

Alouette Elementary

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FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

I write this a week after the chaos and disorder in America. I had a completely different topic written but feel it is important for all leaders to acknowledge the recent attack on peace and the nature of this darkness. Nothing good or lasting ever comes from all that chaos. It renews my belief that education is such an important institution in shaping the future. We all play a role in teaching our children values that will guide their decisions as they grow up and become politicians, teachers, doctors, nurses, lawmakers, and more.

February is a special month where we celebrate kindness. Given what we all saw in January south of the border, it's a good time to shine the light of kindness in our everyday lives. I asked our community to focus more energy on this value at our recent assembly. We discussed how kindness starts with each individual person. It is making the choice to lift others up. It is about inclusion and acceptance and making sure everyone feels valued and a sense of belonging. We are the Alouette Lakers and our actions today will define the world of tomorrow. And just like being on a sports team, it takes work. Let's restore our faith in humanity by supporting each other more and judging each other less.

This month Alouette is also participating in the Global Day of Play on February 3rd. Play is such a critical element in children's development. When children play together they learn to create, problem-solve and listen to the perspectives of others. They learn abstract thinking, how to construct their own meanings as well as developing an imagination. And, of course, it is lots of fun! Some of my happiest memories are playing board games and card games with my kids. We had a weekly games night where my three boys and I enjoyed time together filled with a lot of laughter.

Global Day of Play, Family Day, Valentine's Day and Kindness Counts Day; we have much to look forward to this month. You may want to check out www.randomactsofkindness.org or heartmindonline.org for more resources and information about teaching kindness to children. We invite everyone to wear pink on Wednesday, Feb 24 as we celebrate acceptance and tolerance through acts of kindness. Let's enjoy the month ahead and work on getting along better and having more compassion. We wish you all a happy Family Day!

Mrs. Donna Servant
Principal

Mrs. Julie Clarke
Vice Principal



VALENTINE'S DAY SAFETY PROTOCOLS

With Valentine's Day approaching please be reminded of the following:



Valentine Cards

Valentine card exchange is permitted as long as the cards are basic paper cards (**cards with pens, stickers or candies are NOT permitted at this time**).

Candy-Grams

Candy-Grams are not permitted at this time.

Homemade Baked Goods

Schools and district buildings must not allow homemade food items available to students or staff at this time. Only individually prepared and packaged commercial items are acceptable. These must be distributed by the teacher.

Valentine Dances

Not permitted at this time, not even within the cohort.

Hand Washing

Please be reminded that hand washing is one of the most effective ways to break the cycle of transmission. Many of us are experiencing hand washing/sanitizing fatigue, but both students and staff must remain diligent in this control measure.

Thank-you for remaining vigilant with all protocols so we can be safe.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2021/2022

Children who turn 5 years old in 2021 (born in 2016) are eligible to register in kindergarten for the 2021/22 school year. Registration dates for the 2021/22 school year are below:

Sibling Registration January 6 – 12, 2021

Choice Registration January 20 – 25, 2021

General Registration February 3 – 10, 2021

Late Registration February 24 – July 31, 2021

Open Registration August 19 and on

All registration periods open at 12 pm (noon).

For more information, download the kindergarten registration brochure at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2021-22-Kindergarten-Registration-Brochure-online.pdf> or visit the school district kindergarten registration page at <https://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

GRADE 8 REGISTRATION

Grade 8 registration information package is now available on the district website (<https://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/>). **All Grade 7 students must submit a registration for Grade 8.** Registration opens at 12 pm (noon) on Thursday, February 4, 2021. All Grade 8 registrations are done through the Parent Portal at <https://parents.sd42.ca>. Please contact Alouette Elementary prior to February 4 if you are not set up on the parent portal. Each registration is time-stamped at the moment the registration form is opened to begin the online registration process. The deadline for Grade 8 online registration is 12:00 pm (noon) on February 19, 2021. Parents will be notified by email before Spring Break about their child's assigned school.

Learning Services Grade 7 Parent Information Night

This session is offered for parents of grade 7 students with diverse support needs (Ministry Designations and/or IEP's) February 2, 2021 7:00 - 8:00. Registration is required to gain access to the Zoom session. To access the registration link please contact your current support teacher or Learning Services at 604-467-1101.

WHEELHOUSE, CYBERSCHOOL, LATE FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION

February 10, 2021 at 12:00 noon

CYBERSCHOOL

Online Information Night:

6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZlpdeirpzgsGtN4ZwTrh7x7I2koHH-RHCUj>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

CyberSchool allows SD42 **students in grades 6 and 7** to work at school three days a week, and from home (online) the other two days while still interacting with the class. Benefits of this program include the application of technology, collaboration in both online and face-to-face environments, and the development of independent working skills.

