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Newsletter #4 – December 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to our parents who were able to attend our Remembrance Day assembly. It was such a moving assembly with great performances from our students and the choir. Our students and Brandi Bartle did us proud. We appreciated receiving your positive feedback, which I shared with our students. Way to go ARE!!

With December upon us, the school community is already getting excited about the upcoming holidays ☺. Whether or not you take part in the season's celebrations, the overt expressions of giving and caring are wonderful to see. And we're so excited to be offering our Community Giving tree to support members of our own community this year. Thank you to those of you who have already participated by picking up a "star" and buying gifts for individual families. With your generous donations, we'll be able to make the holidays a little more exciting for some of our families.

Throughout next week, our student-inclusive conferences will take commence, with December 5th & 6th dedicated as non-instructional days to make time for the conferences. 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 2nd-6th). 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 5th and all day on December 6th. 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 2- 6 Scholastic Book Fair
December 5 - Conferences afternoon (**11:30am dismissal**)
December 6 - Conferences all day (**school not in session**)
December 17 - School-wide-sing-along
December 20 - Last day of school before break

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

All students registering for kindergarten must be 5 years **on or before December 31, 2025**. 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 7-11, 2025
Enviro Registration - January 8-10, 2025
Choice Registration - January 15-20, 2025
General Registration - January 29-February 4, 2025
Late Registration - February 19-July 25, 2025
Open Registration - August 20-September 19, 2025

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

GRADE 8 REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Grade 8 registration for the 2025-26 school year is done on the parent portal. Online registration begins on **Tuesday, February 11, 2025** at 12:00pm (noon) and closes on February 25, 2025 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.

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 5, 2024 - Early Dismissal at 11:30 for the afternoon conferences

Friday, December 6, 2024 - 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.

Please note that we will not be calling students down for lunches that are being dropped off. Please make arrangements with your child to come down and to collect their lunch.

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/>



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Community 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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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 +



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**3RD ANNUAL
PANCAKES
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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



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 Div. 4 – Walking to Kanaka Creek Elementary	4 Spirit Day – Wear Red and Green	5 Conferences – 11:30 AM Dismissal Scholastic Book-Fair	6 Conferences – No School Scholastic Book-Fair
9	10 Div. 10 – Conflict/Resolution Guest Speaker	11 Div. 1,2 and 4 – Vancouver Maritime Museum	12	13 Spirit Day – Ugly Christmas Sweater Div. 1 and 22 - Staking
16 Archery Make-Up Session	17	18 Div. 6, 7 and 11 – Swimming	19 Div. 1-5 – Swimming	20 Spirit Day – PJ Day Div 6, 7 and 11 – Skating Last Day of School Before Break
23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break
30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break			

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