



Alexander Robinson Elementary
HOME OF THE DRAGONS

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Newsletter #4 – December 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I'm always amazed how fast the year goes by with December almost upon us. It's been a flurry of activities here at ARE, with many thanks to our staff for organizing the events.

As always, we're grateful to Mrs. Bartle for organizing the Remembrance Day assembly which included a performance by our school choir. I am always impressed and grateful how respectful our students are at this assembly. It's a tribute to them for doing so well in a packed gym with close to 600 people.

A special thank you to our volleyball coaches, Mrs. McCafferty, Mrs. Gowan, Mrs. Diamond & Mrs. Arcand who coached the two grade 7 teams. Unfortunately, due to an overwhelming positive response, we were not able to have grade 6s on the team but instead we were able to have a drop-in gym time for grade 6 students. A big thank you to Mrs. Lowther for running a drop-in volleyball session.

Coming up shortly are our Student-inclusive conferences on December 7th & 8th. Thank you in advance to all our parents for taking the time to meet with your children and their teacher. Students and teachers have been busy preparing the student work portfolios to share with you. Please note that it is imperative that parents attend the meetings with their child. Furthermore, please do not bring the siblings of your child to the conferences as we are not able to provide daycare. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We're looking forward to hosting the Fall Scholastic Book Fair at school in the library during the week of the conferences (December 4th-8th). The Fair will be running at lunch and after school. Please note that the Fair will be open for extended hours on the afternoon of December 7th and all day on December 8th. Thank you to Mrs. Neufeld for organizing the Fair and to Chris PAC Dad for offering his services during the Fare.

On behalf of the staff at ARE, we hope you have a wonderful winter break. It will be nice to be able to spend time with family and friends, whether in small gatherings, or larger

ones with extended families. Looking forward to the New Year with you, our ARE community 😊

UPCOMING DATES:

- December 4-8 - Scholastic Book Fair
- December 7 - Conferences afternoon (11:30am dismissal)
- December 8 - Conferences all day (no school)
- December 13 - Gr 6/7 Young Entrepreneur Fair
Gr 6/7 Dance
- December 21 - School-wide-sing-along
- December 22 - Last day of school before break

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

All students registering for kindergarten must be 5 years **on or before December 31, 2024**. 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 9-13, 2024
- Enviro Registration - January 10-12, 2024
- Choice Registration - January 17-22, 2024
- General Registration - January 31-February 6, 2024
- Late Registration - February 21-July 27, 2024
- Open Registration - August 21-September 19, 2024

For more information, download the kindergarten registration [brochure](#) or visit the school district [kindergarten registration page](#).

GRADE 8 REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Grade 8 registration for the 2024-25 school year is done on the parent portal. Online registration begins on February 13, 2024 at 12:00pm (noon) and closes on February 27, 2024 at 11:59pm. 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. Any change of student's address needs to be done at the office along with two supporting documents. This information will not update in the portal until the next day.

STUDENT CONFERENCES

The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District (SD42) will be offering families a choice for student inclusive conferences this year. This is a time when you, your child and the teacher meet. These formal term 1 and 2 conferences will be offered as either in person or virtual to allow families the choice that works best for them. At the time of booking, you will be offered the choice of conference type. Teachers will let you know when the specific times for virtual conferences will be.

Please watch for a message on when you will be able to book your conference in the SD42 Parent Portal.

During the conference, teachers will discuss your child's academic learning, strengths, and areas to develop, then set a collaborative learning goal for your child. You will also be able to ask any questions you may have.

Your child's classroom teacher looks forward to engaging with you and your child during this important reporting event.

Thursday, December 7, 2023 - Early Dismissal at 11:30 for the afternoon conferences

Friday, December 8, 2023 - No school as conferences will be taking place all day

SPARE CHANGE OF CLOTHES



Please be sure to send your child to school with a spare change of clothes that they can keep at school. So, when they show up to class like this after recess or lunch, they have a spare change of clothes to change into!

SCHOOL CLOSURE DECISION: SNOW

The decision to close schools due to accumulating snowfall is the responsibility of the superintendent, who must balance the safety of students, staff, and parents with the need to provide learning. The decision is not taken lightly and is the result of a carefully thought-out process that is reviewed after each experience and refined if necessary.

The decision to close schools is made by 6:30 a.m. Details are:

- Posted on the SD42 Twitter feed (@sd42news);
- Posted on the SD42 Facebook feed (SD42Facebook);
- Shared with News 1130, CKNW;
- Posted on the SD42 Website (www.sd42.ca)

Please note: The district supports individual and family decisions regarding safety. Parents/guardians have primary responsibility for their children's safe travel to school. If, for any reason, there are personal concerns about the ability to travel safely to school, other arrangements should be made.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER PARENT

If your child will be absent from school, arriving late, or being picked up early, please be sure to mark this either on the parent portal, by email at are_reception@sd42.ca, or by phone at 604-463-3035. If your child is marked absent and has not been excused by a parent this will come up on our call sheet. We will contact all numbers we have in attempt to confirm that your child is safe.

