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Newsletter #10 – June 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had an exciting year at ARE this year and while the year is winding down fast, we still have lots of events happening in the month of June. In addition to several more field trips, we look forward to our Primary Sports Day. And of course, we have our grade 7 Leaving Ceremony to celebrate near the end of June.

As always, I am so thankful for the wonderful parent community we have at ARE. We could not do all the things we do without you. A perfect example is the 5Km run held last week. Ms. Elder did a tremendous job of organizing the event. And I can say that we were all very thankful for the parent volunteers who marshalled the course. With your help, we made it a fun and safe run for our Intermediate students.

ADMINISTRATION CHANGE

As previously shared, I will be leaving Alexander Robinson Elementary at the end of this school year. It has been a true privilege to serve this wonderful school community, and I am incredibly grateful for the support, kindness, and partnership I have experienced during my time here.

I am pleased to share that our incoming principal will be **Jennifer Beveridge**, who is joining us from Davie Jones Elementary. Ms. Beveridge brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to student success and well-being. I am confident she will be a great fit for our school community, and I know you will make her feel warmly welcomed.

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 5: ARE Fun Fair, 4:30-8:30
- June 12: Primary Sports Day (Kindergarten to grades 3/4)
- June 22: Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
- June 24: Last day of school, **12pm dismissal**
- September 8: First day back for students, **12:30 pm start**

MOVING THIS SUMMER?

If your family is planning a move over the summer, please complete a withdrawal or transfer for your child through the Parent Portal and let the office know.

5KM COLOUR RUN

Congratulations to the following students:

Grade 3/4/5 Boys: Petro V., Caleb P., Mason M., Jacob M., Dylan C., Beckett M., Dylan B., Tanner H., Benny F., Rudra C., Dimitri B.

Grade 3/4/5 Girls: Rozalia K., Fiona J., Natalie H., Vera L., Charlotte P., Brooklyn P., Olivia B., Caylen M., Lily S., Henley V., Kayleena C.

Grade 6/7 Boys: Barrett W., Wiggyn D., Serhii V., Bryson Z., Austin V.D., Cohen F., Darwin S., Mehkai S., Cole M., Jacob P.

Grade 6/7 Girls: Addisyn W., Alyna V., Michaela K., Brielle S., Nya M., Ariya P.C., Chloe A., Elina K., Daphne C.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

We would like to congratulate our incredible Cross-Country team for their hard work, perseverance, and school spirit this season! These students represented our school with enthusiasm and determination during the recent run.

A special shoutout to the participants:

PRIMARY GIRLS: KINDERGARTEN: Paisley MB, Annie S., Mayher K. **GRADE 1:** Nora A., Julia CN, Kinsley C., Daisy C., Felicity C., Avery H., Emma M., Maci G., Avaya M., Skyler H., Oaklynn D., Taylor J. **GRADE 2:** Frankie C., Carmen N., Kona P., Maddy CS, Cara S., Chloe Y., Alexa J., Emily L. **GRADE 3:** Liana Z., Caroline C.

PRIMARY BOYS: KINDERGARTEN: Bennett H., Auston H., Connor N., Zander L., Ethan H., Ashton L. **GRADE 1:** Adam K., Declan F., Charlie P., Brooks B., Logan M., Ryan D., Kaleb C., Lucas M. **GRADE 2:** Parker N. Everett P. Hudson S., Benjamin K., Ashton L., Durandt M., Leo P., Carmel M., Cameron D., Arjun S., Cole S., **GRADE 3:** Jayden L., Cain C., Julian J., Oliver B., Ethan B., Michael K., Rudra C., Tanner H. Malakai M., Jacob M.

Well done to all participants—we are so proud of you!

LIBRARY

Do you have any overdue library books at home that belong to ARE? The last day for students to take out books is the week of June All library books are due back by **June 19, 2026.**



Volunteers help with end of year library and jobs if you are able to help

PICK UP MEDICATIONS



Have you sent any medication for your child to school? If so, please PICK UP all medication before the end of the day on June 24th. ANY MEDICATION NOT PICKED UP WILL BE DISPOSED OF.

LOST AND FOUND

Please remind your children to check the Lost & Found. The last day that items will be displayed is June 5 after school and at the ARE Fun Fair. Anything not picked up will be donated or discarded.

NEXT YEAR'S KINDERGARTEN

Thank you to all the new kindergarten students who attended our "Ready, Set, Kindergarten" event. Please watch for an email coming home containing important information regarding gradual entry and times for small group sessions in September. We have purchased supplies in bulk for ALL kindergarten students, payment will be requested in September.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2026-2027

All Students (Kindergarten-Gr 7) will have their school supplies provided by the school for a fee. The fee will be \$60.00 and payment will be requested in September.