CyberSchool students are also part of the school district 1-to-1 program, in which each student is assigned an iPad for the school year. This option is open to all Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District students who will be going into grades 6 and 7 in September 2021. If you would like more information about the District Cyberschool Program please visit <https://www.sd42.ca/program/cyberschool/>

REGISTRATION_for_Cyberschool_opens_online_at_noon, February 10, 2021. Registration link: https://letstalksd42.ca/sd42-cyberschool-2021-2022_

The district CyberSchool program runs out of Alouette Elementary (22155 Isaac Crescent, Maple Ridge).

WHEELHOUSE

Online Information Nights were held in January.

The Wheelhouse is a classroom where **grade 6 and 7 students** are both challenged and supported in becoming life-long learners and responsible citizens. Some of the highlights of the program include:

- Weekly Field Study Days where students learn outside the regular class setting.
- A classroom of care and discovery that is well supported by staff, parents and community mentors;
- Leadership activities that improve confidence, citizenship, and social responsibility;
- Wheelhouse students are also part of the school district 1-to-1 program, where each student is assigned an iPad for use throughout the school year.

For more information, including a more in-depth look at the program, dates and times for student interviews, and details on how to become a Wheelhouse student, please visit The Wheelhouse online at <https://wheelhouse.sd42.ca/>.

REGISTRATION for The Wheelhouse opens online at **noon, February 10, 2021**. Registration link: <https://letstalksd42.ca/sd42-wheelhouse-2021-2022>

The Wheelhouse program runs out of Alouette Elementary (22155 Isaac Crescent, Maple Ridge).

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

Online Information Night:

7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Preregistration required:

https://sd42.zoom.us/join/register/u5UqfuCqqjvE9NcrXDmi_L-HMmuKoST9J17

The SD42 **Late French Immersion Program** is an excellent opportunity for students who want to learn a second language or are looking for a challenge. Students who are currently in Grade 5 are eligible to begin Late French Immersion in September 2021 at Golden Ears Elementary. This two-year elementary program continues at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

For more information about our French Immersion programs, please contact Shelley Linton at 604.463.7108 or shelley_linton@sd42.ca

REGISTRATION for Late French Immersion opens online at **noon, February 10, 2021**. Registration link: <https://letstalksd42.ca/sd42-late-french-immersion-2021-22>

The Late French Immersion Program runs out of Golden Ears Elementary school, 23124 – 118 Avenue, Maple Ridge.

Family Day, Monday, February 15th
Non-Instructional Day, Tuesday, February 16

MOVING AND STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS

If you are moving before the next school year or planning to transfer to another school please visit the district website <https://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/> for information and transfer deadlines. The first transfer phase ends April 11. Please contact the principal, Donna Servant, at 604-463-8730 to discuss and to request a copy of the transfer form.

STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES

Please be sure to sign up for a zoom conference with your teacher toward the end of this month. Conference days are March 10 (early dismissal at 11:30) and March 11 (no school for students). This time is dedicated for these meetings that are important for student growth and celebrating accomplishments. Please mark your calendar as these opportunities are very important for our children.

STUDENTS LATE OR ABSENT

If your child is going to be absent from school or late for any reason, please remember to call the school at **(604) 463-8730**. An answering service is available 24 hours a day 7 days per week for your convenience. You can also report your child's absence on the parent portal. If we do not have confirmation of absence from home, the office will contact the numbers we have available.

PARKING LOT SAFETY AND ROUTINES AT ALOUETTE

Traffic issues surrounding Alouette are a safety concern to all. Congestion during arrival and pick-up times lead to poor traffic circulation.

Suggestions to help keep the area safer:

- Consider parking away from the school (on a nearby adjacent street) and walking your child to school.
- Please pull up as far as possible in the designated drop-off circle.
- Ensure all pedestrians use the designated crosswalk.
- Please respect our neighbours and do not block their driveways.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

WEST COAST RECESS

It has been very cold and soggy outside and often the field can be quite muddy. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes at school, boots and a suitable coat for the wet/cold weather. Research shows that students benefit from daily opportunities to play outside in the fresh air. After being outside, students are better able to focus, and it also strengthens their immune system. There are more open spaces outside for children to be physically active. Students also have a chance to socialize with students from other classes. Thanks for helping so that all children have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors!

