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MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



Recently, I enjoyed the movie, *It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood*. It is the story behind Fred Rogers and how his natural way of caring for others, impacted someone in despair. The movie brought back many happy memories of watching his children's show when I was young. Mr. Rogers lived the mantra that each person is precious, just the way he/she is.

I see this every day; how special and unique each child is. There is so much energy, joy, and laughter, working in an elementary school. And it's such a pleasure getting to know them more every day. Some children walk and talk with me at recess and lunch, some of them seek me out to help them problem-solve a matter. Students of all ages play together, share, laugh, run around, and create games. Every day I see so much good in our community. Our children really are working at making the world a better place by spreading kindness. And this was so apparent at our *Kindness Counts* celebrations last month.

February flew by and ended on such a positive note with Alouette's first Family Dance! A warm thank-you goes out to our planning committee and PAC members. A great time was had by all as our community came together for such a fun family event!

Spring break is just around the corner, such a great time to slow down and enjoy simple moments together. Maple Ridge has a wonderful public library with a vast collection of children's books. Even the most reluctant reader can be quite impressed with so many choices. You might even find some books for yourself. The clocks do move ahead in March, and we are looking forward to the longer days that invite us all to spend more time playing outside.

Living in a digital and fast-paced world, it can be challenging to find time to really enjoy each other without being connected or running around. We know that kids want time with the important adults in their life. We hope you all enjoy a peaceful holiday this month that allows you time to connect as a family and rejuvenate. Hopefully, we'll have a lot more sunshine.

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2023/24 school year is open to children who are **5 years old on or before December 31, 2023**. Visit the district website at the link below for detailed information. Late registration is now open until July 28 for parents who may have missed previous registration phases.

<http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

GRADE 8 REGISTRATION

Deadline for Grade 8 online registration has closed. Families that missed this phase must complete a request under the Enrolment Requests – New; Transfer; Withdraw (2023/2024) school year.

Parents will be notified by email before Spring Break about their child's assigned school. Movement between schools after the school placements have been finalized will require a transfer request submitted on the Parent Portal under the Enrolment Requests-New; Transfer; Withdraw (2023/2024) school year.

- The ability to transfer will be limited by building space and available staffing. See Student Transfer Guidelines.
- A review of transfer requests will be completed before the Grade 7 orientation date in May. Individual meetings and/or visits will occur after placement.

Please refer to guidelines at the attached link. <https://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/>

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/>.

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 is currently open on the parent portal and closes at midnight on March 10. All students registering for Wheelhouse must be in Grade 6 or 7 in September 2023. *The Wheelhouse program runs out of Alouette Elementary.*

CYBERSCHOOL PROGRAM 2023/2024 FOR GRADE 6/7 ALOUETTE STUDENTS



Cyberschool offers the traditional school curriculum using technology as a 21st century tool to enhance and extend student learning.

Flexibility and choice, collaborative learning, time management, inquiry, and knowledge building are elements of this program. On the cyberday students will interact with other students and their teacher, utilize the resources of the internet, and discuss issues online while still being able to retain the personal contact that traditional face-to-face learning allows. Students in this program will attend school four days a week (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri) and work from home on Thursdays.

To learn more about our program please visit. <https://cyberschool.sd42.ca>

A parent information night will be held on **Wednesday, March 1st @ 6:30 p.m. in Room 1056.**

Eligibility

Cyberschool is open to students who attend Alouette Elementary and will be in Grade 6 or 7 in September 2023.

Registration will begin on April 3rd, limited spots are available and will be based on first come, first serve basis. Please drop off your registration form to the office, and it will be time stamped. Registration form is included at the end of this newsletter.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEYS 2022/2023

The Provincial Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

February through April 28, the Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, all school staff as well as our parent community. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm Please follow the section under *Direct Access* (no logon number is required). Scroll to district 42 Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows and then scroll to Alouette Elementary.

All responses are anonymous and confidential. The surveys can be completed any time before April 28. We look forward to your input!

HEALTHY USE OF TECHNOLOGY

We want to remind everyone to be vigilant and never share SD42 credentials (user ID and password) or personal passwords. It is also important to be extremely cautious when receiving messages that ask for personal information, no matter how legitimate they may appear.

Failing to protect personal information opens the door to online security threats, like phishing scams. Phishing emails appear to be from a real source but are really from cyber criminals attempting to trick people into sharing sensitive information. In these messages, cyber criminals frequently use scare tactics, such as threatening arrest unless personal information is divulged. If successful, a cyber criminal can use the information to steal identities and gain access to online accounts.

By being attentive and following these simple guidelines, we can keep personal and academic information secure and continue to use technology to enhance our academic success.

