



ECOLE GOLDEN EARS ELEMENTARY

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November 1, 2019

<http://goldenears.sd42.ca>

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon., Nov. 4 PAC Meeting @6:30 pm
Wed., Nov. 6 Hot Lunch Day (Sushi)
Thurs., Nov. 7 Remembrance Day Assembly @10:40
Fri., Nov. 8 Non-Instructional Day – No School
Mon., Nov. 11 Remembrance Day – No School
Wed., Nov. 13 Van. Symphony Field Trip (8am-Noon)
Family Photo Night @4:00 – 9:00
Wed., Nov. 20 Assembly @8:40 am
Hot Lunch Day (Pizza)
Tues., Nov. 26 Grade 6 Immunizations
Wed., Nov. 27 Bookfest 2019 – Greg Moore Ctr.
Thurs., Nov. 28 Young Entrepreneur Show
Mon., Dec. 2 Assembly @8:40 am
Thurs., Dec 5 Early Dismissal @11:30 am
Student Conferences
Scholastic Book Fair @12:30-3:00 pm
Fri., Dec. 6 Student Conferences All Day – No School
Scholastic Book Fair @9:00 – 3:00 pm

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR SHOW

Hosted by Mr. Stevenson &
the Students of Div. 1



The students of Division 1 would like to invite parents, teachers and students to attend their "Young Entrepreneur Show" at Golden Ears Elementary

Date: Thursday, November 28, 2019

Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

(Closed at recess & lunch).

Location: Gym

The class has been hard at work participating in the Power Play Young Entrepreneurs Program. These enterprising students have committed to building new skills and are now ready to display their business plans and sell their products.

Message from Principal

We are two months into our school year and classes are busy with their learning. It is a pleasure to enter classrooms and see the students settled and learning. This year our school growth plan is to improve student literacy, focusing on reading strategies with nonfiction books. We also will be investigating our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) practices and evaluate what areas need to be addressed for students (self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision-making).

We just had our First Emergency Release Drill which occurred across the district at all elementary schools. With a fair amount of preparation for this drill, it went relatively smooth. Again, thanks for your assistance.

Thank you for your donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. Our total raised was \$3900! THIS IS AN AMAZING AMOUNT for our school. Way to go GEE!

Our Remembrance Day Assembly is on Thursday, Nov 7 starting at 10:40 a.m. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

As I write this newsletter, the school is again buzzing with anticipation for Halloween -all the kids (and staff) in costumes, the haunted library, and the Halloween Parade- Lots of fun! There are lots of other school activities coming up soon such as conferences and the Primary Musical. Please take a close look at all the times and dates highlighted here to avoid disappointment.

Sincerely,
Mrs. R. Scoular

BOOKFEST - 2019

Bookfest is an opportunity for Intermediate students in grades 4 - 7 to discover new books, participate in school events, and perhaps hear and interact with published authors.

This year SD42's Bookfest will be celebrated on **Wednesday, November 27th**. If your child would like to participate, please remind him/her of the commitment to:

- Reading the assigned book titles between now and the end of November (whether it be books from Golden Ears Library, the public library, audio books, or read aloud);
- Participating in meetings with other Bookfest participants during lunch hour;
- Keeping up with regular school work.

STUDENT CONFERENCES

On **Thursday, December 5, 2019**, students will be **dismissed at 11:30 a.m.** so that we may conduct Student Inclusive Conferences. These conferences are for parents, teacher and students to review student growth and to set learning goals. More information will be sent home very soon from your child's classroom teacher. Parents can sign up for a conference time starting **November 7th**. We ask that the conference is dedicated to the student who is sharing his/her learning. Please make arrangements for siblings.

STUDENT CONFERENCES

Thur., Dec 5th - Dismissal at 11:30 am

***Fri., Dec. 6th - Conferences all day
(Students only attend for their
conference)***



BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Ecole Golden Ears Book Fair will be held on **December 5th and December 6th** while the Student Conferences are being held. Once again a wide range of books will be available at reasonable prices. We hope you are able to find some perfect Christmas gifts while helping earn materials for the school.



Students of Mme Nolf's Grade 7 Late French Immersion class are holding 3 events this month to help fundraise for their trip to Quebec City next year. **SAVE THESE DATES:**

Nov 9th: Haney Farmer's Market, 9am - 2pm featuring Mother Hubbard's "Just Add Water" Mixes for cookies, scones and brownies. Pure delicious magic!

Nov 22nd: Wild Child Stay & Play, 2:30 - 8:30pm. Activities, games, prizes, and food! Look out for the flyer for more info.

