizing, meeting deadlines, doing the monkey bars, putting caps on markers, running, and many more. Here at Alouette, our school growth plan goals are:

- Deepening our understanding of Indigenous ways of teaching and learning
- Improving reading outcomes and engaging students in reading for fun.

Staff from Alouette are involved in several district initiatives around both these topics. We are also exploring new strategies for literacy development and finding more high interest books for our children. We hope our efforts encourage children to read more just for fun. Thank-you for continuing to enjoy books every day with your children at home.



IF YOU WANT TO FEEL
RICH, JUST COUNT ALL
THE GIFTS YOU HAVE
THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY.

I am amazed every day by our students' energy, joy, candidness, their ability to be fully present in the moment, and their sense of curiosity. As educators, we learn as much from them as they do from us. The reciprocity of this relationship is a gift of this profession. Happy new year everyone! We have a lot to look forward to in the months ahead.

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Principal

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Vice Principal

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	

WHEELHOUSE AT ALOUETTE

The Wheelhouse is a classroom where **grade 6 and 7 students** are both challenged and supported in becoming life-long learners and responsible citizens. Some of the highlights of the program include:

- Weekly Field Study Days where students learn outside the regular class setting;
- A classroom of care and discovery that is well supported by staff, parents, and community mentors;
- Leadership activities that improve confidence, citizenship, and social responsibility;
- Wheelhouse students are also part of the school district 1-to-1 program, where each student is assigned an iPad for use throughout the school year.

For more information, including a more in-depth look at the program, dates and times for student interviews, and details on how to become a Wheelhouse student, please visit The Wheelhouse online at <https://wheelhouse.sd42.ca/>.

Please attend an online Information Session to find out all about The Wheelhouse.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Registration Link: <https://sd42.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5wpde-hpzkiGdXmNj4KEWmYOfVzroNhhVX>

Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Registration Link: https://sd42.zoom.us/meeting/register/u50kcOqqgTotGNVi399JkE_Ebum7YAb5lko6

Eligibility

District Wheelhouse is open to all SD42 students who will be in Grade 6 or 7 in September 2023. Students may begin the program in either Grade 6 or 7.

REGISTRATION for the District Wheelhouse Program at Alouette Elementary begins at **noon** on **February 15, 2023**. Registration occurs on the parent portal. All students registering for Wheelhouse must be in Grade 6 or 7 in September 2023.

The Wheelhouse program runs out of Alouette Elementary (22155 Isaac Crescent, Maple Ridge).

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

Online Information Nights:

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 (7:00 p.m.)

Preregistration is required for this meeting and can be completed at the following link. <https://sd42.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5wsdeigrDsvGtUyaJMjl3qQm1qj8lb5QR0M>.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The SD42 Late French Immersion program is an excellent opportunity for students who want to learn a second language or are looking for a challenge. Students who are currently in Grade 5 are eligible to begin Late French Immersion in September 2023, at Golden Ears Elementary. This two-year elementary program continues at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

For more information about our French Immersion program, please contact Jennifer Simon at Jennifer_simon@sd42.ca

REGISTRATION for Late French Immersion opens on the Parent Portal at **noon, February 15th, 2023**, and closes at **11:59 p.m. on February 24th, 2023**.

The Late French Immersion program runs out of Golden Ears Elementary (23124 – 118 Avenue, Maple Ridge

THANK-YOU!

We extend a heartfelt thank-you for your donations to our *Five Days of Giving*. Also, a special note of gratitude goes to Conwest Construction and the Burnett Church for their generous donations. Proceeds went toward providing Christmas hampers for some of our Alouette families in need. Alouette is a community with heart!

THANK-YOU!

We are very grateful to our PAC for all their work on fundraisers, decorating, assistance with our concerts, cleaning our grounds, hot lunch and treat days, and so much more! Their hard work on these initiatives makes a difference in our classrooms and to our community.

NEXT PAC MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Zoom on Friday, January 6 at 9:00 a.m. by Zoom. Please email alouettepac@gmail.com for the link to join.

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](https://twitter.com/sd42news));
- posted on the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SD42Facebook));
- shared with News 1130, CKNW, and CBC 690 radio stations;
- posted on the SD42 Website (www.sd42.ca).

ANGER MONSTER



CHILD'S PROGRAM

This children's program is designed to teach children 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.

6 & 7 YRS OLD

Jan 7- Jan 28 (SAT))

330-530pm

Price: \$90

(based on a registration for one adult and one child)

ADULT'S PROGRAM

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.

8-12YRS OLD

FEB 4- MAR 4 (SATURDAYS)

330-530PM

PRICE: \$90

(based on a registration for one adult and one child)



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

The Family Education & Support Centre
22554 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge
(604) 467 - 6055 or reg@familyed.ca



Brave New You!

Are you missing the following in your life? If so, Brave New You is for you!

- ☑ **Establishing healthy boundaries**
- ☑ **Healthy communication that works**
- ☑ **Understanding the role anger is playing in your life**
- ☑ **Discovering your core values**

FEB 4- MAR 4 (SAT)

9AM-2PM

\$90

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Please note the location of this program is subject to change as per the BC Provincial Health guidelines regarding Covid-19



Healthy Relationships

Do you want to learn the basic fundamentals of any adult relationship including learning about needs, wants, and new communication skills? If so, the healthy relationships course is for you!

Feb 4 & 11
9am-3pm
\$90 / person

Two participants MUST come together.



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PARENTING RESILIENT CHILDREN



Understand better what resiliency is and how we can foster it in our families.

Please note this program will take place online, via Zoom.


FEB 14 (TUES) 10AM - 12PM
PRICE: \$15

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 School Closed.	3 Welcome back! Schools re-open after Christmas break 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 Wheelhouse Zoom Information Session 6:30 pm.	13	14
15	16	17	18 Late French Immersion Information Session 7:00 pm by Zoom	19 Body Science Presentations	20	21
22	23 Non -Instructional Day - No School for Students	24 Wheelhouse Zoom Information Session 6:30 pm.	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				