For more information regarding **healthy use of technology and Internet safety**, check out the following **SD42 website at: <https://success.sd42.ca/#>**

More information about phishing and Internet safety can be found at the following Government of Canada websites:

<https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en>

<https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en/blogs/phishing-introduction>

INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

Alouette has invited Safer Schools Together (SST) to present workshops to our parents and intermediate students on this important topic. SST is the subject matter expert for the Province of British Columbia, and other jurisdictions throughout North America. They have been recognized by all levels of government for the development of effective and innovative strategies that ensure safe and caring school communities. We are holding a 2-hour session for parents and caregivers by Zoom on Tuesday evening, May 9 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will also be sessions during the day on May 11 for students in Grades 4 – 7. Detailed information follows:

Parent/Caregiver Session: Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyber-Bullying (2-hour session with Q&A) See flyer further in this newsletter

TO REGISTER FOR THIS PARENT/CAREGIVER SESSION, PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#)

This session is for parents/caregivers of students in Grades 4 - 7. Your child in the intermediate grades has now entered the phase of their digital media lives where cell phone ownership doubles, video game use explodes, and social media use becomes problematic. At this age, children encounter situations that will challenge their independence. A snapshot of current trends and concerning applications will be provided to equip you in your digital parenting strategy. This session will cover recommendations for family rules, parental controls, family tech plans, as well as suggestions for monitoring your tween/teen's digital life. Pre-registration is necessary at the link above.

Student Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, And Respectful Digital Communities

Students in Grade 4 through 7 will attend this presentation on May 11 at school.

This student session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen to the criminal consequences of cyberbullying. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding students' use of social media platforms and smartphones will be discussed.

Training will include:

- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- The criminal and social consequences of cyberbullying behaviour as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)
- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., college admissions officers and potential employers)
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse

MOVING AND STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS

Although spring has just begun, plans are in full swing for September. If you know that you will be moving and not attending Alouette Elementary for the 2023/2024 school year, please let us know so that we can more accurately plan. Registration and transfer requests for students who are currently in Grades Kindergarten – 6 must be completed on the parent portal. Please note that this transfer process does **not** apply to incoming Kindergarten students. Incoming Kindergarten students who are not placed in their first-choice school are waitlisted for this school. If families move or need to request a new placement for their incoming kindergarten child, they email reghelp@sd42.ca.

Information about student transfers and registrations can be found at <https://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/>. The first transfer phase ends April 4. More information about elementary transfer guidelines can be found at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Elementary-Transfer-Guidelines-2023-24.pdf> Please contact the principal, Donna Servant, at 604-463-8730 if you have any questions.

STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES

Please be sure to sign up for a zoom conference with your teacher. Conference days are March 8 (early dismissal at 11:30) and March 9 (no school for students). This time is dedicated for these meetings that are important for student growth and celebrating accomplishments. Please mark your calendar as these opportunities are very important for our children.

WEST COAST RECESS

It has been very cold and soggy outside and often the field can be quite muddy. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes at school, boots a suitable coat for the wet/cold weather, along with mittens and a tuque. Thanks for your support!



Get ready to Spring forward on Sunday March 12 at 2 a.m. Clocks are turned forward 1 hour.



Please be sure to let the school office know if your child will be leaving school early for Spring Break. Last day for students is March 10th. We welcome students back on Monday, March 27.

LOST AND FOUND

Items will be on display in the lobby March 6 - 9. Please take a look through the collection and claim what is yours. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity March 10.

EASTER BREAK

There is no school on Friday, April 7, Good Friday, and Monday, April 10 is Easter Monday.



THANK-YOU!!

A heartfelt thank-you to our Dance Committee and PAC members who put on a fantastic Family Dance at the end of February! The smiles, laughter, singing, and dancing just lifted everyone's spirits. It felt so good to come together, a great time was had by all!

ALOUETTE PAC INFORMATION

Subway Lunch Order Deadline Thursday, March 2nd for lunch on March 10.

Orders for Subway must be placed at the link below.

Head to <https://alouette.hotlunches.net/admin/?action=home> to order.

To email the hot lunch team directly, follow the link above. Log into your account, click the 'HELP' tab and then scroll down to 'support request'

Purdy's Chocolates Online Fundraiser:

Hop into Spring with Purdys Chocolates. We have you covered for all your Easter chocolate needs.

Launch Date: Feb 25th Catalogues were sent home for reference. All orders can be placed online using the following link-

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1192375-103705>

Campaign Code: 51450

Order Deadline: March 20th

Product pick up: Before and after school on April 3rd

West Coast Seed Fundraiser:

Alouette Elementary PAC is very excited to partner with West Coast Seeds.

Place your seed orders by March 17th and 40% of your order comes right back to Alouette Elementary. Once the seeds arrive at the school, PAC will sort and deliver them to the classrooms. Please remember to put your child's name in the info section and select Alouette Elementary PAC from the drop-down menu before completing your purchase.

Product Delivered: Sometime in April. Date TBA

HAPPY GROWING!

