



Alwin Holland Elementary

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Dear Families,

We are looking forward to another great year at Alwin Holland. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to find some time to relax with family and friends. With school start-up just around the corner, we wanted to send you some general school routines and processes as well as start up dates and times.

Kindergarten Start-Up:

Tuesday, September 3 - no school for Kindergarten (only grade 1-6 attend)

Date	Last name A-L	Last name M-Z
Wed., Sept. 4	9:30-11:00 am	1:00-2:15 pm
Thurs., Sept. 5	1:00-2:15 pm	9:30-11:00 am

Friday, Sept. 6 - Teachers at the District K in-service, no school for new K students

Monday, Sept. 9 - Administrators and Teachers will create class lists

- Teachers will contact parents by phone, no school for new K students

Tuesday, Sept. 10 - Students attend their class from 9:15 am to 1:15 pm

- your child will need a backpack, snack and lunch, and inside shoes

(no tie up laces, please consider the curly laces - we change our shoes a lot!)

Wednesday, Sept. 11 - Students attend the full day (8:55 am to 2:50 pm)

Drop off and pick up will be on the Primary playground side of the school at the set of yellow doors closest to 106th Avenue. Teachers will meet the students and parents outside.

Grades 1-6 Start-Up:

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 - **8:55 - 10:55**

When the morning bell rings, students will line up at their line up locations from last year and will be taken to their classrooms from last year. Please send your child with a snack as we will be having a recess break. **New students to the school will meet in the gym at 8:55.**

Students are dismissed at 10:55.

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 to Friday, September 6th - Full Days Begin - **8:55 - 2:50**

Returning students will go back to their classroom from last year. New students will return to the classroom they were placed in on Tuesday. Please send your child with a

recess snack and lunch as our **canteen will not be running during the first week.** Students will be moved to their new classrooms on Friday during the school day.

Monday, September 9th - All students go to their new classrooms that they were placed in on Friday.

Please note that there may have to be some small changes to our classes following these placements but we do our best to keep students in the classrooms they are placed in on Friday. Thank you for your understanding.

Communication:

Communication between home and school is vital to a successful school year. Teachers are always reachable by school email. All teacher emails are teacher first name initial, full last name, followed by @prn.bc.ca. For example, my email is jlavoie@prn.bc.ca. If your child's teacher uses Dojo or another platform to communicate, this information will be shared with you once classes have settled in.

You will receive a brief weekly email from me called 'This Week at Alwin Holland' with information about the week ahead. This newsletter, along with other updates, will also be posted on our school's Facebook page and our website.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sd60ah>

Website: <https://holland.prn.bc.ca/>

School Charges:

Please pay fees to the office or by e-transfer to: alwinholland@prn.bc.ca

If you are sending fees by e-transfer, please use the password: **Griffin**

Grade	School Supplies	Agenda	Bussing	Cultural Presentations	CWT (iPad insurance)	Total
Kindergarten	\$30		\$10	\$10		\$50
Grade 1-5	\$32	\$10	\$10	\$10		\$62
Grade 6	\$32	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$30	\$92

Morning and After School Supervision:

- 8:35 - Morning supervision begins
- 2:50 - 3:05 pm - School supervision is provided for students playing on school grounds after school until 3:05 pm.
- At 3:05 pm - Playground supervisors ask students to either walk home (if that is their routine) or ask them to wait inside the school outside the office to be picked up. Students who are supervised by their parent(s)/guardian(s) are welcome to continue to play on the school grounds.
- **No supervision is provided prior to 8:35 and after 3:05pm by school staff**



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Allergy AWARE School

Please do not send any products containing PEANUTS or TREE NUTS to school. Also, please refrain from wearing fragrances in our school as we have scent allergies. Thank you for your support to keep our school a safe and healthy place for everyone!

Allergy Aware School



Fragrance Free



School Lunches:

We have a canteen available for students who wish to purchase items. We also have a hot lunch program that parents can sign up for which includes items such as sandwiches, fruit and drinks. More information about ordering will be emailed to our families.

If you are in need of any support, please reach out to the office.

Absences and Late Arrivals:

Staff, families and students should be checking regularly for symptoms of illness to make sure they do not come to school when sick. Students who become sick while at school must be picked up as soon as possible. Please make sure your contact information is up to date at the office.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify the school office by emailing alwinholland@prn.bc.ca or by calling 250-785-6125.

Students who arrive late must check in with Miss Kelly at the office.

Regular attendance is essential to a successful school year. We do understand that from time to time absences may occur. So much of the learning that takes place in Elementary school occurs through hands-on learning experiences, interactions with others, and direct lessons. Many of these learning opportunities cannot be packaged and sent home. If your child plans to be away for a lengthy period of time, please connect with your child's teacher for ideas on what your child can be working on while they are away.

Parent Volunteers:

We love having parents involved in our school. If you are interested and able to help out in your child's classroom, please connect with your child's teacher for volunteer opportunities. If you are able to coach or help out with one of our sports teams, please call the office.



All volunteers must have a completed criminal record check with the office. Once completed, criminal record checks are valid for 5 years.

Criminal Record Check

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Access Code: K9XRVWNH32

Alwin Holland PAC:

First PAC meeting of the year: Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30pm in the Clubhouse. Childcare will be provided. Please consider coming out to support our amazing PAC!

Please check out the PAC's Facebook page: [Alwin Holland PAC's Facebook Page](#)

You can also reach our PAC through email at: alwinhollandpac@gmail.com

Field Trips:

Permission forms must be completed for all field trips off school property. Your child's teacher will send home a permission form prior to any field trips. **Verbal permission, texts, and emails will not be accepted.**

- *Field trip attendance is dependent on students following behaviour expectations and safety guidelines, as determined by their teacher and school administration. At times parents may be asked to attend with their child.*

Cell Phone and other Internet Connected Device Policy:

Alwin Holland expects a learning environment with limited distractions and the responsible use of digital technology. It recognizes the research that shows that frequent cellphone interruptions in the classroom, social media platforms with addictive algorithms and an increasing level of cyberbullying and online exploitation of young people, are having a negative impact on instruction, learning, and student mental health.

Definition: "Personal Internet-Connected Devices" include, but are not limited to, cell phones, tablet computers, smartwatches, and portable video game systems.

Guidelines/Principles:

- Students will have access to school/district-owned technology at an age-appropriate level that supports learning and the development of digital technology skills and digital citizenship.
- As outlined in an Individual Education Plan (IEP), Learning Support Plan (LSP), or health plan, schools will exempt specific students from restrictions on the use of



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personal internet-connected devices when they are needed for full inclusion in a specific learning activity.

- At the elementary school level, the use of and access to personal internet-connected devices will not be permitted at any time during the school day.
- The security and storage of personal internet-connected devices is the sole responsibility of the owner/user. The District assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of such devices.

Before and After School Care (BASC)

We are thankful to have a BASC program on-site. If you are in need of before and/or after school childcare, please reach out to the program coordinator, Suzanne Currie, at:

bascc@prn.bc.ca to inquire about availability.

Please visit the following link on the school district website for more information.

<https://www.prn.bc.ca/programs/before-and-after-school-care/>

BELL SCHEDULE

2024/2025

8:50 - Warning Bell

8:55 - Classes Commence

10:30 -10:45 - Recess

12:05 - Outside

12:25 - Lunch

12:50 - Classes Commence

2:50 - Dismissal



Thank you in advance for your support in making this a great year! We are looking forward to working with you! Please feel free to reach out anytime!

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