

École Alberni Elementary

September 15, 2022

Welcome Back!

Welcome parents and guardians to another school year at AES! It's been nice to have a start-up when pandemic safety plans have not been front and center and we can focus more on education. Our policies and procedures are much the same as last spring. We are starting to open up our buildings more and welcome guests into our facilities, but we would ask that you check in at the office window if you have any questions to avoid congestion inside. Many questions are quickly answered at the window, but we can also sit and have a conversation in the office if that is required.



Food/Food Programs

We are a **nut sensitive school** in that several staff and students have nut allergies, some of which are quite serious. As a result, please avoid sending nuts/nut products to school. Classroom teachers have gone over this with students.

We are offering a Breakfast Program as well as a lunch program. Lunch program is a SD70 program and requires parents to fill out an envelope and return to the office, each month if you'd like your child on the program as we have to preorder. The breakfast program is open to all students – they can get some morning snacks from volunteers in the fieldhouse. We are always looking for more volunteers if you'd like to help out. Contact Wendy at wpb4@outlook.com.



Parking

Parking is limited and can get busy during pick-up and drop-off. That being said, please do not park in restricted areas. The curb is marked at corners of Helen and at crosswalk. Please do not park there as it decreases visibility and makes it unsafe for our students and families.



Dates to Note

Sept 12-29	Activities around Sept 30 th Truth & Reconciliation
Sept 16	Terry Fox Run – approx. 1 pm
Sept 21	Crazy Hat Day
Sept 19	National Day of Mourning
Sept 30	Truth and Reconciliation
Oct 10	Thanksgiving
Oct 18/19/20	PT Conferences

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September 19

With the Queen's passing, our School District is following provincial direction and will be closed on **Monday, September 19th**. There will be no classes or staff on site this day.

September 30

Our school district will also be closed on **Friday, September 30th** to acknowledge the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Individual classes and the school, in general, will be looking at different activities and projects connected to Truth and Reconciliation, leading up to this day.

Library News

Library books will come home nearly every week. It is up to students and families to make sure they are returned. Families can come into the Library after school to check out books together.

School Sports

Fall is a busy season for school sports. Most of our activities are set up for intermediate students in Grades 4-7. Coaches will make that very clear when they meet with students at the beginning of the season. We are currently starting with wrestling, cross-country, and volleyball. Meetings have been held and practices will get underway soon. Practice times are generally after school, but coaches will share those specifics with families after meeting with students. Most sports end with some sort of a jamboree or tournament at the end of the season.

SPORT	GRADES	PRACTICES	COACH(ES)
Wrestling	4-7	Tues/Thurs	M. Maureen
Cross-Country	4-7	Mon/Wed	Mr. Holm M. Carlee
Volleyball	6-7	Mon/Wed	M. Hodgson

Communication

Newsletters will be posted on our website and can be accessed easily on mobile devices through the school app. Please visit our website [École Alberni \(sd70.bc.ca\)](https://ecolealberni.sd70.bc.ca). There is also a new SD70 App which can be found on our website in the lower left corner – please download. Our PAC maintains a FB page, and school info is often posted there, as well. You can also phone the school to speak directly to a staff member or can connect via email. Some of our teachers have specific platforms that they use to communicate with families and have likely already shared that info with you, directly.

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