

Alouette Elementary

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JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

As I sit here with my coffee in the early morning on my patio, I think about how my career has come full circle. It was the staff here many years ago, that encouraged me to go back to school and become a teacher. And it has been such an honour to return to Alouette as the principal. I am grateful to retire from a school community that has always been dear to my heart. I would like to extend a warm welcome to your new principal, Mrs. Jennifer Gallop who has been a colleague for many years. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience (and kindness!) to this role.

The year has flown by and as we enter June, we have much to look forward to. We have the intermediate water day (thanks to our PAC), Fun Day, hot lunch, intermediate track & field, treat day, the leaving ceremony, the talent show, a class play, and field trips! Please note that the last day for students is Thursday, June 29 and students dismiss at 12:00. Reports are sent out the same day on the parent portal.

To our grade 7 students who are moving on to Secondary School, we wish you a heartfelt farewell. We have appreciated your leadership, your commitment to learning, your enthusiasm for school activities, and most importantly the care and respect that you have shown each other, staff, and younger students. These qualities will serve you well as you move onto high school.

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to send a note of thanks to our volunteers and executive PAC members. It has been a pleasure getting to know you. The incredible events you created certainly enhanced our children's experiences. We hope many of you will join us at our volunteer appreciation event on June 6. More information can be found in this newsletter. Whether you have helped with field trips, reading in classrooms, cotton candy day, hot lunches, the Glow Dance, cleaning grounds, etc. we hope you will consider joining us.

To help support your children during this final month, please continue to maintain good sleep routines, eat together as a family, enjoy playing outside and reading every day. Looking forward to a happy month ahead!

Mrs. Donna Servant
Principal

Ms. Melissa Ferris
Vice Principal

MESSAGE FROM MRS. GALLOP, ALOUETTE'S NEW PRINCIPAL

The end of the year is quickly approaching and with that brings mixed feelings and emotions. I am excited to embark on this new path as I join your school community. In the earlier part of my teaching journey, I was lucky to spend a year with this community and I am excited to be rejoining you.

I can relate to many of you in that the years go by quickly, I am consumed with life with my children and their activities, and with great effort, I try to spend some time connecting with family and friends. I have an 8-year-old son and a 6-year-old daughter. I have spent the last four years working at Fairview Elementary and prior to that, Alexander Robinson.

Having grown up in this community, I am hopeful that I will see some familiar faces. Please do not hesitate to reach out and say hello. Have a wonderful end of year!

STAFFING UPDATES

It is always difficult to bid farewell to staff who do so much throughout the year. They have certainly made a difference to so many lives. The following staff members will be exploring new adventures next year: Mrs. N. Gill, Mrs. Buhler, Ms. Macphail, Ms. Munro, Ms. J. Gill, Mrs. Vanhulsen, Ms. Lonthie, Mrs. Cranna, Ms. Bukraba, Ms. Davies, Mrs. McEvoy, Ms. Bobbi Berkey, and Ms. Newton. We appreciate their dedication and hard work and wish them all continued success in future endeavors!

I am also saying *au revoir* as principal. I always like the French word because it means *until we see each other again*. In the three years that I have been the principal here, it has been a pleasure to get to know all of you. I look forward to our paths crossing again someday.

HEALTH & SAFETY

It is terrific to see so many students being active by riding bikes, scooters, and skateboards. We want to remind everyone of the importance in wearing helmets (with chin straps attached). One of our teachers shared an interesting point. We often panic at the thought of our children being abducted from the street, but the US statistics are that about 300 children are abducted by strangers each year. Compare that with 837 000 children who are affected by traumatic brain injuries (TBI) in the US each year. Thank-you for your support!



Please remember to walk your wheels when on school property. It is often crowded, and we want to prevent any possible accidents.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SEPTEMBER

Please visit the Alouette website at <https://elementary.sd42.ca/alouette/school-supplies/> for information after June 15. We are in the process of updating our lists.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES 2023-2024

Next year our conferences will be held as follows:

Fall Thursday, December 7 early dismissal at 11:30 and Friday, December 8 no school.

