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**APS Guiding Questions:**  
**Who am I?**  
**Who are you?**  
**Who are we together?**

**APS - Seven Values**  
Citizenship  
Empathy  
Inclusivity  
Innovation  
Relationships  
Self-Awareness  
Optimism



# **Aldergrove Public School Community Newsletter**

## **September 1, 2023, Vol.1**

### **Message from the Office**

Dear Families,

So excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year at Aldergrove! We hope you had a restful and energizing summer. Our staff have put great effort into creating engaging, and safe spaces for all our scholars. We'd like to welcome our returning staff and our new staff members who are with us. We look forward to seeing you the first week of school and on Thursday, September 21 at our Parent Info-Sessions at 6pm.

In appreciation of your continued partnership in supporting all of our scholars,

Ms. Jessa  
Principal

Mr. Pamayah  
Vice Principal

### **First Day Routines for Scholars - Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

You should have already received your child's homeroom code (e.g. GR1-1 or GR6-2) in a separate communication.

#### **What time should my child arrive at school?**

Students should arrive at the school by 8:15 a.m. in the morning. Teachers will be present outside, in the school yard.

#### **Where do students go to meet their classroom teacher on the first day of school?**

Grades 1-8: On the first day of school, please proceed to back tarmac. Find the class code posted on the back window or portable.

FDK: Please take your child to the kindergarten area. You would have already received a separate communication regarding drop off and pick up areas.

If you do not receive your child's homeroom code for any reason, please arrive at the back of the school on September 5th at 8:15am and staff will be able to direct you where to go.

#### **Where do I pick my child up at the end of the day?**

Please meet your child where you dropped them off in the morning at 3pm. The school parking lot will not be available at the end of the day. There is street parking available on the side streets.

### **What will happen in the event of bad weather?**

If it rains on Tuesday morning, Grades 1-6 scholars will go directly to their hallway. Our Grade 7-8 scholars will go to the upstairs hallway. Our K scholars will go straight to their classrooms. There will be staff wearing duty vests to help. Thank you parents for remaining outside and saying your goodbyes at the doors.

### **Bussing**

If your child takes the bus, please refer to the website for information: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) Please inform your child's teacher if your child will not be riding the bus on the first day of school but riding the rest of the year.

### **Agendas**

Scholars will be coming home everyday with a Student Agenda. Please use this tool to communicate with your child's teacher about learning and school activities.

### **Resources for Families**

[Aldergrove Archives: Past Newsletters and School Council Minutes](#)

## **Active School Travel**

Just a friendly note that our school will be participating in the Markham Active School Travel program in the upcoming school year 2023/2024. The project is funded through the City of Markham, York Region and York Region District School Board and is a partnership program. We will be launching initiatives, sharing communication and implementing a number of hard tools within the school zone.

The purpose of the project is to implement Active School Travel programs and traffic calming tools to:

- promote walking/cycling/scootering and sustainable travel to school
- improve school zone safety
- reduce traffic congestion on our school site and in the neighbourhood
- improve students physical and mental health
- increase social development and academic performance and
- reduce air pollution and greenhouse gases.

**School Schedule**

8:15 am - staff on duty outside

8:25 am - entry bell

8:30 am - announcements &amp; morning learning block

10:10 am - 10:40 am recess (30 minutes)

10:40-12:20 - middle learning block

12:20 pm - 1:20 pm lunch (1 hour)

1:20 pm - 3:00 pm afternoon learning block

3:00 pm - end of day bell rings

**Safe Arrivals:** Please be on time for school. If your child is late or will be absent, please inform the school office or use EDSBY to share this information.

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Schmid, Kerry / Wong, Westley	K12-4
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Lundy, Echo	GR23-1
Lindo, Stephen	GR23-2
Wong, Alice	GR3-1
Chiu, Catherine	GR3-2
Champsi (Janmohamed), Mohaddisa	GR34-1
Ghafouri, Sahar	GR4-1
Hopper, Mandi	GR4-2/GR4SSC
Kaszel, Michael	GR45-1
Ochba, Sarah	GR5-1
Harrison, Laura	GR56-1/GR56SSC
Huang, Teresa	GR56-2
Khimji, Anjum	GR6-1/GR6SSC-1
Cheung, Carmen	GR6-2/GR6SSC-2
Donald, Jordan	GR7-1
Dash, Sherrie-Ann	GR7-2
Leung, Karen	GR78-1
Berberick, Darren	GR8-1
Gilbert, Shyrna	GR8-2
Pasquariello, Olivia	SSC-1

Elstone, Diamond	SERT
Halari, Al-Amin	ELL/Library/Prep
Hoang, Melissa	Prep
Rasool, Yusra	ELL/ARTS
Szonda, Aniko	ELL/P+/Library
Kotsopoulos, Helen	Empower/P+/PLC
Umapathy, Shiama	French/Prep
Walters, Katherine	French/Prep
Shau, Katie	Music
Vijayananthan, Gowsikka	Prep (Kdn)
Nandakumar, Anusiga	ELL/Sert/P+
Temp Term (TBD)	P+ CYW
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### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will begin on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5 at 8 AM in the staffroom. Please have your children enter through the front door and follow the signs to the staffroom. All scholars are welcome to attend.

