

# FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWS

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## ***PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE***



I'm not really sure if 2020 is the first year of the new decade or the last year of the old one, but either way, it sounds excitingly futuristic. The start of a new year is a great time to look back on how far we have come, what we have achieved, and how we can best plan for what lies ahead.

This is often the time that families think of moving and making major changes for next year - if you think your children may be transferring to another school in September, please let us know as soon as possible. The earlier we start that process, the more likely it is to go smoothly. Transfers that are made late in the year can have difficulties obtaining their first choice of school, and we want to help to make your transitions as smooth as possible. "Phase One" of the transfer process begins in February, and this is when it is best to submit your request. Transfer forms are available in any school office. As more details of the transfer timelines become available, we will send them out to you.

A reminder that as the weather starts to turn colder that schools are always open unless noted otherwise on the district website. While the radio stations announce school closures as they hear of them, [www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca) will be the first place to find this information. If the schools are going to close, the website will be updated at 6:15am. We will try to make sure that this is also announced on our twitter feed @FVFalcons42

There are many exciting events and activities coming up this term, and we look forward to sharing them with you as they happen. On behalf of all of the staff here at Fairview, we want to wish you a healthy, happy, and prosperous new year.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OUR OFFICE

## 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](#));
- posted on the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](#));
- shared with News 1130, CKNW, and CBC 690 radio stations;
- posted on the SD42 Website ([www.sd42.ca](#)).

*Please note: The district supports individual and family decisions regarding safety.*

*Parents/guardians have primary responsibility for their children's safe travel to school. If, for any reason, there are personal concerns about the ability to travel safely to school, other arrangements should be made.*

## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

As we are into the cold, wet months be sure to dress appropriately for the weather with coats, boots, umbrellas, etc. We go outside at recess and lunch everyday so a spare set of clothes in your child's backpack is a good idea.

## PINK SHIRT DAY....

**Wednesday, February 26<sup>nd</sup> at 10:40!!!**

**"STOP BULLYING"**

On Wednesday, February 26<sup>nd</sup> our school community will be joining together in our gym at 9:00 am for our PINK DAY rally. We encourage all students, staff and parents to dress in PINK for the day. As part of our celebration we will also join together for a PINK DAY PARADE through our neighbourhood as a demonstration of our commitment to spreading kindness throughout our school and our community.

For the parade, banners, signs, posters and streamers are all most welcome. For students whose parents provided permission on the Parent Portal with regard to Walking Fieldtrips, no additional permission is required. The parade will take place rain or shine, so please be sure to dress for the weather. Interested in volunteering for this event, please call the office.

## **FAIRVIEW LIBRARY NEWS**

Happy New Year! The library is back up to speed and bustling with activity after the holidays. I am slowly introducing new books and students appear excited with the titles. A big thanks to parents who sent plastic bags to school as they really help to protect our books from all this wet weather.

Our author in the spotlight this month is Jan Brett. Primary students are comparing her books with other traditional stories. As well, several classes are using the library to work on various research projects - everything from famous Canadians to Canadian animals to Quebec Winter Carnival. On March 3rd, all intermediate students will take part in a mini Winter Carnival at Fairview!

In keeping with tradition, Candy Grams will be sold through the library beginning the first week of February. Candy Grams are a nice way to send a friendly message and a candy bag (cinnamon hearts and quality chocolate) to someone special for Valentine's Day. Also, a heads-up Scholastic Book Fair is coming next month. Students will be able to preview the books and make their wish lists on Friday, February 21st. They will be able to purchase books Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. Please stay tuned for reminders and further details via the parent portal.

Thank you,

Gianna Holmes

## **PAC NEWS...**

**Meeting** - Next Meeting is on Monday, January 14. Refreshments start at 6:45pm. Please come and join us!

## **PARENT MATH NIGHT**

January 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30

Nikki Lineham is a Math Specialist Teacher. In the video below, Nikki touches on some of the concepts she will be covering at our free Parent Math Night in January 2020.

<https://www.sd42.ca/upcoming-events/nikki-linehams-night/>

## **COMMUNITY NEWS...**

### **NO CHILD WITHOUT MEDIC ALERT**

One out of three Canadians have a condition that paramedics and emergency responders need to know about, including many children that live with a medical condition, allergy or special need that must be communicated during a medical emergency.

MedicAlert is the most trusted, most recommended medical ID service provider in Canada. For more than 55 years, MedicAlert has protected the lives of over one million Canadians by offering exclusive services to those that are in need.

This provides children and students, attending participating schools, one free MedicAlert medical ID and free MedicAlert service plan coverage between the age of 4 and up until their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. To date, the No Child Without program is available across over 200 school boards, in over 6,000 schools.