Spring Wednesday, March 13, early dismissal at 11:30 and Thursday, March 14 no school.

ARRIVING ON TIME

Thank-you for helping your children arrive on time. This minimizes classroom disruptions and can assist with a smoother transition into class.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We would like to recognize our volunteers who have helped in so many ways this year by hosting a morning coffee on Tuesday, June 6, from 8:30 – 10:00 am. After the bell rings, please sign in before going to the library. There will be coffee and treats, and the Alouette choir will perform. If you haven't already sent an RSVP, please email cathy_wightman@sd42.ca by Friday, June 2, so we can plan accordingly. Thanks so much for all you have done to support our school this year!

THANK-YOU PAC!

We are grateful to all of you for supporting our initiatives that have helped make Alouette the great community school that it is! Along with many school level supports, we are so fortunate to have enjoyed so many events they created, hot lunch days, field trips, and more. We also want to extend a special thank-you to the following executive members of this year;

Jasmin Schuss - PAC Chairperson

Talia Braun - Treasurer

Erin Stewart – Secretary

Blaire Mikoda - DPAC

Karen Robins and Alicia Skorepa - Members at Large

Crystal Tippe, Sarah Sparks and Sabrina Trimboli for all their work throughout the year.

Please consider joining us next year. Our final PAC meeting is June 2 at 8:30 in the library when our executive members will be elected for the 23-24 school year.

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/>

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. Registrations, withdrawals, 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/>. We are currently in the third transfer phase which closes August 24. 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.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

Please ensure that your children are aware of lunchtime and after school 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.

LEAVING SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students are discouraged from leaving the school property during school hours. All students are to sign out at the office when leaving the school grounds during the day and sign in upon their return. They require permission from their parent or guardian.

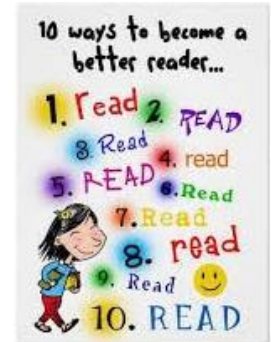
GRADE 7 LEAVING CEREMONY

Our event will be held in the gym on Wednesday, June 28, 8:45 – 10:15 am. We look forward to welcoming guests this year! Please enter through the doors beside the gym. We are very proud of our Grade 7 students and wish them every success as they transition into high school.

LIBRARY

All books must be returned to the library by **June 8**. If your child has an overdue book, they will be receiving a printout of their library record and the replacement cost for any overdue/lost/damaged books. Please submit payment in an envelope identifying the book that has been misplaced. Please contact our librarian at Jennifer_Johnson@sd42.ca if you have any questions.

Finally, students are invited to join the summer reading program at the FVRL. This is an excellent **free** program for K-12 students. Visit your local public library for more information. Happy Reading!



Mrs. Waterman
Teacher Librarian
Alouette Elementary

DRESS CODE

The school district is committed to providing students with learning environments that are safe, responsive, and inclusive. The district recognizes that decisions about dress reflect individual expression of identity, socio-cultural norms, and that they are personal. Students may attend school and school-related functions in dress of their choice provided that their choices:

- Conform with established health and safety requirements for the intended activity;
- Do not represent or promote weapons, gang culture, alcohol or drugs;
- Use respectful language;
- Do not depict or promote violence, racism, sexism, or discrimination; and
- Are not intimidating to others.

Ultimately, the school administration has the responsibility to apply the dress guidelines when necessary. If any person dresses in an inappropriate manner, the student should be advised personally and discretely and given an opportunity to meet school district guidelines.

SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER RESOURCES

The link below provides social media resources for families.
<https://saferschoolstogether.com/resources/parent-resources/>



Lost & Found Items

Our Lost & Found items will be on display out front of the school throughout June. Please have a look through and claim what belongs to your child. Remaining items will be donated to charity on June 26.

