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Newsletter #5 – January 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings AR Families,

Once again we find ourselves in the middle of a wave of Covid-19, this time with Omicron. For the last couple of weeks there has been high absenteeism among both staff and students and this has presented logistical challenges that we take one day at a time. Please let your children know that they may run across any of the following for the next little while: classes taught by TTOCs, other teachers from the school, or district staff; classes combined with each other for a day if the attendance in both is very low. It is also possible that specialized classes such as music and drama will be cancelled, and that students with special needs will be working with staff who are less familiar to them. Hopefully this particular set of difficulties will shortly be in the rearview mirror. Meanwhile, we really appreciate your patience and the flexibility of our teaching and support staff in accommodating many last-minute changes.

Frequently parents call us asking what to do about illnesses, and we can only direct you to 811 as the school cannot dispense medical advice. In general, and as of January 25th the information below was correct:

If You Test Positive for COVID-19

Your age and vaccination status determine how long you should self-isolate for if you test positive for COVID-19.

Age	Vaccination Status	Guidance
Under 18 years of age	Unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or fully vaccinated	Self-isolate at home for 5 days AND until your symptoms improve and you no longer have a fever. Avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings like long-term care facilities and gatherings for another 5 days after ending isolation.
18 years of age or older	Fully vaccinated	
	NOT fully vaccinated	Self-isolate at home for 10 days AND until your symptoms improve and you no longer have a fever.

Close contacts, who are usually others in your household, do not need to self-isolate (regardless of vaccination status), but should closely self-monitor for symptoms. BCCDC has more information for [close contacts](#).

We look forward to returning to the new normal as soon as possible, and thank you for keeping your children home when they are not feeling well.

Meanwhile, congratulations to Ms. Hsiao's Division 19 class, who collected 364 pairs of socks and gloves for refugees in our community. This is great news and represents a lot of work on behalf of Ms. Hsiao's class and the generosity of our neighbourhood.

UPCOMING DATES:

February 2 - Kindergarten General Registration opens (parent portal)

February 3 - Grade 8 Registration opens (parent portal)

February 8 - PAC Meeting 7:00pm

February 21- Family Day (no school)

February 22 - Non-instructional day (no school)

February 23 - Kindness Counts Day (Pink Shirt day)

March 3 - Conferences in the afternoon/11:30am Dismissal

March 4 - Conferences all day (No school)

March 8 - PAC Meeting 7:00pm

March 11 - Last day of school before Spring Break

March 28 - School Reopens

GRADE 4 and 7 Survey and Assessment:

In January and February students in Grade 4 and Grade 7 participate in the Middle-Years Development Instrument (MDI) and the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA).

MDI:

The MDI is a confidential self-reporting questionnaire that is completed online during approximately an hour of school time. It is widely considered to be an important and useful tool for planning school and community services. The MDI is not an assessment of individual children, but rather a survey of the population at large. Among other things, it is used to determine what after-school services, community programs, and facilities are most needed in our neighbourhoods.

Participation in the MDI is encouraged but not mandatory - should you wish to exempt your child the forms required to do so were sent out on the portal before the winter break.

The MDI will be administered between January 11th and March 11th.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Any child who turns 5 years old in 2022 (born in 2017) is eligible to register for the 2022-23 school year. Registration dates are posted on the School District Website. Kindergarten registration is done on the Parent Portal. Registration opens at 12:00pm (noon) on the first day of each registration phase.



Sibling Registration - January 5-11, 2022-closed
Enviro Registration - January 12-14, 2022-closed
Choice Registration - January 19-24, 2022-closed
General Registration - February 2-8, 2022
Late Registration - February 23- July 31, 2022
Open Registration - August 17, 2022 and on

For more information, download the kindergarten registration brochure at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/202223-Kindergarten-Registration-Brochure-web.pdf> or visit the school district kindergarten registration page at <https://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

GRADE 8 REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for grade 8 for the 2022-23 school year is done on the parent portal. Online registration begins on February 3, 2022 at 12:00pm (noon). The online registration form will automatically populate with your child's secondary catchment school. This is determined by your address. Please take a moment to ensure your parent portal account has your current address.

DISTRICT PROGRAMS INFO NIGHTS

WHEELHOUSE

The Wheelhouse program challenges **Grade 6 and 7 students**, and supports them in becoming life-long learners and responsible citizens. Program highlights include the following:

- Weekly field study days during which students learn outside the regular class setting;
- A classroom of care and discovery that is well supported by staff, parents, and community mentors;
- Leadership activities that improve confidence, citizenship, and social responsibility;
- Wheelhouse students are part of the school district 1-to-1 program, which assigns each student an iPad for use throughout the school year.

For more information, including information session dates, please visit *The Wheelhouse* online at <https://wheelhouse.sd42.ca/>.

REGISTRATION for Wheelhouse opens on the Parent Portal at **noon, January 27, 2022**, and closes at **11:59 p.m. on February 7, 2022**.

