

École Alberni Elementary

Oct 17, 2023



Welcome!

Would have liked to have our first newsletter out a little earlier, but I was away for a couple weeks on a medical leave. Pretty terrible timing, but slowly getting caught up. Enjoying some lovely fall weather and it has been great to see some familiar faces in our hallways as well, as those new to our school, both students and staff. Please continue to use our window to ask quick questions or check in when arriving late. Our clerical or admin are generally always around. 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 and those that have life threatening allergies in their classroom need to be especially careful about this.

We are offering a Breakfast Program as well as a Lunch Program. Our lunch program is a SD70 program and requires parents to fill out an envelope and return to the office. The breakfast program is open to all students – they can get some morning snacks from volunteers in the field house. We are always looking for more volunteers if you'd like to help. 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 the corners of Helen and at our crosswalk. Please do not park there as it decreases visibility and makes it unsafe for our students and families.

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Dates to Note

Oct 3 - Nov 10	FSA Administration
Oct 19	Great Shake-Out Drill
Oct 19- Nov 30	Grade 3 Swim Lessons (every Thursday)
Oct 20	Prov. ProDay(no classes)
Oct 25/26	P/T Conf (Early Dismissal)
Nov 1	Cross-Country Run
Nov 6	Photo ReTake Day
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov 13	Remembrance Day
Nov 20	ProD Day (no classes)
Nov 21	Gr. 6 Immunizations

Wet Weather Wear

We live on the *Wet Coast*, so proper clothing is important as students have a hard time being engaged in their learning when they are soaking wet. Rarely do we have inside days, so rain gear, boots, and/or an umbrella are good choices. It is also important to have inside footwear for comfort, safety and hygienic reasons. Bare feet are not an option, and socks in the gym are not very safe or comfortable.

PAC News

Our PAC is very active and does amazing things for our school. We meet once a month for about an hour and discuss how we can organize fundraisers or school events. The first big PAC event is October 27th when they will be hosting a school dance for our students from 6-8pm. (see poster below). They also organize hot lunches on a monthly basis so be sure to register for hassle-free online ordering. Follow this QR code to see how you can be involved and learn more about what the PAC does at our school. The email for the PAC is albernipac@gmail.com. PAC lunch online with the following link <http://aespac.hotlunches.net> or see the office for order forms.



School Sports

Fall is a busy season for school sports. Most of our activities are set up for intermediate students in Grades 4-7. We are currently starting with wrestling, cross-country, and volleyball. Practice times are generally after school, but occasionally. Most sports end with some sort of a jamboree or tournament at the end of the season.

SPORT	GRADES	PRACTICES	COACH(ES)	Event
Wrestling	4-7	Tues/Thurs	M. Maureen	
Cross-Country	4-7	Mon/Wed	Mr. Holm M. Carlee	Race Day Nov. 1 st
Volleyball	6-7	Mon/Wed	M. Hodgson	Jamboree Nov. 10



Swim Lessons

Our school is very fortunate that, with the support of our PAC, we are able to provide swim lessons for all of our Grade 3 students at little to no cost. Swim lessons will start this Thursday and wrap up Nov. 30th. They are in the mornings starting at 10am.

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Communication

Newsletters will be posted on our website and emailed out to families and can be accessed easily on mobile devices through the school app and website. [École Alberni \(sd70.bc.ca\)](http://École Alberni (sd70.bc.ca)) 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. You can report a student absence to teachers directly or call/email the office to have your child excused.



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Our PAC maintains a FB page (Alberni Elementary PAC), and school info is often posted there. We are working on updating the AES website ([PAC \(sd70.bc.ca\)](http://PAC (sd70.bc.ca))) with all the info provided about the PAC. You can always phone the school to speak directly to a staff member or can connect direct via email albernipac@gmail.com.

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