

Alouette Elementary

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JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year! There's always a sense of calm when we return to school after Christmas break. Children know their teachers and classmates, routines are established, and we have had the opportunity to get to know our families just a little bit better. The health & safety for all remains our top priority as we live through the pandemic. We will continue to enforce good practices such as hand washing, minimal contact, decreased transitions and more time outside. We are always grateful to see everyone doing their part and supporting our efforts. Thank-you for maintaining social distance at drop off and pick up and wearing masks when going through crowded spaces. Please continue to be vigilant with daily health checks for your children.

One of our school goals, is to strengthen the social and emotional competencies in our children. And an important part of this, is building healthy relationships throughout our community. Children feel how adults are interacting, they feel what we think about our school. Alouette Elementary is the place that brings us all together, and I am very proud to belong here. People are the strength of this school, and when we all work together, stay positive, and see the very best in others, we certainly help all of our children to thrive.

January is a great time to work on the goals we set in November. Thank-you for keeping these alive at home. My own personal goal is to continue getting to know every child at this school and to remember all their names. I am amazed every day by our students' energy, joy, candidness, their ability to be fully present in the moment, and love of learning. As educators, we learn as much from them as they do from us. The reciprocity of this relationship is a gift of this profession. Thank-you for trusting us. We have a lot to look forward to in the months ahead.

Mrs. Donna Servant
Principal

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Vice Principal



**IF YOU WANT TO FEEL
RICH, JUST COUNT ALL
THE GIFTS YOU HAVE
THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY.**

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

Information coming soon on the district website under the Parents Tab. Visit www.sd42.ca

WHEELHOUSE, CYBERSCHOOL AND 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/register/tZlpdeirpzqsGtN4ZwTrh7x7I2koHH-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:

6:00 PM

Thursday, January 14

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://sd42.zoom.us/j/95494019494>

Info Session #2

6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 26

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://sd42.zoom.us/j/95494019494>

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/meeting/register/u5UqfuCqjjsvE9NcrXDmi-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

THANK-YOU!

We extend a heartfelt thank-you for your donations to our *Five Days of Giving*. Local families in need received Christmas stockings to brighten their holidays and provide children with presents.

THANK-YOU!

We are very grateful to our PAC for managing fundraisers throughout the trying times of the pandemic. Their hard work on these initiatives make a difference in our classrooms and to our community.

School Closure Decision: SNOW

The decision to close schools due to accumulating snowfall is ultimately 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 6:15 a.m. Details are:

- posted on the SD42 Twitter feed ([@sd42news](https://twitter.com/sd42news));
- posted on the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SD42Facebook));
- shared with News 1130, CKNW, and CBC 690 radio stations;
- posted on the SD42 Website (www.sd42.ca).

JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Schools closed for Winter Break	2
3 Welcome Back - School re-opens	4	5	6 Sibling Kindergarten Registration begins on portal 12:00 noon	7	8	9
10	11	12 Sibling Kindergarten Registration ends at 11:59 pm	13 Zoom assembly for classes at 9:15	14 Wheelhouse Information Session 6:00 PM. Online Zoom link in newsletter.	15	16
17	18	19	20 Favourite Movie or Book Character Day Choice Program Kindergarten Registration opens 12:00 noon on portal	21	22	23
24 <hr/>	25 Non-Instructional Day No School for Students	26 Wheelhouse Information Session 6:00 PM. Online Zoom link in newsletter.	27	28	29	30
31 Choice Program Kindergarten Registration ends at 11:59 pm						