



# ECOLE GOLDEN EARS ELEMENTARY

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VICE PRINCIPAL: Mrs. R. Wurster

October 12, 2018

<http://goldeneears.sd42.ca/>

Number 2

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed., Oct 17 . . Hot Lunch Day (Pizza)

**Fri., Oct. 19 . . . Non-Instructional Day – No School**

Mon. Oct 22 . . . Drop Everything and Read Event

Tues., Oct. 23. . Assembly @8:40 am

Int. Cross Country – Alouette Lake

Wed., Oct. 24. . Photo Retakes

Primary Cross Country - Albion

Fri., Oct. 26. . . Halloween Spooktacular @5:30-8:00

Tues., Nov. 6. . Art Cards due back

Wed., Nov. 7. . Hot Lunch Day

Crazy Color Day!

Thurs., Nov. 8 . Remembrance Day Assembly @10:30

**Fri., Nov. 9 . . . Non-Instructional Day – No School**

**Mon., Nov. 12 . Remembrance Day – No School**

Tues., Nov. 13. .Grade 6 Vaccinations

PAC Meeting @6:30 – 8:00 pm

Wed., Nov. 14. .Vancouver Symphony Field Trip

## Message from Principal

This week our new turf field was finally ready! The kids are truly loving all the new play space they have for soccer, football, and many other games. On Wednesday afternoon we celebrated together as a school with some fun tug of war contests out on our new field. We also spent some time reviewing how to use this new space respectfully and safely.

Our new field is reserved for School District use between 8am-5pm. During the school day, Golden Ears has priority access, but you may see some of Thomas Haney's sports teams occasionally use the field between 3-5 for the practices and games. Community groups will book the field on evenings and weekends.

Lastly, this school has such great partnership between the parents and staff! There is currently a lot of great things being planned by the PAC including the October 26<sup>th</sup> Halloween Spooktacular. To learn more about upcoming school events continue checking school messages and consider coming out to our next PAC meeting. The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday November 13th from 6:30- 8pm. Everyone is welcome!

Thanks for helping to make this the best school around!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Wheatley, Principal



Individual student photo **retakes** will be taken the morning of **Wednesday, October 24, 2018.**

Students going for retakes must hand in their original order forms (proofs) to the photographer on RETAKE DAY. All retakes and absentees will receive a proof for ordering.



## Terry Fox Run

Thank you to all of the students, parents and staff who participated in our annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 28th. Together we raised **\$2,400.00** for the Terry Fox Foundation. This is more than four dollars per student - Amazing!!!!

## **Drop Everything and Read 2018**

Reading is a beautiful thing. Make sure to read twenty minutes a day, every day! All students at Golden Ears will be dropping everything on **Monday, October 22nd** at 12:40 pm to read for 20 minutes.



## **SAVE-ON-FOOD RECEIPTS**

Just a reminder to parents to please collect and bring in their Save-On-Foods receipts from the **EAST Maple Ridge Save-on-Foods** Store (no other Save On please). For every \$10,000.00 in receipts the school will receipt a gift card that we use for special events. Receipts may be dropped off in the front office of the school.  
Thank you!

## **FAMILY PHOTO NIGHT!**



Raise money for your school! Book your 12-minute studio portrait sitting, and 100% of your booking fee goes to your school! You will also receive a FREE 8x10 portrait. Photos are taken at:

**Photo Express foto source,**

**Address: 11916 207 St, Maple Ridge, BC**

**Phone: 604-463-3654.**

<http://www.photoexpressions.ca>

*You can also book a Christmas Event sitting and \$15 will go to your school (there is no free 8x10 for the premium Christmas Event)*

## **THEME DAY - Wednesday, November 7**

**Our first theme day will be "Crazy Color Day!"**



## **EXTRA CLOTHES**

Please ensure that your children have jackets and warm clothing so that they are comfortable outside on cold or wet days. Going out to play helps children to be better focused during instruction time. It would be very helpful if children could keep an extra set of clothes at school or in their backpacks. Please mark your child's clothes with his/her name, and encourage your child to stay dry when playing outside



## **Cold and Flu Season**

It's that time of the year when colds and flues are on the rise. Fraser Health Authority reminds us to wash our hands with soap and water frequently, and cough into our sleeves (not our hands). If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer is a good substitute. Remember, if students are ill they should stay home and have their parent or guardian contact the school to advise of their absence. Students should stay home until they are well.