YEARBOOK COVER WINNERS

Thank-you to everyone who submitted an entry for our yearbook cover contest! There were so many beautiful illustrations to choose from. The winners this year are:

Milo Kwon – Division 9 (Intermediate)

Abigail Shaw – Division 12 (Primary)

Congratulations to both of them! They have won a free Alouette yearbook.

STUDENT MEDICATIONS

If you have left any medication at school for your child, we ask that you pick it up before summer break. Any unclaimed medication will be disposed of.



YEAR END REMINDERS.....

Students Leaving Early for Summer Break. As we reach the end of the school year, some students will be leaving school early for the summer break. Please let the office know if this is the case for your child/ren. Telephone: **604-463-8730** (voicemail is available 24 hours/day). You can also report an absence on the parent portal or Alouette reception.



**Last day for students is Thursday, June 29
Dismissal is at 12:00 noon.**

**First day of school is September 5:
Students start at 12:30 and dismiss at**

Alouette PAC

Annual General Meeting - PAC Executive Elections

Friday, June 2nd at 8.30am

In the school library.

Come Join Us!



NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY *Thursday, JUNE 1st BY 6pm*

Nominations can be emailed to alouettepac@gmail.com

Alouette Parent’s Advisory Council – Mission Statement:

The Alouette Parent Advisory Council is dedicated to the education and well being of the child. The PAC’s primary mandate is to promote effective communication between the home and school and to provide financial support to programs that enrich the educational experience of students at Alouette Elementary School. The PAC shall encourage parents to participate in meaningful educational activities and decision making, to strengthen the role of families in education and schooling and to foster meaningful parent participation.

PAC EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

(Term – 1 year)

Chairperson <i>Responsibilities</i>	Vice Chairperson <i>Responsibilities</i>	Secretary <i>Responsibilities</i>	Treasurer <i>Responsibilities</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Convene and preside at all membership, special & executive meetings. ◆ Ensure that an agenda is prepared and presented. ◆ Appoint committees. ◆ Take action or ensure action is taken by others to achieve the objectives and purpose of the organization. ◆ Official spokesperson for the organization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Assume responsibilities of Chairperson in their absence. ◆ Accept extra duties as required. ◆ In charge of programming and chair the presentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Record minutes of membership, special and executive meetings. ◆ Issue and receive correspondence on behalf of the organization. ◆ Keep an accurate copy of the constitution and bylaws. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ One of the three signing officers of the executive. ◆ Prepares financial reports. ◆ Assist the executive, draft a budget and tentative plan of expenditure.

**2023/2024 NOMINATION FORM FOR PAC EXECUTIVE – ALOUETTE
ELEMENTARY**

The deadline for nominations is Thursday, June 1st, 2023, by 6pm. Elections will be held on Friday, June 2nd at our Annual General Meeting at 8:30am, in the school library.

PLEASE EMAIL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: The Nominee will be contacted to confirm their willingness to stand for the position(s). Email nominations to alouettepac@gmail.com

NOMINEE: _____

POSITION: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Alouette PAC Reminders

- **Friday June 9th Subway lunch, orders due Thursday June 1st**
- **Monday June 26th Frozen yogurt snack day, orders due Sunday June 11th.**

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'

June 16th Intermediate Water Day. Volunteers needed for this fun event. The PAC is looking for help with set up, take down, as well as supervision of each station. Please email the pac directly at alouettepac@gmail.com if you are able to help.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER THAT BENEFITS ALOUETTE

A number of schools are participating in a community fundraiser in partnership with Rotary Club of Haney. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit students within the SD42 community. You can get your tickets online at <https://haneyrotarysd42dpac.rafflenexus.com/a/dpac>.

Deadline is June 28, 2023, and the draw is June 29, 2023, at 6:00 pm.