MAKE A WISH FOLLOW-UP

Mrs. Murphy has now received notice about not only our grand total donated to the Make-a-Wish Foundation this year, but also that Alexander Robinson has donated \$23 564.80 since our first ever donation of \$2,808 in April 2010 😊 Way to go, AR!!

With our \$1,276.60 raised this year, we are helping to grant wishes such as Ben's (included in this follow-up).

A wish on average costs approximately \$10 000 to \$12,000. Half of this is typically provided through in-kind donations and the other half is paid for in cash.

Alexander Robinson has done a wonderful act of kindness by granting two full wishes since we began in 2009/2010. Thank-you so very much to everyone who was able to collect even a single nickel in their Make a Wish bank and/or buy a freezie at school this year--we hope to have your continued support as we aim to help grant another child's wish next year!

**Please remember that the blue star-shaped banks are no longer available to us as the cost to make them has skyrocketed and the Make-a-Wish Foundation can no longer afford to provide the banks. Please keep your child's Make-a-Wish bank, whichever kind of container it is, in a safe place for next year as only new and Kindergarten students will receive one in the fall.

Ben's Wish

Ben is a quiet and grounded 16-year-old with a love for the outdoors. Whether he's working around the farm or riding horses, Ben feels most at home in nature. He enjoys being around people but is never the loudest in the room. He's down-to-earth and already thinking about a future that involves farming — a path that aligns perfectly with his rural lifestyle and strong work ethic.

His cancer journey began shortly after a family trip in the fall of 2023. Ben noticed swollen lymph nodes and pointed them out to his parents, Scott and Lyn. When the swelling didn't subside, the family visited the emergency department nearest to their home. Within weeks, Ben underwent a biopsy that confirmed the diagnosis: a rare and aggressive cancer. Ben was sent 400 kilometres away to the nearest children's hospital to begin treatment. "Our whole family travelled there to be with Ben; it was important we went through this together," recalled Scott.



A plan was quickly put in place: 43 weeks of treatment, including 10 weeks of radiation in Florida and months of chemotherapy. It was a long and intense period, made more complex by the demands of managing a large household with seven boys while supporting Ben through treatment. “Ben’s been steady throughout, and he responded well,” said Scott. “It was a grind for sure, but our community and even people we didn’t know came alongside us and helped carry us through.”

For Ben, learning he would receive a wish was a bright spot during a difficult time. His choice to wish for a horse was inspired by his best friend, who trained a horse last year while Ben was undergoing treatment. “Even though Ben couldn’t take that on while he was sick, it meant a lot to him that he could get Gen, his horse, and work on that together now,” said Scott. “It helps him feel like he’s catching up and not being left behind.”

Receiving a wish, Scott said, was like hitting reset. “It’s been a really positive transition — a chance to move forward.” Ben’s advice to other kids waiting for their wishes: “Be patient and try to live in the moment.”

LIBRARY BOOKS

Do you have any overdue library books at home that belong to ARE? All library books were due by **June 9, 2025**. We take great pride in our library and are proud of our collection. With minimal library budgets we cannot afford to lose any books. Sometimes books are missed when circulating. Please check in with the library to set up a time to search shelves if it is believed the book was returned.



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LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS AND REPORT CARDS

The last day of classes is **Wednesday, June 24** with summative progress reports being issued and **dismissal occurring at 12:00 pm** on this day.



SCHOOL START UP INFO

All elementary schools will be welcoming students for a 12:30pm start on the first day of school. This is the same schedule that we used last year, and it allows schools to have important meetings in the morning before welcoming our students in the afternoon. More precise details will be sent to families when the office reopens at the end of August following the break.

