



ALOUETTE ELEMENTARY

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Date: August 26th, 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2025/2026 School Year at Alouette Elementary!

I hope everyone had a restful and joyful summer and is feeling ready to return to the rhythms of school life. A new school year always brings a sense of renewal and possibility, and I find it's a perfect time to reflect on where we've been and where we're headed.

As I begin my third year at Alouette, I feel more connected than ever to our families and the broader school community. The relationships I've built over the past two years have been incredibly meaningful, and I look forward to continuing to strengthen those connections while also getting to know many more of you. I've seen how deeply this community values care, collaboration, and inclusion—and I remain committed to fostering a school environment where everyone feels safe, supported, and celebrated for their unique strengths and contributions.

My goal this year is to create spaces where students and staff feel encouraged, connected and confident in their learning and personal development. I also hope to spend more time in classrooms, engaging directly with students and staff. Because of this, you may notice a slower response time to emails—but please know that my focus remains on being present and engaged in the heart of our school.

Here's to a year of growth, connection, and joyful learning!

First day:

*Our students going into grades 1 to 7 will be in attendance on **Tuesday September 2nd from 12:30-2:20pm.** Students can leave any supplies or materials at home until teachers share otherwise. We would recommend students bring a recess snack and water bottle for this first day. A reminder that we have bulk ordered supplies for students in kindergarten and a school fee notification will come out on the parent portal when that is ready for you. Our grade 1 to 7 students can find their supply lists [here](#).*

Kindergarten specific:

This year's kindergarten intake meetings are on Tuesday September 2nd OR Wednesday September 3rd. A kindergarten schedule can be found below; families will be given their A or B schedule at their intake meeting. If you have not yet been given your intake time or require

information around our A and B times, please reach out to our kindergarten representatives who are listed below.

Where to go:

Returning students will return to their last year's classroom. Students will line up at their last year's lineup location. We will have some of our staff walking around outside in the morning to help support families if they are confused.

New students will line up outside at the front doors of the school and be dismissed at the front door on the first day. After that, they will be temporarily placed in a homeroom class for the remainder of the week. We highly recommend all families decide on a meeting place should there be any confusion.

School protocols:

All visitors are required to sign in at the office and preferably by appointment. We will continue to lock all doors except our front entrance to support safety for students and to ensure all visitors are accounted for.

Beginning and end of day routine: A reminder that there is no formal supervision before and after school. Dismissal time will remain at 2:20pm, classes have a designated dismissal location that families will be informed of to prevent any confusion at the end of the day. If parents would like to connect with their child's teacher, we would request that you arrange a meeting time to find what will work for everyone, often the beginning and end of day can feel quite hectic and not offer the confidential space you may require.

Medical needs: Please remember that if your child requires medication during the day or has items such as an EpiPen, you will need to fill out the required medical forms and bring in the items required. We can not administer these medications without the forms so please ensure you pop by our office. If your child has allergies or medical needs that we should be aware of, please let the office and the teacher know.

An updated calendar or list of upcoming events will be sent home every Sunday evening via the parent portal from administration. This will be a brief update for our entire school community but please still rely on your teacher's communication for specific class information.

From our Alouette Family to yours, we hope you enjoy the remaining days of summer. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

With gratitude,

Jenn Gallop

Principal
Alouette

Suzanne Collette

Vice-Principal
Alouette

September 2025 Gradual Entry Schedule

| | Monday, September 1 | Tuesday, September 2 | Wednesday, September 3 | Thursday, September 4 | Friday, September 5 |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 8:30 – 11:05 | Labour Day NO School | Intake Meetings | Intake Meetings | Group A 8:30-11:05 | Group A 8:30-11:05 |
| 11:05 – 11:45 | | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| 11:45 – 2:20 | | Intake Meetings | Intake Meetings | Group B 11:45-2:20 | Group B 11:45-2:20 |

Please send a small snack and water for your child on Thursday and Friday

| | Monday, September 8 | Tuesday, September 9 | Wednesday, September 10 | Thursday, September 11 | Friday, September 12 |
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| 8:30 – 1:30 | Group A ONLY 8:30-1:30 (Group B does not come today) 1:30 dismissal | Group B ONLY 8:30-1:30 (Group A does not come today) 1:30 dismissal | Group A AND Group B 8:30-1:30 1:30 dismissal | Group A AND Group B 8:30-1:30 1:30 dismissal | Group A AND Group B 8:30-1:30 1:30 dismissal |

Please send a snack, something for lunch, and water for your child for this week

| | Mon. Sept. 15 | Tues. Sept. 16 | Wed. Sept. 17 | Thurs. Sept. 18 | Fri. Sept. 19 |
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| 8:30 – 2:20 | Regular Hours Begin | Regular Hours | Regular Hours | Regular Hours | Regular Hours |

\$60.00 School fee

Can be paid in September through the Parent Portal OR by cash

If you have any questions over the next few months, please email:

Kristy_Pedersen@sd42.ca OR Deanne_Iacobucci@sd42.ca



2025-2026 ALOUETTE ELEMENTARY CALENDAR

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| Schools opening day for students | Tuesday, September 2, 2025 |
| National Day for Truth and Reconciliation | <i>Tuesday, September 30, 2025</i> |
| <i>Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)</i> | Friday, October 10, 2025 |
| Thanksgiving Day | Monday, October 13, 2025 |
| <i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i> | <i>Friday, October 24, 2025</i> |
| <i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i> | <i>Monday, November 10, 2025</i> |
| <i>Remembrance Day</i> | Tuesday, November 11, 2025 |
| Student Led Conferences (Early Dismissal 11:30) | Thursday, December 4, 2025 |
| Student Led Conferences (No Classes) | Friday, December 5, 2025 |
| Schools close for break | Friday, December 19, 2025 |
| Winter break | Monday, December 22, 2025 to Friday, January 2, 2026 |
| Schools reopen after break | Monday, January 5, 2026 |
| <i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i> | <i>Tuesday, January 27, 2026</i> |
| <i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i> | Friday, February 13, 2026 |
| Family Day | Monday, February 16, 2026 |
| Student Led Conferences (Early Dismissal 11:30) | Thursday, March 12, 2026 |
| Student Led Conferences (No Classes) | Friday, March 13, 2026 |
| Schools close for break | Friday, March 13, 2026 |
| Spring break | <i>Monday, March 16, 2026 to Friday, March 20, 2026</i> |
| <i>Schools not in Session</i> | Monday, March 23, 2026 to Friday, March 27, 2026 |
| Schools reopen after break | Monday, March 30, 2026 |
| Good Friday | Friday, April 3, 2026 |
| Easter Monday | Monday, April 6, 2026 |
| <i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i> | <i>Wednesday, May 13, 2026</i> |
| Victoria Day | Monday, May 18, 2026 |
| Last day for students | Wednesday, June 24, 2026 |
| Year-end administrative day | Thursday, June 25, 2026 |
| Schools close for summer break | Thursday, June 25, 2026 |