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News Letter



Principal's Message: SPRING IS HERE!!!!!! Oh my goodness the sun feels so nice. In talking with the students I get the impression that some of you took full advantage of the wonderful weather over the break, I know I did but as always not nearly enough.

We're into the home stretch now as there is only three months left in our first full year together. I heard one colleague mention there was 58 school days left . WOW where does the time go. With the warmer weather and longer evenings comes some great opportunities to support our learning in unique ways. For instance, go to the park with a picnic and a good book. At the beach find shells and compare and contrast them. Go for a walk in the woods and using your research skills identify as many types of trees you can find. If you fish, put your different tackle into different categories or groups and explain why they're in the groups they're in. Soccer, or other sports tournaments, discuss types of equipment used and how might it be improved. Team names, why do you think they were chosen.... The opportunities are endless, just use your imagination. Learning is less and less about the "content" and more and more about the "processes/thinking skills". It can happen (and it does) anywhere. But, if like me, you're not that creative then you can never go wrong by reading, reading, reading!!!



As always, if you are around the school please stick your head into the office and say hi. My door is always open and visitors are welcome.

Alan Millar



# WHITE HATTER

## Internet & Social Media Safety, Education Specialists

An ever-increasing source of anxiety and concern for parents, students, schools and the community at large: How do we keep ourselves, our loved ones and each other safe in a world with ever increasing technologies. Please join us at Edith McDermott Elementary on the evening of Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 for The White Hatter Organization's presentation for parents and adults on internet safety for themselves and their loved ones.

Registration for the parent night is \$5.00 through the parent portal.



On Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> all our grade 4-7s at Edith McDermott Elementary will be involved in a presentation from the same group geared for their ears and their experiences.

**This event is proudly brought to you by the  
EME PAC**

## GREEN DAY

**THIS FRIDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> WEAR GREEN  
AND SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT.  
GET HOUSE POINTS**

### **Some Up Coming Events**

April 3<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Assembly

April 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> BOOK FAIR

April 5<sup>th</sup> Green Day ay EME Wear Green and get House Points

#### **White Hatter Internet Safety**

April 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 Online Safety Presentation for Parents Register on the Portal \$ 5.00 per family

April 9<sup>th</sup> Online Safety Presentation for Grades 4-7

April 9<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting 2:30-3:00 pm

April 10<sup>th</sup>-April 12<sup>th</sup> Grade 6&7 To Timberline Ranch

April 19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday No School

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Easter Monday No School

April 24<sup>th</sup> Happy Hot Dog Day Div. 15 & 16

April 26<sup>th</sup> Jump Rope For Heart

April 26<sup>th</sup> PAC Family Bingo Night

April 30<sup>th</sup> Non-Instructional Day School Based Public Speaking Date May 8<sup>th</sup>.

And of course a multitude of amazing things in classes on a daily basis including great fieldtrips.

*Happy Easter*

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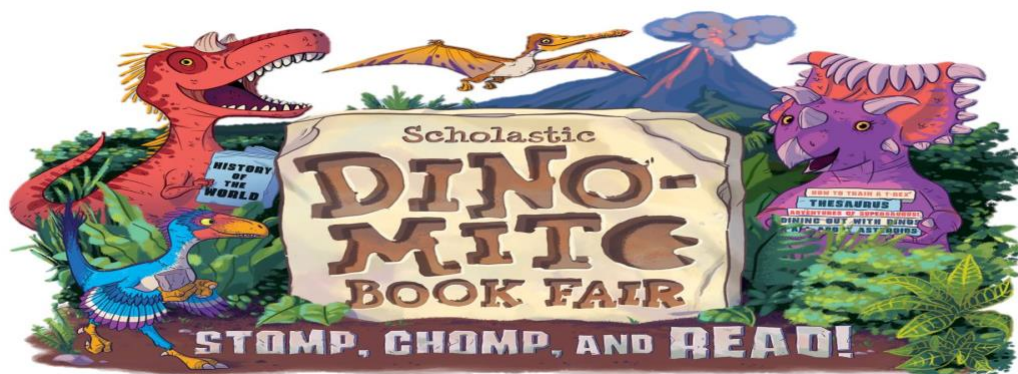


## Book Fair is **HERE!!!**

**April 4-10<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs. Cikor has once again out done herself and has created a prehistoric place for our **DINOMITE BOOKFAIR**. The fair

is open everyday at recess, lunch and afterschool from April 4<sup>th</sup> until April 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still very much welcome and, quite honestly, needed.