The program runs out of Alouette Elementary, 22155 Isaac Crescent, Maple Ridge. For more information, including a more in-depth look at the program, dates and times for student interviews, and details on how to become a Wheelhouse student, please visit The Wheelhouse online at <https://wheelhouse.sd42.ca/>.

DISTRICT CYBERSCHOOL

Online Information Night:

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 (6:30 p.m.)

Preregistration required: <https://bit.ly/31UiMmr>

Cyberschool uses technology to deliver a traditional school curriculum while enhancing and extending student learning. The inquiry-based program, offered to students in Grade 6 and 7, focuses on collaborative learning, knowledge building, flexibility, and choice. Students work online with their teacher and each other, while retaining the personal contact of traditional face-to-face learning.

Learn more about Cyberschool on our website <https://cyberschool.sd42.ca/> or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/district42cyberschool>

REGISTRATION for District Cyberschool opens on the Parent Portal at **noon, January 27, 2022**, and closes at **11:59 p.m.** on **February 7, 2022**.

The District Cyberschool program runs out of Alouette Elementary (22155 Isaac Crescent, Maple Ridge). For more information about the District Cyberschool program, visit <https://cyberschool.sd42.ca/> or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/district42cyberschool>

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

Online Information Nights:

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 (7:00 p.m.)

Preregistration required: <https://bit.ly/31Zi6Mf>

The SD42 Late French Immersion program is an excellent opportunity for students who want to learn a second language or are looking for a challenge. Students who are currently in Grade 5 are eligible to begin Late French Immersion in September 2022, at Golden Ears Elementary. This two-year elementary program continues at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

For more information about our French Immersion program, please contact Shelley Linton at 604.465.5828 or shelley_linton@sd42.ca

REGISTRATION for Late French Immersion opens on the Parent Portal at **noon, January 27, 2022**, and closes at **11:59 p.m.** on **February 7, 2022**.

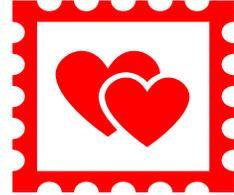
The Late French Immersion program runs out of Golden Ears Elementary (23124 - 118 Avenue, Maple Ridge).

VALENTINE'S DAY SAFETY PROTOCOLS

With Valentine's Day approaching please be reminded of the following:

-Valentine Cards

Valentine card exchange is permitted, no restrictions on what type of card this year.



-Homemade Baked Goods

Schools and district buildings must not allow homemade food items available to students or staff at this time. Only individually prepared and packaged commercial items are acceptable. These must be distributed by the teacher.

-Valentine Dances

Not permitted at this time.

-Hand Washing

Many of us are experiencing hand washing/sanitizing fatigue, but both students and staff must remain diligent in this control measure.

Thank-you for remaining vigilant with all protocols so we can be safe.

PINK SHIRT DAY (KINDNESS COUNTS DAY)

Kindness Counts Day is on February 23, 2022. We encourage all students and staff to dress in **PINK** for the day.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIDGE MEADOWS MINOR BALL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

RMMBHA

REGISTRATION NOW

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

BALL HOCKEY 2022 SEASON FOR ALL

DIVISIONS



MAPLE RIDGE - PITT MEADOWS - MISSION RMMBHA.COM

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2022 BALL HOCKEY
SEASON!
(AGES 5-19)**

Tykes Program:

Open to 5 & 6 year olds

U8 - U19 Program:

Open to all 7-19 year olds

RMMBHA has been committed to offering an organized and affordable house youth ball hockey experience in the Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge and Mission areas since 2003. Our league's volunteers strive to create an inclusive community with a focus on building a fun, competitive athletic atmosphere that helps all players learn and develop their ball hockey skills. We encourage sportsmanship and fair play, while instilling a

passion for the game. RMMBHA is a co-ed league and we are always looking to expand the involvement of girls in our sport.

Through BCBHA and CBHA there are opportunities to challenge our skilled, minor ball hockey players in tournaments against other teams throughout BC, other provinces and at an international level.

These include:

- The Western Challenge Cup Tournament

SCAN TO

Proudly sponsored by:

- Team BC Ball



CHECK US OUT ON



- Hockey Tournament
- The Worlds Ball Hockey Tournament

• **REGISTER NOW!**

Follow us on:

REGISTER AT RMMBHA.COM





*Welcomed by the Water
Outreach Program*

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

WITH THE FRASER RIVER DISCOVERY CENTRE

Connect with our home, the Fraser River Basin, and explore a variety of topics from endangered sturgeon to Indigenous fishing techniques, with our hands-on and place-based school programs!

AT CENTRE

Visit us in-person at our interpretive centre on the New West Quay!

ONLINE

Join us for one of our fully interactive and live on-line programs!

AT SCHOOL

Let us deliver hands-on programs in your classroom or on school grounds!

IN A KIT

Lead a lesson yourself with our adaptable lesson plans and educational materials!

Visit fraserriverdiscovery.org/education to learn more and book your programs today!

Questions?

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