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### **SAME MESSAGE AS LAST YEAR BUT IT IS AN IMPORTANT ONE!!**

#### Principal's Message:

With May upon us we will soon enter into the early stages of preparing for next year including the building of our classes. One of the most important things for us all to recognize as we move into this process is that the professionals teach kids not grades. Everyone needs to understand that we meet the needs of all students and those needs, within any classroom, are as diverse as snowflakes and develop at individual paces. The public education system is in the business of "building human beings" to participate in, and contribute to, our society. Translated this means taking all kids, as they are, and moving them forward toward their full, individual, potential regardless of grade. Learning is ongoing and starts where each individual is and moves forward from there. In every classroom combined or single grade, individual student needs are being met. And finally, remember, 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



**Class Placements** We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.



Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: **social emotional skills and relationships**, as well as **learning styles, strengths and needs**. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, you may submit input to the principal in writing by May 30, 2019. *Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.*



Once again we have had a wonderfully successful Spring bookfair spreading the love of reading as well as raising funds for our library. Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring and coordinating this event for our community in particular Tammy Cikor who has, once again, stepped up and coordinated this week long event. In total **1709.00** dollars was raised for

our library.

**Social Media Safety** EME is very excited to have had this PAC sponsored event. Last year we



had a presenter from the **Safer Schools Together** organization and this year PAC brought in the **White Hatter** organization which provided a slightly different perspective for parents and students regarding online safety. This presentation took place in April and although the parent turnout was smaller than anticipated, feedback from those that did attend was very positive. Thank

you to the EME PAC for supporting our community and helping to keep our students safe.

**NEXT PAC MEETING Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Edith McDermott Elementary Please come out and become part of this amazing group. New members are always welcome. Come on out and get involved.**

#### **Some Up Coming Events**

School Based Public Speaking

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** Class Photo Day

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** Jersey Day

District Elementary Public Speaking

**May 14 Gr. 4/5**

X-Country

**May 15 Gr. 6/7**

X-Country

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** Grade 6 shots

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** Victoria Day

**May 21<sup>nd</sup>** Pro-D Day

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** School Board Trustees Visiting  
EME

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** Welcome to Kindergarten

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** Saleema Noon Sexual Health  
and Body Science For Parents

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** Fraser Valley Library Summer  
Reading Presentation 11-12

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** 2:30 PM PAC

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** Gr7 to High School for the Day

**May 30-31** Saleema Noon  
Presentations K-7

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

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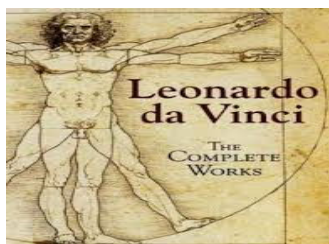


Our PAC is a very busy group planning events to raise a little money but more importantly to grow a sense of community amongst our families here at EME. One such event, an adult night out, is in the making so keep your eyes on their Face Book Page.....

Once again PAC is bringing to the school a wonderful opportunity for parents and staff to learn about promoting healthy relationships and attitudes towards development and sexuality. These presentations are for K-7 and are adjusted and contain age appropriate information. More to info follow, so watch the portal, but if you have questions please contact Alan Millar at the School.



**"da Vinci Festival of The Arts, Inventions and More"** The Staff and Students of EME are having a "da Vinci Festival of The Arts, Inventions and More" Tuesday, June 11th. Students have been invited to write paragraphs, stories, poetry, songs, make art & crafts, design STEM projects, and more to showcase in an afternoon exhibit on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. Students may have created home and they can submit more than **VIEW THE GYM DISPLAY AFTER** wish.



these projects in class or at one piece. **PARENTS MAY SCHOOL** on June 11th if they

Our **School Based competition** will

Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>. This is an event for our intermediate students that will be judged and determine which one of grade 4, 5, 6 & 7 students will represent EME at the District Public Speaking event at Riverside Centre on May 14<sup>th</sup> for grades 4 & 5 and May 15th for grades 6 & 7.

**Public Speaking**

be held in the gym on held on



**The annual Jump Rope for Heart** event was held at EME on Friday April 26th. Students enjoyed their opportunity to skip to tunes and interact with their friends all the while raising awareness and a little money for the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation. We are still adding up the contributions but it looks like another fantastic amount and might even surpass last year's \$4000.00

**WAY TO GO Edith McDermott Community!!!**



**Track and Field** We are starting to get ready for the district track meet here at EME. Already you can see the students challenging each other outside to races. Officially our track events get going later in May, ,consult with your student or drop by the office if you would like a more detailed schedule. The district track meet is on June 7&8.



**Moving??** 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.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Primary and Intermediate Cross Country is fast approaching. The Spring Primary event is once again after at Albion on May 15<sup>th</sup> and, like last time, we expect to have a huge turnout. Look for out tent if you come to watch. Intermediate Cross Country is also afterschool, but it is at Alouette Lake in Golden Ears Park on May 14<sup>th</sup>.



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# JERSEY DAY

A group of our grade 6 & 7 students participate in a District Student Leadership Group called Student Voice. They take on

projects and events to draw attention to and support community needs and make Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows better communities all around. This month on May 10<sup>th</sup> they are part of a district wide fundraiser... Jersey Day. Pay a toonie and wear a jersey to school.