VISITORS OR DROPPING ITEMS OFF

For safety reasons, all visitors and volunteers are required to sign-in, sign-out and wear a visitor's tag while in the building or on the school grounds outside.

If you have a message or something to drop off for your child, you may do so through the office. Your child can also be called down to the office to see you if necessary. This also minimizes disruption to the class during instructional time and confusion if the class are out of the room on a scheduled prep block.

CAREERS

Alexander Robinson Elementary is looking for lunch hour supervisors to patrol school grounds and supervise students for an hour per day encompassing the student lunch time (generally working 11:50-12:50). If you are available to take on this position, we would love to meet with you.

The rate of pay is currently \$24.07 per hour +12% in lieu of benefits. Please don't hesitate to connect with your school principal for further information.



[New District Community Supports Page](#)

The district has published a [new page on its website](#) underneath the “Parents” tab that lists a directory of community-based food security and other resources for families in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Christmas supports offered in the community this year are also listed on this page, with registration information: <https://www.sd42.ca/community-supports/>

The screenshot shows the School District 42 website's navigation menu with 'PARENTS' selected. The main content area is titled 'Community Supports' and includes a breadcrumb trail 'Home > Community Suppo...'. Below the title, there is a paragraph explaining the directory's purpose. A list of support categories is shown, with 'Christmas Support' expanded to reveal three specific programs: 'Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows Christmas Hamper Society', 'Salvation Army Christmas Village Gift Program', and 'Family Education and Resource Centre Winter Celebration Hampers'. Other categories like 'Food Support', 'Housing Supports', 'Health Care Supports', 'Sports and Leisure', and 'Other Supports' are also visible with expand/collapse icons.

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Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows
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Community Supports

Home > Community Suppo...

Community Supports

Below is a directory of community-based food security and other resources for families in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

- Food Support
- Christmas Support**
 - Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows Christmas Hamper Society
 - Salvation Army Christmas Village Gift Program
 - Family Education and Resource Centre Winter Celebration Hampers
- Housing Supports
- Health Care Supports
- Sports and Leisure
- Other Supports

After-School Programs
BC Curriculum
Childcare Facilities
District Calendars
District Parent Advisory Council
Elementary Athletics
Fair Notice
Fair Play Codes
Inclement Weather Procedures
Kindergarten Registration
MyClass
Parent Portal
Raising Concerns and Appealing Decisions
Registration and Transfer Requests
Reporting and Assessment
School Locator
School Safety
School Safety Notification System
Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)



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**3RD ANNUAL
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Entry by donation

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 9**
AT EAGLES HALL
23461 FERN CRESCENT, MAPLE RIDGE
8:00AM - 10:30AM



Toy donations will be collected for the Christmas Hamper Society

BREAKFAST INCLUDES: PANCAKES* & FRESH FRUIT
CHOICE OF: COFFEE, TEA, JUICE, HOT CHOCOLATE

*We will have a limited amount of gluten free pancakes

Special Guest Santa will be available for you to take photos with

Pre-Registration Now Available

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Sunday, December 10, 2023 1 to 7 PM

GOLDEN EARS UNITED CHURCH

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pre-registration now available

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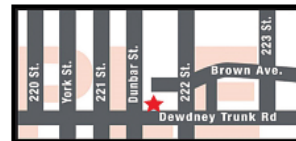
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3. WE PRINT YOUR PORTRAIT
4. AND DELIVER IT TO YOU

WHO CAN BENEFIT

- A NEIGHBOUR
- THE HOMELESS
- THE OUT OF WORK
- A SINGLE MOM/DAD & KIDS
- THE SICK
- THE LONELY
- UNDERPRIVILEGED
- FAMILIES

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 -Term 1 attendance cut off -Annie Jr DIV 1/21 -Annie Jr DIV 15/19
4 Scholastic Book Fair	5 Scholastic Book Fair	6 -Bowling DIV 4 -Hot Lunch Scholastic Book Fair	7 -Conferences- 11:30am dismissal Scholastic Book Fair	8 -Conferences-no school Scholastic Book Fair
11	12 -Skating DIV 4/18	13 -Gr 6/7 Young Entrepreneur Fair -Gr 6/7 Dance -Hot Lunch	14	15 -DIV 18/19 Theme Day -Spirit Day – Festive Wear
18	19	20	21 -School-wide- sing-along -Swimming DIV 1,2,4,5,6,7	22 -Last day of school before break -Spirit Day – PJ Day
25 -----	26 Winter	27 -----	28 Break	29 -----

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