



ECOLE GOLDEN EARS ELEMENTARY

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues., Jan 15 PAC Meeting @6:30 pm
Mon Jan 21 **Kindergarten Registration – Sibling only**
Online Registration from Jan 21 – 25
Wed., Jan 23 Hot Lunch (Pizza)
Thurs., Jan 24 Assembly @8:40 am
Fri., Jan 25 **Non-Instructional Day – No School**
Thurs., Jan 31 Late French Immersion Information Night
@7:00 – 8:00 pm
Fri., Feb 1 Movie Night!
Tues., Feb 5 **Grade 8 Registration opens at 12:00 pm (noon)**
Tues. Feb 5 Late French Immersion – Classroom Visit
@8:30 am – 10:00 am
Wed., Feb 6 Hot Lunch (Subway)
Thurs., Feb 7 **Late French Immersion Registration**
OPENS ONLINE at noon
Tues., Feb 12 **Kindergarten Registration – General Phase**
Online Registration from Feb. 12 – 19
Wed., Feb 13 Assembly @8:40 am
Thurs., Feb 14 **Non-Instructional Day – No School**
Fri., Feb 15 **Schools not in session**
Mon., Feb 18 **Family Day – Schools closed**

Message from the Principal

Dear Families:

I hope everyone is still feeling refreshed and off to a positive second half of the school year. ***This month's newsletter contains important information about upcoming events, and registration details for Late French Immersion and Kindergarten.***

I would also like to congratulate all the performers, staff, and volunteers who made the school's December primary musical "Elflandia" such a huge success. These productions add a great deal of energy and excitement to our school and highlight our unique elementary Fine Arts programming.

Our portable classroom (Mr. Mitchell's class) is finally hooked up to the school PA system. We have begun to close the courtyard doors during school hours for the safety of the school. We ask that all visitors report to the office so that we can know who is in the school building. We appreciate your assistance for the safety of our school.

As we begin this second term, we focus on those skills we need to teach and learn over the next two months. Students need to review the goal they made for this term and stay focused to move ahead. Before we know, we will be having our 2nd term conferences on March 7th and 8th. Time flies as that is only in 2 months.

Looking forward to the next six months as this is often an exciting time for student learning.

As always, if there is ever anything I can do to help support your child(ren) please do not hesitate to let me know. My door is always open.

Mrs. Scoular

Dear Parents of Grade 5 Students,

The SD42 Late French Immersion Program is based out of Golden Ears Elementary and 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 at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

To learn more about Late French Immersion, attend our information meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at Golden Ears Elementary.

For more information, please contact
shelley_linton@sd42.ca

Late French Immersion registration opens online at noon on Thursday, February 7, 2019.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2UNY67r>



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:

Monday, January 21, 2019: **Sibling registration**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019: **General registration**

Wednesday, February 27, 2019: **Late Registration**

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



HOT LUNCH Jan. 23 & Feb. 6

The next two PAC HOT LUNCH order forms are now available on the Munchalunch website:

Munchalunch.com/schools/goldenears

Ordering is now open for Pizza on Jan. 23rd and for Subway on Feb 6th.



GRADE 8 REGISTRATION February 5, 2019

Registration opens at 12:00 pm (noon) on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019**. All Grade 8 registrations are done through the Parent Portal at <https://parents.sd42.ca>. Each registration is time-stamped at the moment the registration form is opened to begin the online registration process.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/>



Monday, February 18, 2019

All schools in the Province of B.C. will be closed for this special holiday. Please make note of this on your calendars at home and we hope you enjoy time spent with your family

District Policy Permission Forms:

Parents, we still have a number of students whose permission forms on the **PARENT PORTAL** (<https://parents.sd42.ca/>) have not been completed. These District Policy Permission forms involve use of technology, walking form, yearbook photos, use of personal info for the school and district and outside media as well as emergency contacts in case of a disaster/school closure. **We will have our second musical in the spring and all Intermediate students will need these forms completed so we can have them photographed and videotaped by the school.** If you have not completed these forms for your primary or intermediate student by January 25 we will be sending reminders. We appreciate your assistance.



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 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. The forms will be available from the office starting after Spring Break.

What Amazing Caring Spirit!!!