**When: 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM every morning**

**Where: Staffroom**



## Reminders:

Students should bring everyday:

- Please ensure that your child(ren) comes to school each day with their lunch packed.
- Reusable Water bottles (water refill stations are open, drinking fountains are closed)
- Indoor shoes and an extra set of clothes for Kindergarten scholars which can be stored in classroom
- Be prepared for scholars to be outside (appropriate clothing, sunscreen, hats etc.)



## Indigenous Languages and International Languages - Elementary Language Programs

Online registration is now open and available on the [Elementary Program](#) web page. The elementary program will be offered in-person and remotely.

- In-person learning will be offered Tuesday to Friday evenings, and Saturday morning.
- Remote learning will be offered Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Teachers will use Google Classroom to provide both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities.

Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

Dear families,

It is my pleasure to welcome all new and returning families to school for the 2023-2024 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and wish you a positive start to the new school year. I know it can be a time of transition for many, and am grateful for the dedication and professionalism of our school staff for all that they do to support students as they start the new school year, and create a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment in our schools.

The education of your children is a partnership, and we recognize that you are our most important partner when it comes to your child's education. As a family member, there are many ways you can engage in your child's learning, from speaking with your child about school and connecting with school staff to volunteering or becoming involved with the school council. You know your child best and we place great value on the relationship we have with families. I look forward to connecting with you throughout the school year.

As your school trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees has many [responsibilities](#), including making [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicating with the public. Please feel free to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns, and I will continue to keep you updated throughout the year on what is happening in the board. You can also visit our [newsroom](#), listen to our [podcast](#) and connect with us on social media to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the board.

This year, we are pleased to welcome our [new Director of Education Bill Cober](#), who took on the role on August 1 this year. He brings nearly 30 years of experience in public education in York Region, a commitment to student achievement and well-being, and a strategic and collaborative approach.

Later in the year, we will be undertaking a comprehensive strategic plan review. One of our roles as a board is to set the [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) that establishes our priorities and guides our direction as a school board. We will be reviewing that plan this year, and engaging with communities is a priority for us. Your input will be important and I look forward to sharing more information with you on this in the future.

I wish you all a great start to the school year and a happy, safe and successful year ahead.


Jenny Chen  
Trustee, Markham Wards 1 and 8





# September 2023

 The Breakfast Program is **OPEN** every day from 8:00 - 8:25 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Labour Day (No School)	5 Day 1 First Day of School Breakfast Program Starts	6 Day 2  Walk to School Wednesday	7 Day 3 Safe and Caring Schools Assemblies	8 Day 4	9
10	11 Day 5	12 Day 1	13 Day 2  Walk to School Wednesday	14 Day 3 Hot Lunch-Lunch Lady Starts on every Thursday	15 Day 4 Spirit Day: Who Am I Day	16 Rosh Hashanah
17 Rosh Hashanah	18 Day 5	19 Day 1	20 Day 2  Walk to School Wednesday	21 Day 3 Parent Info-Session 6pm	22 PA Day (No School)	23
24	25 Yom Kippur Day 4	26 Day 5	27 Day 1 Active School Travel Assembly Walk to School Wednesday	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Sukkot Starts  Orange Shirt Day

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我是谁？  
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关系  
自觉  
乐观



## Aldergrove Public School 社区通讯 2023 年 9 月 1 日, 第 1 期

### 来自办公室的消息

我很高兴在Aldergrove开始 2023-2024 学年！我们希望您度过一个宁静而充满活力的夏天。 我们的工作人员付出了巨大的努力，为所有学者创造有吸引力且安全的空间。 我们欢迎回学校的员工和与我們在一起的新员工。 我们期待在开学第一周以及 9 月 21 日星期四下午 6 点的家长信息会上见到您。

感谢您持续合作支持我们所有的学者，

Ms. Jessa  
校长

Mr. Pamayah  
副校长

### 学者第一天例行公事 - 2023 年 9 月 5 日星期二

您应该已经在单独的通信中收到了您孩子的班级代码（例如 GR1-1 或 GR6-2）。

我的孩子应该什么时间到达学校？

学生应在早上8点15分到达学校。 老师们将在学校外面的操场上。

开学第一天，学生去哪里见班导师？

1-8 年级：开学第一天，请到后操场集合。 查找贴在后窗或流动教室上的班级代码。

幼稚园：请带您的孩子去幼儿园。 您可能已经收到了有关接送区域的单独通信。

如果您因任何原因没有收到孩子的班级代码，请于 9 月 5 日上午 8:15 到达学校后操场，工作人员将指导您前往哪里。

一天结束后我该去哪里接孩子？

请于下午 3 点在您早上送孩子的地方接孩子。 学校停车场在当天结束时将无法使用。 小巷设有路边停车位。

如果开学当天遇到恶劣天气该怎么做？

如果周二早上下雨，1-6 年级的学生将直接到教室前走廊。 7-8 年级的学者将去楼上的走廊。 我们的幼稚园学者将直接前往他们的教室。 会有穿着执勤背心的工作人员来帮忙。 感谢父母留在外面并在门口告别。



