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## Newsletter #4 – December 2025

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of 2025, I want to take a moment to thank our students, staff, and families for another wonderful fall term at Alexander Robinson. It's been a busy and rewarding few months filled with learning, growth, and community spirit. From classroom projects and performances to cross-country runs and spirit days, our students continue to make us proud each and every day.

On behalf of all of us at Alexander Robinson Elementary, I wish you and your family a **peaceful holiday season** and a **happy, healthy New Year**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back when school reopens on **January 5, 2026!**

### UPCOMING DATES:

December 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> - Scholastic Book Fair (times on Parent Portal and calendar)  
December 4<sup>th</sup> - Conferences afternoon (**11:30am dismissal**)  
December 5<sup>th</sup> - Conferences all day (**school not in session**)  
December 9<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting, 7pm  
December 19<sup>th</sup> - School-wide-sing-along and last day of school before break  
January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – School re-opens

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

All children registering for Kindergarten must be **5 years old on or before December 31, 2026**.

Kindergarten registration is completed through the Parent Portal, and registration dates are posted on the School District website. Registration opens at **12:00 p.m. (noon)** on the first day of each registration phase.

#### Registration Phases:

- **Enviro Sibling Registration:** January 5 – 8, 2026
- **Sibling Registration:** January 6 – 10, 2026
- **Enviro Registration:** January 7 – 9, 2026
- **Choice Registration:** January 14 – 19, 2026
- **General Registration:** January 28 – February 3, 2026
- **Late Registration:** February 18 – July 24, 2026
- **Open Registration:** August 19 – September 18, 2026



For more information, please download the **Kindergarten Registration Brochure** or visit the **School District Kindergarten Registration page** on the SD42 website.

### GRADE 8 REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Grade 8 registration for the **2026–2027 school year** will be completed through the Parent Portal.

**Online registration opens: February 10, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**

**Closes: February 24, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.**

The online registration form will automatically populate with your child's secondary catchment school, which is determined by your home address. Please take a moment to confirm that your Parent Portal account reflects your current address.

If your address has changed, please visit the school office to update it and provide two supporting documents. Please note that address changes made through the office will not appear in the portal until the next day.

### STUDENT CONFERENCES

The **Maple Ridge–Pitt Meadows School District (SD42)** will once again be offering families a **choice of conference format** for this year's **student inclusive conferences**. This is a valuable time for you, your child, and the teacher to meet together.

Families will have the option to choose between an **in-person** or **virtual** conference—select the format that works best for your family at the time of booking. Teachers will communicate specific times for virtual conferences directly to families.

During the conference, teachers will discuss your child's **academic progress, strengths, and areas for growth**, and together you will help set a **collaborative learning goal** for your child. You'll also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

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

- **Thursday, December 4, 2025** – *Early Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.* for afternoon conferences
- **Friday, December 5, 2025** – *No school for students* as conferences will take place all day

### SPARE CHANGE OF CLOTHES



Please be sure to send your child to school with a **spare change of clothes** that can be kept in their backpack or classroom. Accidents, spills, and muddy adventures often happen at **recess or lunch**, and having a spare set of clothes helps your child stay comfortable and ready to learn for the rest of the day!

Thank you for your help in keeping our students clean, dry, and happy at school!

### SCHOOL CLOSURE DECISION: SNOW

The decision to close schools due to accumulating snowfall rests with the Superintendent, who must carefully balance the safety of students, staff, and families with the importance of maintaining learning. This decision is not taken lightly and follows a thoughtful process that is reviewed and refined after each event.

School closure decisions are made by **6:30 a.m.** and shared through the following channels:

- **Twitter:** @sd42news
- **Facebook:** SD42Facebook
- **Radio:** News 1130 and CKNW
- **Website:** [www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca)



Please note: The district respects and supports individual family decisions regarding safety. Parents and guardians are responsible for determining if it is safe for their child to travel to school. If there are any concerns about travel conditions, families are encouraged to make alternate arrangements.