Brochures are available in the school office and feature a unique PIN number and bar code assigned to a specific school. Brochures cannot be photocopied or shared with other schools.

## **STRONGSTART**

**Mon/Wed/Fri:** 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. **Tue/Thu:** 11:30-2:30 pm

StrongStart is a free program for parents with children aged infant to five years old.

Parents and caregivers attending StrongStart BC will participate with their children in organized sessions like story time and circle time.

They will also be able to participate in free play, arts, early literacy, and information sharing, and will help choose and serve healthy snacks.

Parents and caregivers are likely to discover new ways to support their children's learning at home and may make valuable connections with others attending the centre.



## Kindergarten Registration - September 2020

Registration dates for the 2020 school year are posted  
on the School District Website



Sibling Registration - January 8, 2020  
Choice Registration - January 22, 2020  
General Registration - February 5, 2020  
Late Registration - February 26, 2020

Open Registration - Late August 2020

All registration periods open at 12 pm (noon)

Any child who turns 5 years old in 2020 (born in 2015) is eligible to  
register for the 2020-21 school year

## Grade 8 Registration - September 2020

- Registration for grade 8 for the 2020-2021 school year will be done on the parent portal.
- Online registration starts on **February 4, 2020**.
- DPAC will be holding a general information session regarding grade 8 registration at Thomas Haney **January 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm**.
- There is no "LATE" phase for grade 8 this year. Parents who miss the March 1 online deadline must complete a paper registration form at their catchment school.
- Parents will be notified after Spring Break of their child's high school placement. Parents wishing to transfer schools must complete a transfer request form at the assigned school. A review of these transfer requests will be completed before the grade 7 orientation in May.

The online registration form will automatically populate with your child's secondary catchment school. This is determined by your address (not your elementary school). You can check the School District website

<http://www.sd42.ca> for your catchment school. Please note that new development areas may not reflect accurate results of your catchment school. Please call and confirm with the school if necessary. Families will be able to request their first three choices of schools. Registration numbers are limited by capacity. Details regarding acceptance criteria can be found on the SD42 website.

## **LATE FRENCH IMMERSION**

### **Information Night:**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**January 31, 2019**

Golden Ears Elementary (activity room)  
23124 - 118 Avenue  
Maple Ridge

### **Open Classroom Visit:**

**8:30 am – 10:00 am**

**February 5, 2019**

23124 - 118 Avenue  
Maple Ridge

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 2019 at Golden Ears Elementary School. This two-year elementary program continues either at Maple Ridge Secondary School or Pitt Meadows Secondary.

To learn more about Late French Immersion, attend our information meeting on **January 31, 2019** at Golden Ears Elementary.

**7-8 pm, January 31, 2019**

**Golden Ears Elementary (activity room)  
23124-118<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Maple Ridge**

For more information, please contact Shelley Linton at 604.465.5828 or [shelley\\_linton@sd42.ca](mailto:shelley_linton@sd42.ca)

**REGISTRATION** for Late French Immersion [opens online](https://bit.ly/2UNY67r) at **noon, February 7, 2019**. Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2UNY67r>

### **P.A.L.S.**

Parents as Literacy Support

Preschool program for ages 2 to 4 and a half

**January 29<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:45pm to 3:45pm**

Pitt Meadows Elementary School Library

Come enjoy an afternoon of singing, centres and learning about how to help your preschooler begin to learn about books and ABCs in a playful way. Each child receives a new book to add to their collection at the end of the session. Please contact the office or email:

[pme\\_reception@sd42.ca](mailto:pme_reception@sd42.ca) to book your spot.



# What is Eye See ... Eye Learn®?

Info Sheet for Parents/Guardians

Eye See ... Eye Learn® (ESEL) is a children's vision program created by the BC Doctors of Optometry (BCDO). The mission of ESEL is to detect, diagnose, and treat kindergarten children with vision problems so that every child in kindergarten can see and learn to the best of their ability.



ESEL provides kindergarten students from a participating school district with a comprehensive eye exam from a participating B.C. doctor of optometry at no cost to the family. If needed, kindergarten students will receive one pair of eyeglasses free of charge.

## Why Participate in ESEL?

### Good Vision = Better Learning

Each year, many children start school without ever having an eye exam, even though 80% of a child's learning is based on vision<sup>1</sup>. Children who are unable to see the board, focus on a picture, or follow words in a book may struggle to achieve their full learning potential.

For children, several different visual skills must work together so they can see and understand clearly. If any of these visual skills are lacking or impaired, a child may need to work harder and develop headaches or fatigue. A child may not realize they have a vision problem, they may simply assume everyone sees the way they do.

