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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

April was filled with activities and events such as the Dufflebag Theatre presentation, Public Speaking, Make-a-Wish fundraiser and the start of track and field training for intermediate students. A big thank you to Mrs. Gowan for organizing the training sessions.

With May upon us, we look forward to the 5Km/Colour run as well as the PAC Fun Fair. A heartfelt thank you in advance to all the parents that have already volunteered to help out at these two events. We could not do all the events and field trips we do without your help.

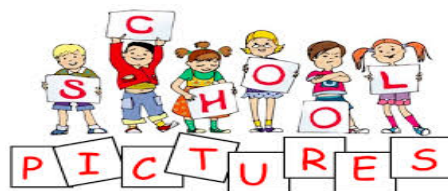
READY, SET, KINDERGARTEN

On **Friday, May 23, 2025**, we will be hosting our annual Ready, Set, Kindergarten event to welcome our new Kindergarten friends for September. Detailed information will be sent to new Kindergarten parents.

Current Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:00am

GROUP CLASS PHOTO DAY

Class and panorama photos will take place on **Friday, May 9, 2025**



MAY IS SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH

Did you know that almost 10% of children have speech, language, and/or hearing needs? If your child is missing speech sounds or some grammatical forms, there are

things you can do at home to encourage progress. You are your child's best role model for developing speech and language skills.

Speech Production → If your child is missing a speech sound (e.g., /s/), you can emphasize the sound by making it a little louder and when possible, a little longer (e.g., SSSarah).

Your child does not have to repeat after you; just hearing your model will help them develop the target sound.

Language Development → The same goes for language production (i.e., grammatical forms). Example: If your child says: "Him walk", you can model the missing forms with emphasis (Adult: Yes, he is walking to the store.) – emphasis is placed on pronoun 'He' and 'is walking'.

- Pro-tip: Talk about things as they happen, such as when you are driving, putting away groceries, doing laundry, or watching a video together. ("Apples, pears, and grapes; look at all the fruit we bought!")



Using books to support language development:

- Prediction - Ask your child to guess what the book will be about based on the title and cover. While reading the book, stop and ask what they think will happen next.
- Check for comprehension often by 'wondering out loud' (e.g. I wonder where the bird went. I wonder how the princess feels.)
- Don't feel like you must stick to the text. Encourage your child to describe the pictures and tell the story that way.
- Relate events in the story to the child's own experiences. This helps your child make important brain connections, increasing the chance that he/she

will remember the story along with any new vocabulary (e.g. The boy in the story went fishing. What happened when we went fishing?).

These strategies will help with your child's speech and language development. If you would like to learn more, please check out

<https://speechandhearingbc.ca/public/resources/useful-resources-for-parents/>

REGISTRATION INFO FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY PROGRAMS (MAY 14)

The school district is offering the following programs for students on the upcoming district-based non-instructional day, May 14, 2025. Please note: all registrations are on a first come, first serve basis.

To register, go to schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com. If you are creating an account for the first time, please see the registration instructions below. For more information, please contact Hannah Macdonald, program manager, community connections and healthy living, at 604.837.2384 or hannah_macdonald@sd42.ca.

Red Cross: Babysitting Course (Ages 11-13)

The updated Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course helps youth build confidence and responsibility while caring for children. With a greater focus on First Aid and emergency preparedness, the course also covers leadership, decision-making, child development, behaviour management, safety awareness, and the basics of caring for infants and children. Participants will also learn how to run a babysitting business.

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Edith McDermott Elementary (Library)

Cost: \$75

I Am Awesome! Pro-D Day Camp (Grades 2-5)

The Family Education & Support Centre is thrilled to present this fun and engaging non-instructional day program that's designed to help empower students to

communicate effectively, identify their special inner qualities, learn how to be a friend, and deal with stress.

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Location: Maple Ridge Elementary (Stage)

Cost: \$35

Registration Instructions

1. Go to <http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>
2. Create an account if you are new to the site
3. Login
4. Click on the 'Schedule' icon at the top left of the screen
5. Click on the link to the program location under 'Program Registration'
6. Click on the program name
7. Click 'Reserve'
8. Add Family Member (your child)
9. Click 'Next'
10. Complete permission form
11. Click 'Next'
12. Complete payment



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Div. 5 & 15 – Bowling	2 Div. 17 & 14 – Watershed Div. 15 & 16 Stable Harvest Farm
5 District Speech Competition Grade 4 & 5	6 District Speech Competition Grade 6 & 7	7	8 Crazy Hat/Hair/ Accessory Day Div. 4 & 5 - GSS Band Presentation	9 Class Photo Day
12 Div. 19 & 20 – Grandparents/ Special Persons Day	13 Intermediate Cross Country	14 Non-Instructional Day (No School)	15	16
19  HAPPY Victoria Day (No School)	20 Div. 1, 2 & 4 – Science Alive Workshops	21 Grade 8 Day Primary Cross Country	22	23  (current K students dismissed at 11am) Twin Day
26	27 Div. 4 & 19 - Park	28	29	30 5km Colour Run