## 2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration



Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child entering kindergarten that registration begins online on the following dates:

March 28 - June 7, 2018: **Late Registration**

**NOTE:** You must open an **SD42 Parent Portal** account to access online kindergarten registration. Our school will again have more kindergarten

For more information on Kindergarten Registration please visit  
<http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

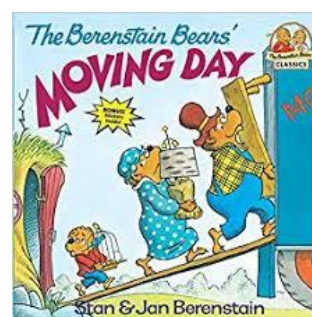
## Requests for Student Transfers for Grades 1 - 7

School District No. 42 allows parents and students to attend a school other than their "catchment" or "neighbourhood" school, provided there is space available at the school of choice. Parents who are not changing addresses but wish to have their children in grades 1 to 7 transfer to another school for **September** must do the following.

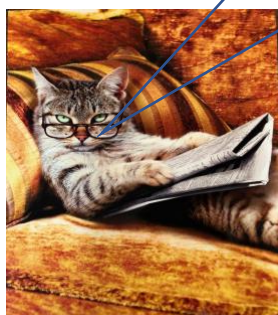


Obtain a **STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST FORM** from their current school, complete the transfer form including signature and have the current principal sign and date it. Current school retains the Student Transfer Request Form. There are three phases.. Phase one ends April 12<sup>th</sup> and has the greatest chance of success. Phase 2 ends June 13<sup>th</sup> and the last phase ends August 29<sup>th</sup>. Families will be informed shortly after each phase.

**Moving??** A bit early perhaps but if you're family is considering a move out of our area over the summer or at anytime please let us at the school know as soon as possible. This information is really important to ensure we get the appropriate resources to support all our learners.



What did you read over the break?



## Literacy Literacy.....

Next week we will be having a **name the cat** contest with the winner receiving a gift certificate to a local book store.. Come read what our furry friend has to say about reading. Also, come lend your opinion or voice to our "What's Your Favourite Book/Character/Author" chalk board in the main entrance.

Other great literacy activities coming soon!!

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## Grade 6/7 Camp

Our Grade 6 and 7's have done an excellent job fund raising and planning and now all that work comes to fruition as 66 of our grade 6 & 7

students will be heading to Timberline Ranch from the 10-12 of April. Thank you to all the parents and community members for your support and of course to Mrs. Deveaux, Mr. Stublely, Mr. Allen for putting this all together. What a wonderful experience!!

## Our PAC!!!

Our PAC is planning another fantastic fun filled Bingo Family Night on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Plan to come out and have a couple of hours of fun with the entire family. As well there is the Growing Smiles plant fundraiser sponsored by our PAC. Orders are due April 26<sup>th</sup> with delivery on May 9<sup>th</sup> here at the school.

PAC is a great way to get involved in your school supporting students, teachers and the community at large.

Next PAC meeting April 9<sup>th</sup> 2:30-3:30 Come on our and join this great group of parents.



