



# ECOLE GOLDEN EARS ELEMENTARY

23124 - 118th Avenue, Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 2N1 • Phone 604-463-9513 • Fax 463-9578

PRINCIPAL: Mrs. R. Scoular VICE PRINCIPAL: Mrs. R. Wurster

December 2, 2019

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

Number 4

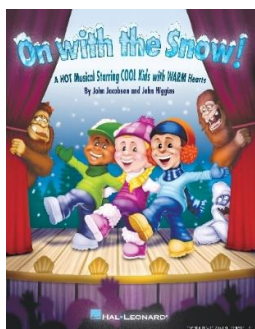
## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs., Dec 5... **Student Conferences**  
Early Dismissal 11:30 am  
Fri., Dec. 6 . . . . . **No School -Student Conferences**  
Wed., Dec. 11 . . . Hot Lunch  
Fri., Dec. 13 . . . . Hot Chocolate Day!  
Mon., Dec 16 . . . . Full Dress Rehearsal  
Cast A - 9:00 am  
Cast B - 1:00 pm  
Tues., Dec 17 . . . Christmas Concert @1:00 PM  
**Cast A (13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 24)**  
Wed., Dec 18 . . . Christmas Concert - @1:00 PM  
**Cast B (Div. 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23)**  
Thurs., Dec. 19 . Whistler Ski Trip (Gr. 6/7 Students)

Dec. 24 to Jan. 4 Winter Break - School Closed

**Mon., Jan. 6. School reopens**

**Wed., Jan 8. . . Kindergarten Registration (Sibling) begins  
on line at noon**



## "PRIMARY MUSICAL"

**Tuesday, December 17**

Div. 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 24

**Wednesday, December 18**

Div. 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23

**12:30 pm -Doors Open**

**1:00 pm -Concert begins**

**Admission by donation.**

For more information about

the Christmas Musical, please visit

<http://elementary.sd42.ca/goldeneears/goldeneears-elementary-musicals/>

## Winter Vacation Plans

If you are leaving early for Christmas Holidays or returning late in January, please let the office know or email [ge\\_recption@sd42.ca](mailto:ge_recption@sd42.ca). Please remember to indicate your child's teacher and/or division number.

## Message from the Principal,

We have had a good fall with our student learning and now is the time to share with you at our upcoming conferences. Please make sure you have signed up for conference time. Students and teachers are busy prepping for our term 1 reporting period. Remember the conference's focus is your child's learning and goal setting for next term.

On our conference days, we will have our school Spirit Wear for sale at the front, our Late French Immersion class will have their cookie mix orders for sale, as well as our fall SCHOLASTIC Book Fair will be occurring in the library. Great gift ideas!!

When you are at the school for your child's conference, please check out the Lost and Found items in the front foyer. These items will eventually be donated to a local association.

Golden Ears Elementary has always generously supported local charities and this year we hope will be no different. This year the school will again be supporting the Maple Ridge Christmas Bureau and the Friends in Need Food Bank, the Food Hamper with Coins for Kids, and Spread the Warmth for Salvation Army. Details for each of these Christmas initiatives is found later in the newsletter and further information will be shared with students and families in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming Winter Musical - On with the Snow, on Tuesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, Dec. 19. This performance is for the primary grades and is an outstanding example of the wonderful Fine Arts programming at Golden Ears.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

**Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas!**

Mrs. Renée Scoular

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2020-2021**

Kindergarten Registration begins on line at noon on the following days:

Phase	Registration Starts (12:00 noon)	Registration Ends (11:59 pm)	Supporting Documents Deadline (12:00 noon)
Sibling	Jan 8, 2020	Jan 14, 2020	Jan 21, 2020
Choice	Jan 22, 2020	Jan 27, 2020	Feb 4, 2020
General	Feb 5, 2020	Feb 12, 2020	Feb 25, 2020
Late	Feb 26, 2020	June 21, 2020	June 28, 2020
Open	Aug 21, 2020	June 22, 2021	June 25, 2021

Parents will be notified of their child's placement via email after the registration phase ends.