First day of school – Tuesday, September 8, 2026: Students start at 12:30pm



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Grade 7 Caricatures Gr. 7 Hot Dog Day Fundraiser: noon 2:20 After School soccer	2 Grade 7 Caricatures 12:15: Intermediate Chess Club	3 Div. 3: THSS Little Mermaid 12:15 Crochet Club	4 12pm- Gr. 3 Chess Club 12:15 Drama Club (6/7) 2:20 Robotics Engineers	5 9am: Div 1,2 Alouette Addictions Presentation 12pm: Food Program Volunteer Lunch 12:15 Drama Club (6/7) 1pm: Gr. 6/7 Play ARE FUN FAIR: 4:30
8 SPIRIT DAY: RAINBOW DAY!	9 Grade 4/5 Track 12:15: Intermediate Chess Club 7pm: PAC Meeting	10 Grade 6/7 Track 12:15 Crochet Club	11 12pm- Gr. 3 Chess Club 12:15 Drama Club (6/7)	12 Sports Day (k-3/4 classes)  9:30: Div 1,2,4 Tsuyuki Park
15 Div. 1, 2, 4 - Loon Lake 8:30: Div19 Belcarra Field Trip	16 Div. 1, 2 & 4 - Loon Lake 8am: Div. 3,5 – Albion Park 12:15: Intermediate Chess Club	17 8:40 Div. 6,8,11- Momentum Movement 12:15 Crochet Club	18 12pm- Gr. 3 Chess Club 12:15 Drama Club (6/7)	19 1pm: Intermediate Tug of War
22 9am: Div. 12, 13 Mission Pool Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony 	23 10am Div. 16,19,20 Year End Class Party 12:15: Intermediate Chess Club 12:30 Kindergarten Foam Party	24 8:45am Year-end assembly LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS 12:00pm Dismissal	25 	26

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[DISTRICT/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS](#)

Pitt Meadows Summer 2026 Programs

Hello, summer! - Registration opens Tuesday, May 26 at 8 a.m.

Slide into Summer and explore new programs and activities this July and August. From summer camps like Weather Rangers and cycling adventures, kids' hip-hop, youth disc golf, cookie decorating, plein air painting, gardening workshops, sewing and more—there's something for everyone! Start planning your summer activities now. Registration for all summer programs opens Tuesday, May 26 at 8 a.m. Register by phone at 604.465.2470, in person at the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre (PMFRC) or online at pittfitandfun.ca.

Visit 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.

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 or 604.465.2456.

FREE Gardening Workshops (16Y+)

Enjoy one or all of these beginner-friendly garden workshops: [From Garden to Table: Fresh Summer Flavours](#) to [Garden Stewardship and Composting](#). **Registration is required.** See dates and full details in the [summer guide](#) or register at pittfitandfun.ca.



MEET NEW PEOPLE & REMOVE INVASIVE PLANTS IN PITT MEADOWS!

DATE & TIME: Sun May 17, 2026 | 9:45am-1pm
LOCATION: Hoffmann Park, Pitt Meadows
ACTIVITY: Invasive Plant Removal

Spend
time
outside

Have
fun!

Try
something
new

Make a
positive
impact

MORE INFO & SIGN UP!

Scan the QR code, visit bit.ly/greenteam-may-17-2026
OR email Max Muehlen, at Max@greenteamsCanada.ca



Scan Me!

ALL AGES & abilities welcome, NO EXPERIENCE needed!
Gloves, tools, educational instruction, & snacks provided



Run in partnership with the
City of Pitt Meadows &
Lower Mainland Green Team



The Lower Mainland Green Team is a program of the charity Green Teams of Canada



2026 BC Inter-School Triathlon Championship

The Ultimate Chance to Test your Skills



Speedcubing Competition with Premiere Speedcubing League

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2026

**Venue: Fraser Valley Chess Academy,
Unit #108 20486 64 Ave, Langley**

**Schedule: 9:30am to 7pm
Regular Entry Fee: \$35**



DIVISIONS:

BEGINNER/ INTERMEDIATE/ PRO

- To enter, you must complete a qualification round to determine your division placement. Learn about your qualifying options on our event page.
- Winner of intermediate section will auto-qualify for the PRO division that starts at 3:30pm.

**Scan the QR Code to
register now !** →

Learn more at thelearningplanet.org
info@thelearningplanet.org





COASTAL SOUND MUSIC

WELCOMES SINGERS



Choir Music Education in the Tri-Cities since 1988!

Coastal Sound Choir registration is now open for the 2026/27 season—and we'd love for you to join us!

Reserve your spot today, with interviews and auditions beginning at the end of May.

We believe singing is for everyone, at every stage of life. From young singers aged 5 to adults, our choirs offer a welcoming place to learn, grow, and make music together. Whether you're trying choir for the first time or already have experience, there's a group where you'll feel right at home. Alongside developing vocal skills and performing beautiful and interesting music, you'll also become part of a supportive, vibrant community that is based in the Tri-Cities.

Our auditions and interviews are relaxed and encouraging, designed to help find the choir that's the best fit for you. All of our choirs are subsidized, and we offer bursaries to ensure that cost is never a barrier—everyone deserves the chance to sing.

sign up at
coastalsoundmusic.com