## Become Host Family

School District 42's International Education program welcomes international students from all over the world. We are currently looking to increase the number of host families in the Pitt Meadows area. Some of the basic requirements for hosting are:

- total inclusion with family
- English primary language spoken in the home
- private bedroom with window and door
- three meals per day with snacks
- transportation to and from Vancouver International Airport if necessary

### BECOME A HOST FAMILY...



If you are interested and would like more information, please follow this link to apply: <https://inted.sd42.ca/homestay/>

"Bring the world home - When you host an international student, you may be surprised how your family will grow"

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We talk about the use of our WITS for problem solving and provide other strategies that parents can reinforce with their student when even WITS aren't working such as GET LOUD and Snappy Comebacks, Take A Different Look (see previous newsletters for details on those). This month the extra strategy has already been mentioned as part of a much larger event and that is ..... BE KIND!!. As was discussed in our assembly in February "Kindness Counts Every Day at EME" however this can't just be a saying, it has to have teeth. It has to be meaningful so one way we can arm our students to move in the wonderful community and world in general is to reinforce the need to be kind all the time...  
Another great resiliency and community builder.

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PLACE-BASED LEARNING



Place-based learning connects students to the landscape, heritage and cultures in their community. They explore their own community and environment through project-based learning and outdoor education. It makes learning relevant as they look at real-life problems and situations and figure out ways to be involved and to help. Spending time outdoors can help students build self-esteem, confidence, and good health through hands-on learning. Outdoor learning also allows them to build problem-solving and teamwork skills. When students feel connected to a place, they are invested in the long-term well-being of their community and environment.

The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District is offering three summer learning programs for all current Grade 7 students. Students can choose ONE of the following three program options: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

- **\*Program 1:** Robotics; Woodworking; Metal Shop (rotation)
- **Program 2:** Theatre Sports
- **Program 3:** Coding & Video Game Design

These programs will offer students an opportunity to build transferable life skills that will benefit them with their transition to high school and beyond.

**Registration opens– May 1 to May 10 2019 [via Parent Portal](#)**

**Program information at a glance:**


- Location: Thomas Haney Secondary School
- Date: Wednesday July 3 – July 16, 2019
- Times: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm daily
- Attendance is mandatory for these programs

**Cost:** \$30 refundable placeholder fee

**\*Program 1** add \$30 for a take home project (non-refundable) to develop their understanding of science.

**International Student Program Fee:** \$400.00 (Plus \$30 if choosing Program 1)

(Cancellation policy - \$30.00 placeholder fee refundable prior to June 15th, 2019)



**Redesigned Curriculum: Know-Do-Understand**  
All areas of learning are based on a "Know-Do-Understand" model to support a concept-based, competency-driven approach to learning. In this model, three elements work together to support the learning: **Content** (know), **Skills** (do), and **Understanding** (understand).  
BC's new curriculum design is a personalized, flexible and innovative approach at all levels of the education system. All areas of learning have been redesigned using this model.

**ELEMENTARY K-6 students - Planning for this summer?**  
**Summer Learning July 2019**

Mark your calendars! The *Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District (SD42)* is once again offering a summer learning opportunity for elementary aged students (Grades K-6) currently attending our schools.

**Primary Focus Grades K-3 blended classes**  
Literacy, Numeracy, PE, Science, Fine Arts, and Technology

**Intermediate Focus Grades 4-6 (blended)**  
Literacy, Numeracy, PE, Science, Fine Arts, Technology, Leadership

**Registration opens– May 1 to May 10 2019 [via Parent Portal](#)**

**Program information at a glance:**

- Locations: East Zone – Yennadon Elementary  
Central Zone – Alouette Elementary
- Dates: July 3 to July 19, 2019
- Times: 9:00am to 12:00pm
- **Attendance is mandatory for these programs**

West Zone: Edith McDermott Elementary  
French Immersion: Laity View Elementary

**Cost:** \$30 refundable placeholder fee upon program completion

**International Student Program Fee:** \$400.00

(Cancellation policy - \$30.00 placeholder fee refundable prior to June 15th, 2019)

**SUMMER LEARNING AFTER SCHOOL CARE (K-6 only)**  
**MAPLE RIDGE AND PITT MEADOWS PARKS AND RECREATION**

Maple Ridge Parks and Recreation and Pitt Meadows Parks and Recreation will be offering an afternoon recreation- based program to take place immediately after summer learning ends to create a full day of fun for your child. Registration will be through the Recreation Centre's and will be dependent on where your child attends Summer Learning.

**Registration for the Summer Recreation Program will be sent home to families via a link in the parent portal on May 1, 2019.**

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