## **Coins for Kids**

We will also be collecting Coins for Kids which goes to the **Maple Ridge Hamper Society**. They purchase gifts for boys and girls whose families are in need in our community. We will collect coins for the week of **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** as follows:

**Monday, December 2, 2019: Nickels and Dimes**

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019: Quarters**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019: Loonies**

**Thursday, December 5, 2019: Toonies**

*Student Voice (District Student Advisory Council) is responsible for this collection.*

## **Mini Food Bank Drive**

We Scare Hunger Hamper brought in 2,250 pounds of food for the food bank. We will have a Mini Food Drive to help with Food Hampers:

**Monday, December 9: Can of Soup**

**Tuesday, December 10: Box of Macaroni/Cheese**

**Wednesday, December 11: Box of Granola bars.**

**Please make sure to check the date before you donate.**

## **Spread the Warmth**



Please donate new, gently used or homemade scarves, hats, **NEW** warm socks, mittens or gloves for us to give to the Maple Ridge Christmas Bureau. Collection of these items will be gladly accepted until Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Lost & Found Clothing**

We are beginning to collect another impressive pile of coats, shirts, shoes, etc. in our lost and found bin. These will eventually be donated to a worthy cause in December. Please come to check for anything that might belong to your children in the front lobby over the next few weeks.



## **Write a letter to Santa and He Writes Back**

Children who write a letter receive a reply! Please send your letter as soon as possible to

NORTHPOLE, H0H H0H, CANADA. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.canadapost.ca/cpc/en/our-company/giving-back-to-our-communities/write-a-letter-to-santa.page>

## **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](#)).

## **GRADE 7 LEAVING CEREMONY PLANNING MEETING**

On **Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** we will have our first planning meeting for our Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony. All grade 7 parents are invited to attend. The Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony is scheduled for **June 19<sup>th</sup>**.

## **Grade 8 REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Phase	Registration Starts (12:00 noon)	Registration Ends (11:59 pm)
<b>General</b>	<b>Feb 4, 2020</b>	<b>Feb 19, 2020</b>

- Once online grade 8 registration closes, any late registrants must complete a paper registration form at their catchment school.
- Grade 8 students new to the district (not on the Portal) register in person at the DEO Feb 4-19, 2020 (opens 12:00 noon). After the registration period ends, paper registration forms are done at their catchment school.
- Parents will be notified of grade 8 placement prior to Spring Break



## **VOLUNTEERS & VISITORS**

The safety of our students is a major priority. If you are in the school to volunteer, please remember to sign in at the office and get a Visitor Pass. If a staff member or student sees the Visitor pass they will know you are officially signed in.

**If you are dropping off a lunch etc. please, do not go to your child's classroom. Please drop off your item at the office, and we will make sure your child gets it.**

We appreciate your help to maintain a safe environment in our school. Thank you!

## **BE SURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EDUCATION SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES**

Almost 80% of job openings in British Columbia over the next decade will require some form of post-secondary education.

Families can open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and the Government of British Columbia will deposit \$1,200 into the RESP for their children. No additional money is needed to receive the \$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant. Families can ask their local financial institution if they are one of the 56 official promoters of the grant and are urged to not be part of the 40% who leave this grant unclaimed.

The grant allows parents and families who may not be able to currently afford to put money aside to start a RESP. Studies indicate that children with RESPs are more likely to pursue higher education. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., books, tools, rent or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, college or university.

Applications are open to eligible children between six and nine years old. Eligibility deadlines:

- Children born in 2010 have until the day before their ninth birthday to apply.
- Children born in 2011 have until their ninth birthday in 2020 to apply.
- Children born in 2012 have until their ninth birthday in 2021 to apply.
- Children born in 2013 have until their ninth birthday in 2022 to apply.
- Children born in 2014 can start applying on their sixth birthday.

Government of Canada also offers eligible families with modest incomes up to \$2,000 for each child's RESP from the Canada Learning Bond. As well, the Canada Education Savings Grant matches RESP contributions up to a maximum of \$7,200 per child. More information can be found at: [www.Canada.ca/education-savings](http://www.Canada.ca/education-savings). **Learn More:** B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant: <https://www.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG>

# The Redesigned Curriculum at Golden Ears Elementary

## *What is the importance of formative assessment in the classroom?*

There are two types of classroom assessment. Summative assessment provides information about student progress for reporting purposes. Formative assessment provides feedback that supports student achievement and moves student learning forward. Clear goals with timely feedback inform students of where they are and what their next steps need to be. Formative assessment is given through written or verbal feedback and does not involve grading. When students are encouraged to act on teacher feedback, they begin to take ownership of their learning. As teachers work to build community and encourage students to take risks with their learning, they understand that mistakes should be embraced as opportunities to become proficient learners. In this way, teaching and learning become cyclical, each informing the other to promote independent and lifelong learning.

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

**Coming in January: Critical Thinking.**



## **Core Competencies: What are they and why are they in the new curriculum?**

The new curriculum centres around the following three core competency areas: **communication**, **personal and social**, **thinking**. They are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning. During the school year, students will have an opportunity to self-assess their proficiencies in these core competencies.