If you have taken your child to the doctor and they are contagious, please ask the doctor how long they should stay home until they are no longer contagious. This is just a reminder, that if your child is diagnosed from the doctor with something other than a cold or the flu, for example, Scarlet Fever, Fifth's Disease, Chicken Pox, etc., it is important that you advise the school as soon as you find out. This enables us to send a notice home to the other families in the class so that those who are "at risk" (such as pregnant women, those with immune deficiencies, infants, etc.), can be aware that they may have been exposed to that virus. (Information notices sent home do not identify those who have contacted the virus.

### **Red Cross Babysitting Course**

So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. Information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.

### **Red Cross Babysitting Course**

Golden Ears Elementary

Friday, Jan.25, 2019

8:30 am -3:30

pm

Grade 6+

\$60 + GST online registration

<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>



### **Head Lice**

This is the time of year when head lice may show up in your child's hair.

To prevent head lice among children at school, we ask that you remind your child to not share personal items such as combs and brushes, and that you check your child's head weekly for the presence of head lice.

If you detect head lice on your child, please follow the treatment options and notify the school. Chemical treatments, hair conditioner and lice combs are available at most drugstores. It is important that you follow the directions carefully. Early detection and appropriate treatment will significantly reduce head lice in our school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding head lice, or require further information, please contact the school or the Public Health Nurse at 604-476 - 7000. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

### **Parking Lot Safety Reminder**

We are again asking for all drivers to be particularly careful near the school to help us ensure that all students get to school safely and on time. Our parking lot is a busy place and so we ask that whenever possible drivers try and park on 118<sup>th</sup> or on 231B if you cannot walk. Please remember that the driver of the vehicle cannot leave the car unattended unless in a designated parking stall.

### **In Case of Emergency....**

What parents should do in case of emergencies affecting schools.

In the case of an EMERGENCY, POWER OUTAGE OR SEVERE WEATHER BEFORE OR DURING SCHOOL HOURS, many parents' first reaction will be to call the school. Please DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL. The school only has 2 phone lines which are CONSTANTLY in use during any unforeseen incident. It is VITAL these lines remain open whenever possible. If there is a power outage, we will only have 1 emergency line available.

- In such a situation, please remain calm and be patient and trust that your child (ren) will be safe and cared for until picked up!
- Listen to the radio or check the School District website at <http://www.sd42.ca/>. On the rare occasion that all schools are closed, public announcements affecting SD 42 school closures will be made by the Superintendent of Schools.
- IF you **do not hear** a school closure announcement for School District No. 42 then assume all schools are open.
- **IMPORTANT:** In the case of any emergency, the phone lines into our school will be needed for emergency response teams. If there is a power outage, there will only be 1 emergency telephone line WHICH MUST REMAIN AVAILABLE WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
- **Parents should tune into any of the local AM radio stations CBC, CKNW, CKWX and their FM affiliates which will be kept informed of developments by the school district.**
- You will **NOT** receive a call from the school IF THE CLOSURE IS BEFORE OR AFTER

SCHOOL HOURS. If schools are closed students **do not attend.**

- In the event of an emergency closure DURING SCHOOL HOURS, the children must be evacuated from the premises as quickly and safely as possible. Our Emergency Telephone Tree will be activated and you WILL receive a call from a volunteer phoning parent with instructions and/or information.
- In the event of an emergency closure AFFECTING GOLDEN EARS ONLY (isolated school closure) our Emergency Telephone Tree will be activated and you WILL receive a call from a volunteer phoning parent with instructions and/or information.

Each school has its own emergency plan and the district has an overall plan. In addition, the School District and the municipalities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows have a coordinated plan. We hope this information alleviates any concerns for your

child's safety and will be considered if an unforeseen situation arises.

### **Accident Insurance Forms**

As parents, you may wish to consider purchasing insurance because if your child is injured while at school or during school activities, our District's Insurance does not extend to students. As you know, accidents can be the result of the nature of any activity and can occur with or without any fault on either the part of the student or the school board or its employees or agents or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your son/daughter to participate school activities, you are accepting the risk of an accident occurring, and agree that the activity, as described above, is suitable for your child.

Please see the website [www.iapkidsplus.com](http://www.iapkidsplus.com) for information on Student Accident Insurance.



# The Redesigned Curriculum at Golden Ears Elementary

## **CORE COMPETENCIES:** ***What are they and why are they in the curriculum?***

The BC curriculum has been redesigned to meet the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century students. The new curriculum maintains a focus on literacy and numeracy while supporting deeper learning through three core competency areas: **communication**, **personal and social**, and **thinking**.

Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in life-long learning. Core competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning.

For more information about each core competency area, visit: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

**Coming in November – Curricular Competencies.**



Caption here that explains how this photo illustrates the work done at school level in the area of Core Competencies.