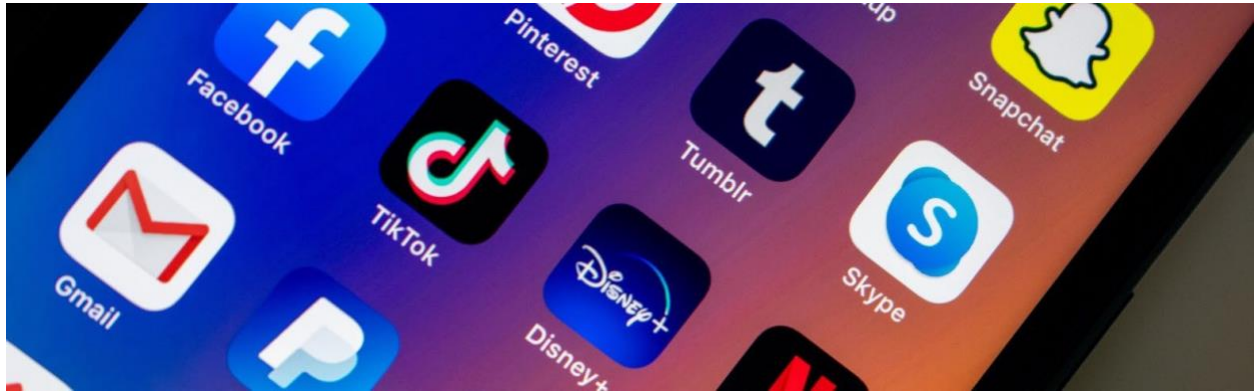
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SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS, DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP, AND CYBERBULLYING

FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF SCHOOL-AGED STUDENTS



DATE: Tuesday, May 9th, 2023

TIME: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

ADDRESS: Remote via Zoom. Meeting ID and passcode will be emailed to all registered attendees the morning of the session.

As a parent/caregiver, you lead the charge as a digital role model. Help your child develop a strong digital citizenship foundation while reminding them that their digital tattoo reflects their real and online selves. Parents/Caregivers have an important role to play in providing support and guidance during critical periods. A snapshot of current trends and concerning apps will be provided to equip you in your digital parenting strategy.

DO NOT MISS THIS FREE EVENT!!!

- **Social Media Update** - The most current apps and trends in your children's social media lives
- **Digital Parenting Strategy** - How to have important conversations with your child around social media safety
- **Digital Footprint and Reputation** - With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note - What will they find?
- **Family Tech Plan** - Recommendations for family guidelines and parental controls
- **TO REGISTER FOR THIS SESSION, PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#)**

Using today for a safer tomorrow

Cyberschool Program Registration 2023/2024



This program is limited to:

- **Students who will be in Grade 6 or 7 in September 2023.**
- **Students who are currently attending Alouette or assigned to Alouette School for the 23-24 school year.**

Student Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Grade in September 2023: _____

Parent/Guardian (1) Full Name: _____

Cell Number: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian (2) Full Name: _____

Cell Number: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Early registrations will only be accepted from students who are in the program for the 22-23 school year and would like to continue. New enrollment is limited, and acceptance is based on the timestamp and date of this form. You will be notified by May 1st if accepted into the program. Once maximum enrollment is reached, students are placed on a waitlist, and you will be notified as spaces become available. Your child will remain in the regular stream programming at Alouette while on the waitlist.

Once accepted into the Cyber program, it is necessary to complete a transfer request should you wish to return to regular stream. Returning to regular stream will be based on space available.

By signing this registration form, you agree that your child will be supervised by an adult on Thursdays when working from home.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Office Use Only – New Registrations are Not Accepted Prior to April 3rd.

Date Received: _____ Time: _____

Accepted: _____ or Waitlist: _____

Administrator Signature: _____

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Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who
are parenting a child or youth with
mental health and/or substance
use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

A Conversation for Families About Digital Wellbeing & Mental Health

As parents It's not easy to know how much time on technology is too much and how to set boundaries that don't create conflict. Join us for a conversation with a digital wellbeing expert to learn some practical solutions to our everyday concerns and challenges around our kids' use of screens and their mental health.

Come together with other families to watch this 30 minute video presentation followed by a facilitated discussion by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support

Cost: Free of Charge

Date(s):

Monday March 6, 2023 630-8pm (PST)

Thursday March 16, 2023 930-11am (PST)

Wednesday March 22, 2023 12-130pm (PST)

Tuesday March 28, 2023 630-8pm (PST))

Thursday March 30, 2023 5-630pm (PST)

Registration required:

www.familysmart.ca/events





Alouette Elementary

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Cyber School Info session 6:30 pm. Room 1056	2 Deadline to place Subway hot lunch orders for March 10	3	4
5	6	7	8 Early dismissal at 11:30	9 No school due to conferences Last Day to Collect Lost & Found Items	10 Last Day before spring break Subway hot lunch Div. 2 & 3 Swimming Div. 8, 9, 10 Bowling	11
12 Clocks forward 1 hour at 2:00 a.m.	13 Spring Break Schools Closed for 2 Weeks	14	15		17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20 Spring Begins	21	22 First of Ramadan begins at sundown		24	25
26	27 Schools re-open: Welcome back!	28	29	30	31	