Kindness



FEBRUARY 24, 2021 IS PINK SHIRT DAY!

KINDNESS STARTS HERE....

On Wednesday February 24th everyone is encouraged to wear something pink to emphasize that kindness can change the world!

Online Zoom Classes for Parents and Students

Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 is offering evening online Zoom courses this year for both parents and students. Class materials will be emailed to you before the session, so please print the materials or have them available on another device during the class. Pre-registration is limited to one parent/caregiver as spaces are limited, however more than one parent/caregiver may participate in the Zoom meeting. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required for a refund.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR PARENTS

Learn how to use 'I' statements, conflict management parenting styles, trigger scale, active listening, paraphrasing, and open questions for parenting.

Tuesday, March 9 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Tuesday, June 8 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Registration Fee: \$15

To register: <http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>. For more information, please contact Drea Owen, program manager, at 604.346.9815 or drea_owen@sd42.ca.

PARENTING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Understand better what resiliency is and how we can foster it in our families.

Tuesday, February 16 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 4 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Registration Fee: \$15

To register: <http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>. For more information, please contact Drea Owen, program manager, at 604.346.9815 or drea_owen@sd42.ca.

HOME ALONE (PARENT/CAREGIVER PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY)

This two-hour course is an opportunity for parents/caregivers who want to prepare their nine-year-old child for staying at home alone when they turn 10 years old and are legally allowed to do so. Topics covered include: dealing with emergencies, answering the door, snacks/cooking, and gauging your child's readiness to be home alone. Our evening workshops are open to all families in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

Tuesday, January 19 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 13 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Registration Fee: \$25

To register: <http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>. For more information, please contact Drea Owen, program manager, at 604.346.9815 or drea_owen@sd42.ca.

DANCE PARTY JUNIORS (GRADES 1-3)

Join us for this fun and upbeat virtual dance class that will get your kids moving and burning off energy. No materials required, just a small space to dance in and comfortable clothes you can move in.

Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m., Jan. 19 to Feb. 9 (#22651)

Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m., Feb. 16 to Mar. 9 (#22656)

Registration Fee: \$32/4

To register call Maple Ridge Parks and Leisure at 604.467.7422 or go online at www.mapleridge.ca/1484. For more information call Lori at 604.476.2792.

DANCE PARTY SENIORS (GRADES 4-7)

In this virtual class for older children, students will become more expressive with their dance moves as they learn different skills and techniques. No materials required, just a small space to dance in and comfortable clothes you can move in.

Tuesdays, 4:10 to 4:40 p.m., Jan. 19 to Feb. 9 (#22655)

Tuesdays, 4:10 to 4:40 p.m., Feb 16 to Mar 9 (#22658)

Registration Fee: \$32/4

To register call Maple Ridge Parks and Leisure at 604.467.7422 or go online at www.mapleridge.ca/1484. For more call Lori at 604.476.2792.

PITT MEADOWS SHOTOKAN KARATE ONLINE

Pitt Meadows Shotokan Karate is offering online classes through Zoom. Shotokan is designed to teach self-defense, build self-confidence, stimulate a sense of well-being and provide a greater sense of self-awareness when faced with difficult situations. The primary goal of this program is to teach respect for one's self and others, as well as basic self-defense techniques. This program is taught in French, English and Japanese, giving students the opportunity to develop basic language skills.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$70/month

To register call Amy Shaw at 604.314.5852 or theninjalady@gmail.com.

***Zoom class technical requirements: 2.5mbps internet download speed; a device that is HD video-capable, such as a smartphone (Android or iOS), tablet, laptop or computer; speakers and a microphone (built-in or USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth). Optional: a webcam – built-in or USB plug-in.**

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Lost & Found placed out front of school.	2 Lost & Found placed out front of school. Zoom Info Session about Cyber School 6:30 pm	3 Global Day of Play! Lost & Found placed out front of school. General Kindergarten Registration opens at 12:00 pm (noon) on the parent portal.	4 Grade 8 registration opens at 12:00 pm. (noon) through the parent portal.	5	6
7	8	9	10 Jersey Day Kindergarten registration closes at midnight Registration for Cyber School and Wheelhouse opens online at noon.	11	12	13
14	15 Family Day – No school for students	16 Non-Instructional Day No school for students	17	18	19 Online registration for Grade 8 ends at 12:00 (noon).	20
21	22	23	24 Kindness Counts Day (Wear Pink) Late Registration opens at 12:00 noon for kindergarten registration	25	26	27
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