### **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.

# What's On

Free or low cost programs for families with young children in Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows & Katzie



Ridge Meadows  
Early Childhood  
Development  
Committee

RMECDC supports and promotes community engagement in improving the health and well-being of all children from pre-natal to age 6 in the communities of Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katzie First Nation.

RMECDC is a sub-committee of the Community Network and a member of the Provincial Children First Initiative.

**RMECDC welcomes community involvement.** Call (604) 916-1051 or email: [Info@ridgemeanowsecd.ca](mailto:Info@ridgemeanowsecd.ca) to receive information about the Early Childhood Development Committee and its work, or to find out how you can become a member of the committee.

## Follow RMECDC on:

**Facebook:** Ridge Meadows Early Childhood Development Committee

**Twitter:** @ridgemeanowsecd

**Website:** [www.ridgemeanowsecd.ca](http://www.ridgemeanowsecd.ca)



## October, November & December Programs and Events

### WEST COAST FAMILY CENTRES

**Intergenerational Mother Goose:** For parents and their babies or young children (0-5 years). Have fun with rhymes, songs, and stories. Older siblings welcome. Includes a small snack. Seniors from Wesbrooke Seniors Living Community will join in. Friday Sept 28-Nov 16, 10-11:30 am, 12000 190A Ave. Pitt Meadows. Please register with name, phone #, child's age [special.projects@westcoastfamily.org](mailto:special.projects@westcoastfamily.org)

**Healthy Babies:** supporting pregnant women and new mothers (with babies up to 6 months) who need extra help and support and who have limited financial resources. Socialize, eat lunch together, receive information about healthy pregnancy, lifestyle, nutrition and baby care. A public health nurse attends. Mondays 11:30-2 pm. The Family Education & Support Centre - 22554 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge. FREE – to register contact Helen at (604) 944-2500.

### MAPLE RIDGE PARKS & RECREATION

**Parent & Child Playtime** drop-in playtime at the Leisure Centre for families with children birth to 5. Mon, Wed, Fri, 9:30-11:30 am. \$1 per child.

### PITT MEADOWS PARKS & RECREATION

**Parent & Child Mini Gym** drop-in playtime at the Family Recreation Centre for families with children. Mon, Wed, 10-11:30 am \$1 per child.

**Stroller Walking - Parents & Tots in the Trails** for birth to 3 year olds with an adult. Every week, meet to walk the local trails and neighbourhood.

### CYTHERA CENTRE

**Parent Chat** - Drop in Tues 9:30-11:30 am at Cythera Counselling Centre: 22318 McIntosh Ave., Maple Ridge. Meet for coffee and snacks while talking about parenting dilemmas for 0-6 children. Babes in arms welcome. Free childminding for mobile babies and toddlers. Call to register: (604) 467-9939.

**Mom & Baby Yoga** - Free. No sign-up required. Tuesday, 12:45-2:15 pm at Centered Within Yoga, #5 20306 Dewdney Trunk Road. For more info. contact [nihcole.o@cythera.ca](mailto:nihcole.o@cythera.ca)

**BASICS FOR BABIES:** Friends in Need Foodbank provides milk and eggs with a hamper, and a one-time layette containing baby items after the baby is born for any mother who is expecting or has a child up to age one. Call (604) 466-3663

### FAMILY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT CENTRE

22554 Lougheed Hwy. Maple Ridge

**Parenting Young Children:** Thurs, 9-11 am Sep-June. For parents of children ages 0-6. Young Parents Group: Wed, 12-2pm Sept-June. For parents up to age 26. Light lunch provided.

**Single Mom's Group:** Mon, 5-7 pm Sept-July. Light dinner provided. Child focused programming for ages birth-12 available.

**Mental Wellness Parenting:** Free. Designed to meet the specific needs of parents experiencing major depression, bipolar disorder and generalized anxiety disorder while they parent. Features mental wellness material, parenting information and support. Tuesdays, 9-11 am Oct 23-Dec 1.

**For more information and to register** for these programs call 604-467-6055

### FREE AT THE MAPLE RIDGE HEALTH UNIT

**World Breastfeeding week celebration** at Maple Ridge Library 11:30 am - 1pm. 'Latch on' at noon. No registration necessary. Door prizes. Family and siblings welcome.

**Breastfeeding Support:** one-to-one breastfeeding support with a public health nurse.

**Prenatal Breastfeeding Class:** focus is on breastfeeding basics and early success. Call (604) 476-7087 to register for one session: Oct 17, Nov 21, or Dec 19 from 5-7 pm.