### 校车

如果您的孩子乘坐公交车，请参阅网站了解信息：

[www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) 如果您的孩子不会在开学第一天乘坐公交车，但在学年剩余时间乘坐，请告知您孩子的老师。

### 学生手册

学者们每天都会带着学生手册回家。请使用此工具与您孩子的老师就学习和学校活动进行沟通。

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### 家庭资源

Aldergrove档案：[过去的社区通讯和学校理事会会议纪要](#)

## 可行的上学方式

友情提示，我们学校将在即将到来的 2023/2024 学年参加 Markham Active School Travel 计划。该项目由万锦市、约克地区和约克地区教育局资助，是一个合作伙伴计划。我们将在学区内发起倡议、分享沟通并实施一些硬体工具。

该项目的目的是实施积极到学校方式和安全交通工具，以：

- 提倡步行/骑自行车/滑板车和可持续的上学方式
- 改善学区安全
- 减少我们学校和附近地区的交通拥堵
- 提高学生身心健康
- 提高社会发展和学业成绩
- 减少空气污染和温室气体。

## 学校时间表

上午 8:15 - 学校工作人员开始外面值班和学生抵达

8:25 - 进校铃响

8:30 - 学校早会和课程开始

10:10 - 课间休息（30 分钟）

10:40 - 课程继续

12:20 - 午餐（1小时）

1:20 - 课程继续

3:00 - 放学

安全抵校：请准时到校。如果您的孩子将迟到或缺席，请通知学校办公室或使用 EDSBY 分享此信息。

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## 早餐俱乐部

早餐俱乐部将于开学第一天（9月5日星期二）上午8点在教工室开始。请让您的孩子从前门进入，然后按照指示牌前往员工室。欢迎各位学者参加。



**时间：**每天早上 8:00 - 8:25

**地点：**教职员室

## 提醒您

学生每天应携带：

- 请确保您的孩子每天带着午餐来学校。
- 可重复使用的水瓶（加水站开放，饮水机关闭）
- 室内鞋，幼儿园学生多准备一套额外的衣服，可以存放在教室里
- 为学者外出做好准备（合适的衣服、防晒霜、帽子等）



## 本土语言和国际语言 - 小学语言课程

网上注册现已开放，可在小学语言课程网页上进行。 [小学语言课程](#)将通过现场和远程方式提供。

- 周二至周五晚上和周六早上将提供面对面学习。
- 周二和周三晚上将提供远程学习。教师将使用 Google Classroom 提供同步和异步学习机会。

请参阅此[传单](#)了解更多信息。

来自我们的受托人 2023 年 9 月信息

亲爱的家人，

我很高兴欢迎所有新家庭和返校家庭在 2023-2024 学年重返校园。我希望每个人都度过了一个美好的夏天，并祝愿你们在新学年中有一个积极的开始。我知道这对许多人来说可能是一个过渡时期，我感谢我们学校工作人员的奉献精神和专业精神，他们为支持学生在新学年开始时所做的一切，并在新学年创造了一个温暖、热情和包容的学校环境。

您孩子的教育是一种合作伙伴关系，我们认识到，在您孩子的教育方面，您是我们最重要的合作伙伴。作为家庭成员，您可以通过多种方式参与孩子的学习，从与孩子谈论学校、与学校工作人员联系，到志愿服务或参与学校理事会。您最了解您的孩子，我们非常重视与家庭的关系。我期待着整个学年与您联系。

作为学校受托人，我的职责是倡导约克地区的优质公共教育，并确保我们的学生始终处于我们所有决策的中心。教育局承担许多[职责](#)，包括制定[政策](#)和[预算](#)决策以及与公众沟通。如果您有任何问题或疑虑，请随时[与我联系](#)，我将继续全年为您提供教育局最新动态。您还可以访问我们的[新闻编辑室](#)，收听我们的[播客](#)并在社交媒体上与我们联系，以了解教育局中发生的最新情况。

今年，我们很高兴地欢迎新任教育总监[比尔·科伯](#) (Bill Cober)，他于今年 8 月 1 日就任。他带来了约克地区近 30 年的公共教育经验、对学生成就和福祉的承诺以及战略和协作方法。

今年晚些时候，我们将进行全面的战略规划审查。作为教育局，我们的职责之一是制定[多年战略规划](#)，确定我们的优先事项并指导我们作为学校教育局的方向。我们今年将审查该计划，与社区合作是我们的首要任务。您的意见非常重要，我期待将来与您分享更多这方面的信息。

我祝愿大家新学年有一个良好的开端，并祝愿大家在未来的一年里快乐、安全和成功。

陈珍妮  
万锦市 1 区和 8 区受托人