



Alexander Robinson Elementary
HOME OF THE DRAGONS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The fall season is in full swing here at ARE, with many different activities taking place. Our school recently completed in the District Cross Country races for both our primary and intermediate students. This year we were fortunate that we stayed fairly dry with minimal amount of rain. We had a tremendous turnout of over 100 students for the two races! And volleyball is wrapping up and a big thank you to our coaches, Mrs. McCafferty, Mrs. Gowan, Mrs. Diamond, and Mrs. Arcand. We now look forward to basketball in the new year.

To bring in Halloween, our wonderful PAC hosted a dance for the community on October 27th, which was very well-attended. And our Halloween parade in the gym was a big hit with so many of our students dressed up. Thank you to our parents for encouraging student participation ☺

And a reminder that next week will be a short one with November 10th being a non-instructional day and the Remembrance Day holiday on November 13th. We will be holding our Remembrance Day assembly on November 9th this year.

Finally, our Scholastic Book Fair will be held during the week of December 4th-8th. Like last year, we will host the event on-site at the school while offering an online sales part as well. Please note that the Fair will be open for extended hours on the afternoon of December 7th and all day on December 8th, due to the Student Inclusive Conferences.

UPCOMING DATES:

November 9 - Remembrance Day Assembly

November 10 - Non-instructional Day (no school)

November 13 - Remembrance Day STAT (no school)

November 21 - Gr 6 Immunizations - first dose

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER



As we are well into the cold, wet months, be sure to dress your kids appropriately for the weather with coats, boots, umbrellas, etc. We go outside at recesses and lunches every day, so a spare set of clothes in your child's backpack is a good idea. Getting out in the fresh air keeps us healthy and reduces the amount of time we spend in the building!

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

TERRY FOX

Thank you once again to the generosity of our community as we were able to raise over \$1100 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

WINTER FESTIVAL

Once again, this year, in lieu of our primary Christmas concert, we will be holding a school-wide Winter Festival in February. Teachers will be organizing different stations for students with a Canadian Winter/Carnivale theme. All students will be participating in the STEM/arts & craft types of stations. We would love to have parent volunteers joining us for the festival. Please stay tuned for more information for you in upcoming newsletters.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED

Are you interested in welcoming an International Student into your home and sharing the experience of being part of a Canadian family?

We are always looking for great host families!



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CAREERS

Interested in a career with School District 42? The Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows School District is looking for a variety of qualified educators and support staff. For more information please visit: <https://www.sd42.ca/careers/>

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 -PJ Day -PAC Hot Lunch	2	3 -MR Lapidary Club DIV 7
6	7 -BC Fruits & Veg: Apples, milk -Gymnastics DIV 18	8 -PAC Hot Lunch	9 -Remembrance Day assembly 9:00am 	10 -Non-instructional day (no school) 
13 -Remembrance Day STAT (no school) 	14 -Smile Cookie Sale -PAC Meeting 7:00pm	15 -PAC Hot Lunch	16 -ArtStarts Performance: Uzume Taiko Drums 9:00am -Skating DIV 2, 13,16	17
20	21 -Gr 6 Immunizations- first dose -Gymnastics DIV 18	22 -PAC Hot Lunch	23 -Bowling – DIV 10, 11	24
27	28 -BC Fruit & Veg- Mandarins, milk -Skating – DIV 3	29 -PAC Hot Lunch	30	

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