**Best Beginnings** for pregnant women, new mothers, babies, children to 2 years & their families. Register for public health services by completing a form at [www.bestbeginnings.fraserhealth.ca](http://www.bestbeginnings.fraserhealth.ca). **Please fill out a Prenatal Registration form with each pregnancy.**

**Baby Time Drop-in** for parents of children younger than 24 months at the Maple Ridge Library. Mondays 10:15-10:45am. Public Health Nurse attends monthly.

**Baby Social Drop-in** for parents of children younger than 24 months at the Pitt Meadows Library. Wednesdays 11am-12pm. Public Health Nurse attends once a month

**Speech & Language Monthly drop-in clinic:** First come, first served basis. for children five and younger to receive a 5-10 minute screening Oct 24 and Nov 28 from 1:30-3 pm.

**Immunization reminder:** your child due for 18-month immunizations? Call (604) 476-7087 to book an appointment.

**Breast Milk Depot** - Screened donors can drop off their milk at the MR Health Unit for shipment to BC Women's Hospital Milk Bank. Milk is given to the most fragile babies who require supplementation in hospital. Register at [www.bcwomensmilkbank.ca](http://www.bcwomensmilkbank.ca). Call (604) 476-7000 to drop off.

# October, November & December Programs & Events for families with young children

## WHAT'S ON FOR FREE AT THE LIBRARIES

MAPLE RIDGE LIBRARY – #130 - 22470 Dewdney Trunk Rd.

**Babytime:** Mondays, Oct 1 - Dec 3, 10:15-10:45 am. For babies up to 23 months and their caregivers. There will be special presentations on Dental, Introductions to Solids and Sleep by the MR Public Health unit on the last Monday of each month after the program.

**Storytime:** Tues, Thurs, Sat, Oct 2 - Dec 8, 10:15-10:45 am. Introduce kids to the love of books and language. Children and caregivers.

All ages.

**Baby Playtime:** Wed, Oct 24 & Nov 28, 10:30-11:30 am. Come play with your baby at the library, meet other parents and develop early literacy skills. This program is best suited for babies and toddlers who are under two years old.

**Toddler Dance Party:** Wednesdays, Oct 17 & Nov 21, 10:15-10:45 am. Do you and your child like to dance?

**Pajama Storytime** Wednesdays, Oct 3, Nov 7 & Dec 5, 6:45-7:15 pm. Stories, songs, rhymes, and more. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring their favourite stuffie.

**Early Years Centre Storytime** at Webster's Corners Elementary 1st & 3rd Wednesday beginning Oct 5, 9-9:30 am, excluding school holidays. Listen to stories, meet amazing puppets, sing, dance. Door opens at 8:30 am. No registration required. Everyone welcome

**Diwali: Festival of Light** - Saturday Oct. 20, 2-4 pm. Join the library, Ridge Meadows South Asian Cultural Society, Family Education and Support Centre, Interfaith Building Bridge and ISSofBC

**PITT MEADOWS LIBRARY**- 3200-12099 Harris Road.

**Babytime:** For babies up to 23 months and their caregivers Mondays 10:15-10:45 am.

**Preschool storytime:** Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45 am

**Baby Social:** Wednesdays. Public Health nurse will make monthly visits Oct 3, Nov 7 and Dec 5.

## PALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters)

Free literacy program for parents/caregivers, kindergartners or children 3-4. Free book with each session. Please call school to register:

**Albion** 604-463-4848: Nov 14, Jan 16, Feb 20, Apr 24 (3-4pm)

**Alouette** 604-463-8730: Oct 18, Jan 24, Feb 20, Apr 24 (3-4 pm)

**Davie Jones** 604-465-9908: Nov 22, Jan 23, Feb 28, Apr 17 (3-4pm)

**Eric Langton** 604-463-3810: Nov 21, Feb 20, Apr 17, May 8 (4-5:30pm)

**Kanaka Creek** 604-467-9050: Nov 16, Feb 22, May 24 (3:15-4:15pm) Laity View 604-463-7108: TBA

**Pitt Meadows Elementary** 604-465-5828: Nov 6, Jan 22, Apr 9, May 14 (2:45-3:45pm)

## The Hive Neighbourhood Centre Children's Clothing Freecycle

Saturday, Nov 24 from 11 am - 2 pm. at Eric Langton Elementary. Donations of clean, gently-used clothing accepted in the front lobby from the beginning of November.