ROTARY CLUB OF HANEY – SD42 DPAC ONLINE RAFFLE & 50/50 FUNDRAISER

Rotary Club of Haney ~ SD42 DPAC
Alouette PAC ~ Glenwood PAC ~ Maple Ridge PAC ~ Westview PAC ~ Whonnock PAC ~ Yennadon PAC
PARTICIPATING GROUPS

Community Information

Have your say in B.C.'s largest population health survey

Public Health has launched the third round of the [SPEAK population health survey](#).

The survey is open to adults aged 18 years and older and asks about physical and mental health, as well as social and economic well-being. The results will help support programs and initiatives to improve the health of your community. [Participate now](#)

Regional health authorities, First Nations Health Authorities and the BC Centre for Disease Control are hoping people living in every part of British Columbia participate. This year, they are particularly interested in hearing from racialized communities, people living in rural parts of the province, people with children or young adults in their lives, men aged under the age of 35, people aged 75 and older, and people with lower incomes and education.

Please consider participating to help public health understand your community's health and well-being needs. Once you participate, please share with your friends, loved ones, and network so their experiences are also captured. Please help support those who may need help with completing the survey. The SPEAK survey is available in English, French, Simplified and Traditional Chinese, Punjabi, Farsi, Arabic, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean. Learn more about the survey bccdc.ca/SpeakSurvey



2023-2024 DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools opening day for students – Late start: 12:30 – 2:20	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Monday, October 2, 2023
<i>Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 3, 2023</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2023
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 20, 2023</i>
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Friday, November 10, 2023</i>
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2023
Student-Led Conferences – early dismissal @ 11:30 am	Thursday, December 7, 2023
Student-Led Conferences – all day – students do not attend	Friday, December 8, 2023
Schools close for break	Friday, December 22, 2023
Winter break	Monday, December 25, 2023 to Friday, January 5, 2024
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 8, 2024
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Wednesday, January 24, 2024</i>
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 20, 2024</i>
Student-Led Conferences – early dismissal @ 11:30 am	Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Student-Led Conferences – all day – students do not attend	Thursday, March 14, 2024
Schools close for break	Friday, March 15, 2024
Spring break	<i>Monday, March 18, 2024 to Friday, March 22, 2024</i>
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Monday, March 25, 2024 to Thursday, March 28, 2024</i>
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	Monday, April 1, 2024
Schools reopen after break	Tuesday, April 2, 2024
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 15, 2024</i>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2024
Last day for students	Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Year-end administrative day	Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Schools close for summer break	Wednesday, June 26, 2024

ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY

SCHEDULE:
8:30am to 2:20pm.
295 instructional minutes per day;
179 days of instruction.
Kindergarten gradual entry the first 2 weeks of September.

NB: Kanaka Creek Elementary will run its year-round calendar separate from this calendar.

SECONDARY (8-12) DAILY

SCHEDULE:
8:30am to 2:45pm.
320 instructional minutes per day;
179 days of instruction.

Minimum number of hours of instruction that must be offered as per School Act and Calendar Regulation:

853 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten.
878 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7
952 hours of instruction for students in grades 8 to 12



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Sunday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Orders due for subway lunch	2 PAC meeting 8:30 library	3
4	5	6 Volunteer appreciation tea 8:30 library	7	8	9 Fun Day and subway hot lunch	10
11 frozen yoghurt orders due	12	13	14 Track Meet at MRSS for Grade 4/5 students	15 Track Meet at MRSS for Grade 6/7 students	16 Intermediate Water Day	17
18 Father's Day	19 Assembly	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 PAC snack day - frozen yoghurt Gr 7 committee decorates gym in afternoon	27 Division 1 - 5 to Cultus Lake Kindergarten event	28 Leaving Ceremony 8:45 Grade 7 luncheon	29 Talent Show Last Day of School Dismissal at 12:00 Reports on portal	30 Administrative Day No school for students	