### The Need for Comprehensive Eye Exams

While vision screening is available for kindergarten children in B.C., they are not a substitute for a comprehensive eye exam. Vision screening only involves a limited number of simple tests that

cannot detect all eye problems. Undetected vision problems can lead to: frustration with learning, learning at a slower rate than other children, behavioural or discipline problems, or negative self-image.

### Facts about Children's Vision

Did you know that...?

- Almost 25% of school-age children have vision problems<sup>2</sup>?
- Children rarely complain of vision problems since they don't realize that they see the world differently from others?
- Vision problems are often mistaken as other developmental problems like dyslexia or ADHD?
- Vision screenings are only able to detect a small percentage of those children needing professional vision care?

# READY, SET, LEARN

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR FAMILIES  
WITH CHILDREN AGES 3 OR 4

**READY, SET, LEARN (RSL)** is a FREE early learning program that welcomes children ages 3 and 4 to the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District and helps them get ready for success in school. The program offers play activities, story-time and crafts. Families also receive a package that includes a children's book and parent tips for supporting a child's learning and development.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENTS 2020

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL RSL EVENTS AND OCCURS ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. REGISTER AT <http://www.sd42.ca/rsl-registration>

DAVIE JONES  
EDITH MCDERMOTT  
HIGHLAND PARK  
PITT MEADOWS ELEM.

ALOQUETTE  
ERIC LANGTON  
GOLDEN EARS  
HARRY HOOGE  
KANAKA CREEK  
YENNADON

OPEN TO CHILDREN  
AGES 3 AND 4 IN  
ALL MAPLE RIDGE  
AND PITT MEADOWS  
NEIGHBOURHOODS

FAIRVIEW  
GLENWOOD  
HAMMOND  
LAITY VIEW  
MAPLE RIDGE ELEM.

ALBION  
ALEXANDER ROBINSON  
BLUE MOUNTAIN  
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WEBSTER'S CORNERS  
WHONNOCK

PITT MEADOWS

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**FEB 26, 2020**

HIGHLAND PARK  
ELEMENTARY

MAPLE RIDGE CENTRAL

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**APR 15, 2020**

HARRY HOOGE  
ELEMENTARY

READY SET LEARN  
PARTNERSHIP EVENT

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

**MAR 10, 2020**

THE ACT  
THEATRE

MAPLE RIDGE WEST

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**APR 17, 2020**

HAMMOND  
ELEMENTARY

MAPLE RIDGE EAST

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**APR 28, 2020**

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ELEMENTARY

The following schools offer additional RSL events, called PALS. Please call the school to register:

**ALOQUETTE** 604.463.8730: Dec 4, Jan 23, Feb 26 (3:00 - 4:00 pm)

**DAVIE JONES** 604.465.9908: Nov 14 (3:00 - 4:15 pm), Jan 23 (3:00 - 4:15 pm)

**KANAKA CREEK** 604.467.9050: Jan 31, Mar 6, May 22 (3:00 - 4:15 pm)

**PITT MEADOWS ELEMENTARY** 604.465.5828: Nov 5, Feb 4, Apr 7 (2:40 - 3:45 pm)

**KATZIE EARLY YEARS CENTRE - APALS** Torrie@katzie.ca: Jan 28, Mar 3, May 12 (5:00 - 6:30 pm)





SD42 presents:  
**LEARNING SERVICES**

**Grade 7-8  
Parent Information Night**

for parents of students with support needs.

**January 28th, 2020**

**7:00- 8:30 pm**

**held at Thomas Haney Secondary  
Room 2032**



**Is your son/daughter going to high school next year?**

**Are you wondering how his/her needs will be supported? ...How you can support a successful transition to high school?**

This information night will provide you with an opportunity to hear answers to these questions and ask any questions that you may have.

**Looking to hear  
information about  
individual high schools?**

Dates for these sessions will be announced by each secondary school after the registration process.

**PLEASE REGISTER for this free session BEFORE  
JANUARY 18<sup>rd</sup> by contacting Karen Renter at:**

**604-467-1101**

or

**Karen\_Renter@sd42.ca**

# 2020 Fairview Elementary



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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CHRISTMAS BREAK				
6 School Re-Opens after winter break	7	8	9 Intermediate Ski/Snowboard 7:30 to 3:00	10
13	14 ROCKS Assembly	15	16	17 PAC Hot Lunch
20 PAC Meeting	21	22 Student Voice	23 Intermediate Ski/Snowboard 7:30 to 3:00	24 Non-Instructional Day
27	28	29	30 Intermediate Ski/Snowboard 7:30 to 3:00	31