### ATTENDANCE REMINDER PARENT

If your child will be absent, arriving late, or leaving early, please ensure you notify the school by one of the following methods:

- Through the Parent Portal
- By email: [are\\_reception@sd42.ca](mailto:are_reception@sd42.ca)
- By phone: 604-463-3035

If a student is marked absent and we have not received notification from a parent or guardian, their name will appear on our call sheet. In these cases, we will contact all available phone numbers 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 tag while in the building or on school grounds.

If your child arrives late, please sign them in at the office — parents are **not permitted to walk students to their classrooms** during instructional time.

If you need to drop off an item or have a message for your child, please come into the office— **we're no longer using the exterior window**. Please note that we will not be calling students down for lunches that are dropped off. Families are asked to make arrangements with their child ahead of time to come down and collect their lunch.

### STUDENT PHONE USE

We'd like to remind families that students must have teacher permission before using the school phone to call home. Recently, many students have been coming to the office at recess and lunch to make calls that aren't necessary during the school day.

Please remind your child that the phone should only be used for important reasons and with staff approval. Thank you for your help in reinforcing this expectation.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1  Scholastic Book Fair- <u>12:15-12:40</u>	2  Scholastic Book Fair- <u>12:15-12:40</u>	3  Scholastic Book Fair- <u>12:15-12:40</u>	4 Conferences – <b>11:30 AM Dismissal</b>  Scholastic Book Fair- <u>12:40-4:00</u>	5 Conferences – <b>No School</b>  Scholastic Book Fair- <u>8:00-4:00</u>
8	9 Div 12 Drumming, 8:45  PAC Meeting 7pm	10 Div 14, 15, 17 – The ACT-Matilda Jr. 12pm	11	12 <b>Spirit Day</b> – Festive Day (wear festive clothing)  Div 19&20 – Theme Day
15	16  Div. 6 & 11 Skating 12:30	17	18 Div. 1-5 Coquitlam Wave Pool & Activate  Div 19,20 – Special Person/grandparent Day  Conf-DANCE 12:30-2:20	19 <b>Spirit Day</b> – PJ Day  Sing-along 9am  <b>Last Day of School Before Break</b>
22  Winter Break	23  Winter Break	24  Winter Break	25  Winter Break	26  Winter Break
29  Winter Break	30  Winter Break			



## Parks, Recreation and Culture for Winter 2026

### Winter Programs Are Here - Registration opens Tuesday, December 2 at 8 a.m.

Our winter program guide is now available online and will be available in print on November 18. The City of Pitt Meadows Parks, Recreation & Culture Guide is packed with a variety of activities, spring break camps, skating lessons, arts workshops and programs for all age groups! **Registration for opens Tuesday, December 2 at 8 a.m.** Visit [pittmeadows.ca/programguide](https://pittmeadows.ca/programguide) for details.

### Low-Cost and Free Activities at Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre:

#### Parent & Tot Mini Gym 0-5Y

Looking for an indoor activity? PMFRC offers low-cost [Parent & Tot Mini Gym](#) in the gymnasium on Mondays and Wednesdays (10:05-11:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (9-11 a.m.) for only \$1 per child.

#### Value Times at the Fitness Centre

Work out at the fitness centre during our value times. It's only \$1 for youth (13-18Y) and seniors (60Y+) and \$2 for adults (19-59Y). Value times are: Tuesday 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesday 8-9 p.m., Thursday 6-7 a.m. and Saturday from 3-6 p.m.

### Community Services - Let's Play (FREE Registered Program)

Let's Play is a vibrant and inclusive community program for all ages led by Community Services. Families will engage in a variety of play opportunities with their child, such as loose parts, sensory explorations, the wonder of art, music and movement, science discoveries and more. **Registration is required.** See location, dates and [full details](#), or register at [pittfitandfun.ca](https://pittfitandfun.ca).

### Upcoming Pitt Meadows FREE Family Events

The City of Pitt Meadows proudly hosts a number of community events throughout the year. Some upcoming events from January to March 2026 include the Family Day Carnival and Easter FunDay. For full details about community events and activities, visit [pittmeadows.ca/specialevents](https://pittmeadows.ca/specialevents).

### FREE Family Lounge Drop-In Program – Sundays from 3-7 p.m.

Drop by the Constable Rick O'Brien Youth Lounge with your family! The Youth Lounge will open Sundays, from 3-7 p.m. for a time of unstructured activities for you and your children. Enjoy a variety of activities including billiards, ping pong, video games, retro arcade and board games. There is also a concession with food and drinks.