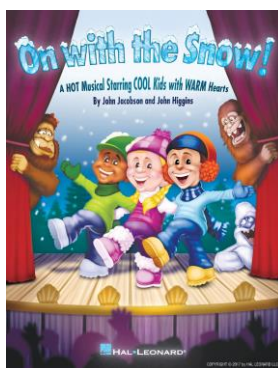
Nov 29th: Trivia Game Night, 7 - 9pm. (Adults only). Look out for the flyer on how to buy tickets for this amazing FUN night.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please remember to send a change of clothes with your child to keep in the classroom, in case your child gets wet and dirty when our rainy weather begins. This would save some phone calls home. We are having Westcoast Recess and Lunch - rain or shine.



PRIMARY MUSICAL



We will be continuing our new Golden Ears tradition of putting on a Primary (K-Gr.3) Musical in December. This year's musical will be **"On With the Snow 2019"**. Please be sure to visit the Golden Ears Website and click "Programs" to find more information about the Cast List, Costume Information and Songs.

**REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE
DATES ARE ATTACHED TO THIS
NEWSLETTER**

PARKING LOT/TRAFFIC SAFETY AND OUTSIDE DOORS

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 118th 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.*

Secondly, the school routine we teach all students for entering and leaving the school is that they use the nearest classroom or exterior door. This routine is primarily taught for safety reasons as having 530 students attempt to enter and exit the school via the inside hallways would be chaos. Please help us to reinforce this important routine with your child by ensuring that students exit and enter their outside classroom/exterior door when picking up and/or dropping off. Thank-you for helping us keep our students safe!

CASUAL-ON-CALL EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District (SD42) is looking for qualified Casual-On-Call Education Assistants. For more information please visit our website: (www.sd42.ca and click on the careers tab)

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN EDUCATION ASSISTANT?

Ridge Meadows College has a second cohort for the Education Assistant program starting in January 2020 and have extended the deadline for application to November 15, 2019. A program overview, list of admission requirements and the application package is available on-line at <http://rmcollege.ca/education-assistant-certificate/> or in person at Riverside Centre, 20575 Thorne Avenue. A limited number of applicants will be accepted.

CASUAL-ON-CALL LUNCH HOUR SUPERVISORS

The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District (SD42) is looking for qualified Casual-On-Call Lunch Hour Supervisors. For more information please visit our website: (www.sd42.ca and click on the careers tab)

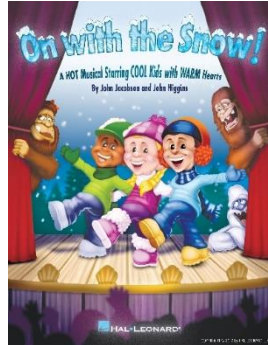
FROM SYLVIA RUSSELL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

I am very pleased to present to you our Supporting All Learners annual learning report. As a school district, we rely upon the learning priorities of each school, as set out in school growth plans, to drive board-funded learning supports and structures. We now have several years of investment and focus on the four following areas identified in school growth plans: social and emotional learning, literacy, learning and assessment, and secondary innovation.

Our sustained focus on and work in these four key areas of learning have resulted in inclusionary teaching practices, new assessment tools and practices, workshops, professional development, the addition of helping teachers, new programs, and support from educational researchers. As you will see in your review of the report, the investment is beginning to reap significant and positive results for our students.

Read the Supporting All Learners 2018/19 report online at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2018-2019-Supporting-All-Learners-web.pdf>

PRIMARY MUSICAL **"ON WITH THE SNOW 2019"**



MUSICAL REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE DATES

Team A

Div. 13: Mrs. Maxwell/Ms. Wood
Div. 15: Mrs. Bligh
Div. 17: Mrs. Johnstone/Ms. Wood
Div. 18: Mrs. McIntosh
Div. 20: Ms. Chou
Div. 24: Mrs. Qually

Team B

Div. 12: Ms. Hiebert
Div. 14: Ms. Bianchi
Div. 16: Mrs. Mastin
Div. 19: Mrs. Chiu/Mrs. Emond
Div. 21: Mrs. Birch/Mrs. Watkins
Div. 22: Mrs. Cacchioni/Mrs. Meinerz
Div. 23: Ms. Leier

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL WITH AUDIENCE

TEAM A - MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 @9:00 AM

TEAM B - MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 @1:00 PM

PERFORMANCES

TEAM A - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 @1:00 PM

TEAM B - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019 @1:00 PM

Doors open at 12:30 pm

Admission by Donation

The Redesigned Curriculum at Golden Ears Elementary

What role does social awareness and responsibility play in the education of children?

When teachers provide opportunities within our classrooms and community to develop social awareness and responsibility, students gain the skills they need to become compassionate citizens. Building relationships, contributing to society, caring for the environment, resolving problems, and valuing diversity are facets of social emotional learning that exemplify a thriving child. Embedded within the social awareness and responsibility competency is the First Peoples' belief that we have commonalities with all people in our community, and a strong connection and responsibility to the land. When students advocate for themselves, others, and the environment, they develop a strong sense of self.

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

Coming in December – Formative Assessment.



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.