At the school we talk a lot with the kids about "taking care of others" so it was very heart-warming to see the amazing amount of donations that came to the school in December to support the Friends in Need Food Bank, Hamper Society and the Salvation Army's Caring Place.

INFORMATION NIGHTS AND ONLINE REGISTRATION COMING UP FOR THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT PROGRAMS:

WHEELHOUSE

Information Night:

7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Alouette Elementary

22155 Isaac Crescent

Maple Ridge, BC

The Wheelhouse is a classroom where 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.

This option is open to all Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District students who will be going into grades 6 and 7 in September 2019. 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 7, 2019.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2UQSkSw>

CYBERSCHOOL

Information Night:

7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Alouette Elementary

22155 Isaac Crescent

Maple Ridge, BC

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. Some benefits of this program include:

- Development of independence and self-advocacy;
- Use of technology to analyze and improve critical thinking skills;
- Collaboration with peers both online and face to face;
- Flexible scheduling – individualized daily agenda;
- Use of technology to demonstrate learning.

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REGISTRATION for CyberSchool [opens online](#) at noon, February 7, 2019.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2Lp9Dph>

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

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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)

23124-118th Avenue, Maple Ridge

For more information, please contact Shelley Linton at 604.465.5828 or shelley_linton@sd42.ca

REGISTRATION for Late French Immersion [opens online](#) at noon, February 7, 2019.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2UNY67r>

MAPLE RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

WINTER FUN FAIR

Saturday,
January 26,
11 am - 2 pm

Come and celebrate Family Literacy Day
at Maple Ridge Public Library with:

- CONTESTS & PRIZES
- RESOURCE FAIR
- DANCE PARTY
- POPCORN

Join us for an action-packed day with
Showstoppers Academy and learn about
the many amazing programs and services
available in our community.

There will be lots of fun for all ages!

Everyone is welcome!





THRIVE EMPOWERMENT SOLUTIONS

Winter 2019 Programs for Girls Aged 7 - 12



GLOW (Girls Leading Others Wisely)

Personal development, leadership & self-confidence building, through mentorship, group discussion, & interactive activities, with a different fitness activity each week! Learn more about yourself, meet new friends & develop tools to overcome difficult situations!

Tuesdays Jan 15 - Mar 5

Maple Ridge Rec Centre
4:00 - 5:45 26pm

Wednesdays Jan 16 - Mar 6

Maple Ridge Secondary
3:15 - 5:00 pm

8 weeks
Ages 8 - 12



Sole Girls Winter Sessions

Release your inner awesome at Sole Girls! Learn to be fearless, build confidence, live healthy, make new friends, & goal set. Empowering games, mentorship & discussion plus weekly training to run a 5km fun run at the end!

Wednesdays Jan 16 - Mar 13

Hammond Community Centre
6:15 - 8:15 pm

Thursdays Jan 17 - Mar 14

Pitt Meadows Elementary
4:00 - 5:45 pm

9 weeks
Ages 8 - 12



Adventures in Wisdom

Get active, meet new friends & discover how awesome you are! Story-telling & Interactive games & activities helps younger girls recognize & embrace their greatness. Girls learn to take control of their thoughts & feelings to help build positive relationships, develop confidence & discover their potential!

Fridays Jan 17 - Feb 8 and Fridays Mar 1 - Mar 22

Maple Ridge Rec Centre, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

4 weeks
Ages 7- 9



COME JOIN OUR TRIBE!

REGISTER AT:

www.thrivesolutions.org/programs

604.477.7780



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FOLLOW US AT:



@thrivemapleridge

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Golden Ears Elementary*

NUMERACY: *Using mathematical and logical thinking in context*

Numeracy is the ability to understand and apply mathematical concepts, processes, and skills to solve problems and make decisions in a variety of situations, including real-life scenarios. Numeracy goes beyond mathematics in that students solve problems by using the five processes: interpret, apply, solve, analyze and communicate across multiple subjects from kindergarten to Grade 12.

All students will write the Graduation Numeracy Assessment, which is a new provincial assessment and a graduation requirement. It assesses a student's understanding, application of knowledge and deeper learning, and has students apply mathematical reasoning learned throughout their education.

Coming in February – Collaborative 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.