**Playground Politics Using Our WITS** 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**, **Snappy Comebacks**, **Take Different Look**. (see previous newsletters for details on those). This month the extra strategy is not really an extra but rather an emphasis. When we say to our kids to **ignore**, we have to help them realize exactly what that means and looks like. It's not putting up your hand as if to say I don't see you nor is it about turning your face away when the person is near. True ignoring is treating the other person as if they are invisible, not there. Carry on with normal behavior don't respond or react to the "instigator" at all. It is very hard to do especially when emotions run high so practicing is great and can be fun. Again when going for a drive take turns "ignoring" each other and see who can do it the longest. Sitting at the dinner table. Anywhere actually a good skill to help our students develop.



## ELEMENTARY SUMMER LEARNING 2019 (K-6)

(Wednesday, July 3 to Friday, July 19, 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. **(A separate summer learning program is available for children in grade 7 transitioning to grade 8.)** Our mission is to provide engaging learning opportunities that will support your child's long-term development and inspire your child to reach his or her full potential.

**PROGRAM DATES:**  
July 3 to July 19  
**PROGRAM TIME:**  
9 am to 12 pm

**PROGRAM AT A GLANCE**  
Our *Elementary Summer Learning 2019 Program* will follow elements of the provincial curriculum. Emphasis in each of the two programs (grades K-3 and grades 4-6) will be on providing additional experiences in each of the grade areas. Textbooks and worksheets will be set aside as children engage in experiential learning and hands-on activities. Students will arrive just before 9:00 am, and attendance will be taken in the usual fashion before children begin to rotate through a series of learning experiences. There will be a short nutrition break, supervised by the teacher. The day will end at noon.

### SUMMARY OF AREAS COVERED

<u><b>Primary Focus Current Grades K – 3 (blended classes)</b></u>	<u><b>Intermediate Focus Current Grades 4 – 6 (blended classes)</b></u>
Literacy, Numeracy, Physical Education, Science, Fine Arts, Technology	Literacy, Numeracy, Physical Education, Science, Fine Arts, Technology, Leadership

### ELEMENTARY SUMMER LEARNING 2019 IS OFFERED AT 4 LOCATIONS

Your child will be assigned to the location closest to his/her current school. French Immersion students will be assigned to Laity View.  
**EAST ZONE:** (Yennadon Elementary)      **WEST ZONE:** (Edith McDermott Elementary)  
**CENTRAL ZONE:** (Alouette Elementary)      **FRENCH IMMERSION** (Laity View Elementary)

### REGISTRATION through the PARENT PORTAL will be OPEN from May 1 to May 17 (noon)

To register your child, visit the Parent Portal at <https://parents.sd42.ca> and look for Summer Learning in **School Upcoming Forms**. Please note that you must be registered on the Parent Portal and have your child linked to your account **before** you can enrol him or her in the *Elementary Summer Learning* program. This part of the process can be done immediately. Get more information about Parent Portal registration from your child's school.

**THE PROGRAM FEE IS \$50.00** (this consists of a \*\$30 refundable placeholder fee and \$20 for a take home project). You can pay the fee on the parent portal at the end of the registration process, or in person (by cash or cheque , debit or credit card)\*\* at Riverside Centre no later than noon, **Friday May 31, 2019**. You will receive an email confirming your child's registration in the program **on Friday, June 14, 2019**. Your child's registration will not be official until you have received this confirmation. \*\* Cheques made payable to SD42.  
\*The \$30.00 refundable placeholder fee processed at the end of August.

### CANCELLATION REFUND POLICY:

<b>May 1 to May 31</b>	Full refund \$50.00 (\$30.00 placeholder + \$20 take home project)
<b>June 1 to June 28</b>	Partial refund \$30.00 (\$20 take home project fee retained – project supplies purchased)
<b>July 3 to July 19</b>	No refund – program not completed – all fees retained

### SUMMER LEARNING AFTERSCHOOL DAY CAMP

School District 42 in partnership with the City of Maple Ridge and the City of Pitt Meadows is offering an afternoon Day Camp for students registered in Elementary Summer Learning. These camps will run primarily outdoors and will focus on physical activity, movement, play and games. This additional program will run from July 3–19 on a weekly basis.  
**Online registration will open on June 3, 2019 – please visit the appropriate website links**  
Maple Ridge Parks & Rec: <http://www.mapleridge.ca/1484/Registration>  
Pitt Meadows Parks & Rec: <http://www.pittfitandfun.ca>



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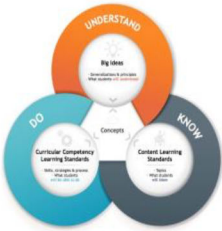


# The Redesigned Curriculum at Edith McDermott Ele.

## Inquiry Learning

For more information about the new curriculum, visit <http://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum>

Coming in June – How do we assess and celebrate learning?



**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 deeper learning: **Content (Know)**, **Curricular Competencies (Do)**, and **Big Ideas (Understand)**. BC's new curriculum design enables a personalized, flexible and innovative approach at all levels of the education system. All areas of learning have been redesigned using this model.