Our Recreation team will be on hand to supervise, but please remember that this is a parent-led program. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. Older siblings (11Y+) are also welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

For questions or details about this program contact the Youth Lounge Supervisor at [abuckle@pittmeadows.ca](mailto:abuckle@pittmeadows.ca) or 604.465.2456.

### Save on Your New Year's Fitness Goals!

Purchase a recreation membership at the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre for 3 months or more, between January 2 to 31, 2026 and receive 10% off! \*One pass per person, not applicable to 10, 20 visit,

or one-month passes. Call 604.465.2452 or drop by the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre for details.

### **Personal Training at the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre**

From Teen Weight Training to Personal Training, there are a variety of individual and group programs available. See full details in the [Winter Guide](#).

### **Park Amenity and Grabenhorst Garden Donation Programs**

The City of Pitt Meadows offers residents, community groups, businesses and visitors the opportunity to honour a loved one, commemorate a special occasion or give back to the community. From memorial plaques to benches, these programs are designed to create lasting tributes while supporting local spaces and initiatives. Learn more about the Grabenhorst Garden Donation Program and Parks Amenity Program in the [Winter Guide](#).

### **Pitt Meadows Parks Projects**

Looking for information about past, current or upcoming parks projects view the [highlights in the winter guide](#) or visit [pittmeadows.ca/parksprojects](http://pittmeadows.ca/parksprojects) for updates.

### **Experience Art & Culture at the Pitt Meadows Art Gallery**

The Pitt Meadows Art Gallery (PMAG) is located on the main floor of the South Bonson Community Centre in Pitt Meadows. PMAG is committed to supporting local and regional artists and artisans and will showcase six exhibitions per year at the main gallery and four exhibitions per year at the pop-up gallery. Admission to the gallery is free and all work is available for sale.

The Pop-Up PMAG can be found in the lobby at City Hall. This satellite gallery showcases smaller collections of work from Lower Mainland artists.

For more information about the gallery and the exhibits visit [pittmeadows.ca/pmag](http://pittmeadows.ca/pmag).





## Vision, hearing and dental screenings and youth clinics

### Make dental, hearing and vision checks part of a healthy routine

It's important for your child to have regular eye exams and routine dental checkups. This can help find issues early and lead to better outcomes. It is also important to recognize any hearing loss early as this is essential for speech and language development.

#### Dental

Tooth decay and other oral health concerns are the most common preventable chronic diseases in children. Establishing good oral hygiene habits early and ensuring regular dental checkups are essential for your child's oral health.

To find a local dentist who is accepting new patients, visit the BC Dental Association's [Find a Dentist database](#).

If your family is experiencing financial challenges and doesn't have extended health coverage, there are [programs](#) available to help make dental care more accessible. You can also reach out to the dental program at your local public health unit at [Dental Care - Fraser Health](#) to learn about community resources and support.

#### Vision

[BC Doctors of Optometry](#) (BCDO) recommends children receive their first eye exam when they are six to nine months old, with a follow up exam at least once between the ages of two and five, and then yearly once they enter school. You can find an optometrist accepting new patients near you on [BCDO's website](#). In B.C., one basic eye exam per year is free up to the age of 18. Some optometrists may charge a user fee of about \$35-50 per visit, so be sure to ask about any fees before you make an appointment. Find more information on BCDO's [Children's Resources](#) page.

#### Hearing

Good hearing is essential for speech and language development and plays an important part in a child's social and emotional growth. It is important to recognize hearing loss early and seek out testing and treatment if needed. Fraser Health's Public Health community audiologists provide free hearing services for children from birth to 19 years of age. If you have a concern about your child's hearing, referrals can be made by a parent or caregiver, a health care provider or education professional to your [local public health audiology \(hearing\) clinic](#).

Find more information on child health screenings and how to access free vision, hearing and dental exams on [Fraser Health's website](#).

### **Youth clinics**

Let your teen know about our youth clinics. Located throughout the Fraser Health region, these clinics offer free and confidential sexual health care to youth, with age eligibility varying by site and service. Learn more about the services available at youth clinics [here](#).