## RIDGE MEADOWS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

For questions or concerns about your infant, toddler or young child's development, call 604-463-0881. Speech and language therapists, occupational and physiotherapists, and family support workers. [www.rmcdc.com](http://www.rmcdc.com) \* **Note:** Due to flooding the RMCDC is temporarily located in the Haney Professional Building (11743 224th Street).

## MAPLE RIDGE/PITT MEADOWS COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Family Place Community Parents Centre** 22359 119th Ave.

Free programs for families with young children. Register at 604-466-8484 or 604-778-9163.

**Dress for a Mess:** Spend some quality time with your 0-6 aged child while meeting other families. Learn about community resources. Enjoy healthy snacks. Mon 9-11 am, Tues and Wed, 9:30-11:30 am, Thurs 10-noon for ages 0-3.

**CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL** - Drop by our new temporary location at 22722 Lougheed Hwy. Free referrals and information for parents seeking childcare or preschool; help with child care subsidy applications; large educational toy lending library (annual fee \$5) for families with children up to age 12; support for home-based child care providers (membership is free). Call (604) 467-2273

**STRONGSTART CENTRES** Free, early learning drop-in program at local schools for children birth to 5 years and their parents/caregivers. Play and explore in friendly, safe and inspiring environments. Register with your child's birth certificate the first time you drop in.

**Mornings 8:30-11:30 am daily**

Davie Jones 12030 Blakely Rd, Pitt Meadows

Eric Langton 12138 Edge St, Maple Ridge

Garibaldi 24789 Dewdney Truck Rd, Maple Ridge

Glenwood 12410 Glenwood Ave, Maple Ridge

Hammond 11520 203 St, Maple Ridge

Harry Hooge 12280 230 St, Maple Ridge

Highland Park 18961 Advent Rd, Pitt Meadows

**Mornings 8:30 - 11:30 Mon, Wed and Fri**

**Afternoons 11:30-2:30 Tues and Thurs**

Fairview 12209 206 St, Maple Ridge

## RIDGE MEADOWS ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY

**LIVING Orientation to Autism:** Does your child have a new Autism diagnosis? Join us for information on next steps and resources on Nov 29, 10-11:30 am at (11641 224 Street Maple Ridge). Free. Please RSVP at least two days prior to the event.

## FREE PROGRAMS AT THE EARLY YEARS CENTRE

**Webster's Corners Elementary** 25554 Dewdney Trunk Rd.

**Community Parenting Program drop-in:** free fun activities with your child; questions about community resources; suggestions for successful parenting strategies; help with paperwork. Mon, 8:45-11:45 am.

**The Story Blanket:** Storytelling, songs, crafts with Aboriginal Infant Development Consultant, Melissa Burgher and guest librarian, Liza Morris from Maple Ridge Public Library. Fridays, 8:30-10 am. Everyone welcome. A small snack will be included.

**Come Sing & Play with Me!** A music group for families with children ages 6 and under living with autism spectrum disorder or suspected autism. Tuesdays, Oct 2 to Nov 20. For more information or to register, contact Colene at [neil\\_colene@shaw.ca](mailto:neil_colene@shaw.ca)

**Mother Goose:** Parents and their babies, or young children (0 - 3 years old) interact with rhymes, songs, and stories. Older siblings welcome. A small snack will be provided. Thurs, Sept 27- Nov 15, 9:30 am to 11 am.

To register, contact Colene at [neil\\_colene@shaw.ca](mailto:neil_colene@shaw.ca).

**Capable Kids Club:** A free parent and child program, Thursdays Nov 22 to Dec 20, 10 am - 2 pm.

**EYC Coordinator:** Check out [www.ridgemeadowsecd](http://www.ridgemeadowsecd) for specific dates and times the Early Years Coordinator will be on site.



Join us on October 21st! | [More Information](#)

**BCSPCA**  
SPEAKING FOR ANIMALS

[More Information](#)



Dear Friend,

My name is Krista, the new Branch Manager at the BC SPCA Maple Ridge Branch. I am pleased to invite you to our 3rd annual **Fall Open House** on **Sunday, October 21st**. Bring the whole family for a fun day celebrating the animals we care for in the region, which is only possible thanks to people like you.

Come down anytime between 12 p.m and 4 p.m. and have a tour of our facility, learn about volunteer and fostering opportunities, and meet some of our cute adoptable animals. There will be lots of activities including pumpkin carving, a costume contest, face painting, and a pizza party. We will be doing our [Lock-In for Love](#) fundraiser too!

I hope to meet you then!



Sincerely,

*Krista Shaw*

Maple Ridge Branch Manager, BC SPCA

More Information



*Meet Skylar at the BC SPCA Maple Ridge Open House!*



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