



# ECOLE GOLDEN EARS ELEMENTARY

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed., Jan 8 ..... **Kindergarten Registration – Sibling only**  
**Online Registration from Jan 8 – 14**

Mon., Jan 13 ..... **PAC Meeting @6:30 pm**

Wed., Jan 15 ..... **Grade 7 Planning Meeting**  
**For Leaving Ceremony @7:00 pm**

Wed., Jan 22 ..... **Hot Lunch (Pizza)**

Thurs., Jan 23 ..... **Assembly @8:40 am**

Fri., Jan 24 ..... **Non-Instructional Day – No School**

Thurs., Jan 30 ..... **Late French Immersion Information Night**  
**@7:00 – 8:00 pm**

Fri., Jan 31 ..... **Movie Night! Doors open 6:00 pm Movie @6:30**

Tues., Feb 4 ..... **Grade 8 Registration opens at 12:00 pm (noon)**

Wed., Feb 5 ..... **Kindergarten Registration – General Phase**  
**Online Registration from Feb. 5 - 12**  
**Hot Lunch Day (Subway)**

Thurs., Feb 6 ..... **Late French Immersion Registration**  
**OPENS ONLINE at noon**

Fri., Feb 7 ..... **Treat Day (Candy Bags)**

Wed., Feb 12 ..... **Theme Day – Super Hero Day!**

Thurs., Feb 13 ..... **Non-Instructional Day – No School**

Fri., Feb 14 ..... **Schools not in session**

Mon., Feb 17 ..... **Family Day – Schools closed**

## Dear Parents of Grade 5 Students,

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 2020 at Golden Ears Elementary. This two-year elementary program continues at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

**To learn more about Late French Immersion, attend our information meeting on January 30, 2020 at Golden Ears Elementary from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.**

For more information about our French Immersion programs, please contact Shelley Linton at 604.463.7108 or [shelley\\_linton@sd42.ca](mailto:shelley_linton@sd42.ca)

**REGISTRATION for Late French Immersion opens online at noon, February 6, 2020.**

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

## Message from the Principal

Dear Families:

I hope everyone is feeling refreshed after a break 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 as well as for Grade 8.***

I would also like to congratulate all the performers, staff, and volunteers who made the school's December primary musical "On with the Show" 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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> term conferences on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Time flies as that is only in 2 months.

Our School Growth Plan goals are with Literacy and Social Emotional Learning. Our literacy goal is for students to improve their reading strategies with non-fiction books. Our Social Emotional Learning goal is to evaluate what our students need in the areas of self-awareness, self-management, self-awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making. Both these are long term goals.

You can help by ensuring your child is reading daily for 10 to 15 minutes at home. Practice helps with fluency and skill development. Students who read 4 to 5 times per day are more likely to increase their reading skills. It is that old adage of "practice makes perfect."

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*



## **2020 - 2021 Kindergarten Registration**

Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child entering kindergarten that registration begins online on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 8, 2020: **Sibling registration**  
 Wednesday, February 5, 2020: **General registration**  
 Wednesday, February 26, 2020: **Late Registration**

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



## **HOT LUNCH** **Jan. 22 & Feb. 5**

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

[Munchalunch.com/schools/goldenears](http://Munchalunch.com/schools/goldenears)

Ordering is now open for Pizza on January 22 and for Subway on Feb 5th.

## **MOVIE NIGHT**



Our amazing parent volunteers are organizing a movie night to benefit the students and school. On **Friday, January 31, 2020** the PAC will be showing the movie Abominable.

**Movie starts at 6:30 pm.**

**Doors open at 6:00 pm.**

**To order tickets and food please visit:**  
[Munchalunch.com/schools/goldenears](http://Munchalunch.com/schools/goldenears)



## **GRADE 8 REGISTRATION** **February 4, 2020**

Registration opens at 12:00 pm (noon) on **Tuesday, February 4, 2020**. 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/>



## **SUPERHERO DAY** **Wednesday,** **February 12, 2020**

Golden Ears will be having a Theme Day on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Please encourage your child (ren) to dress up as their favorite superhero or create their own.



## **Monday, February 17, 2020**

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



## **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.

# The Redesigned Curriculum at Golden Ears Elementary

## *What is the role of critical and reflective thinking in the development of students?*

Critical and reflective thinking is a significant Core Competency that plays an essential role in the development of a child's reasoning skills across all subject areas from kindergarten to Grade 12. When a student analyzes a situation from different perspectives and identities, it widens their own experience and encourages them to question and investigate further. Teachers facilitate students as they develop their critical thinking skills to evolve and substantiate their ideas and are encouraged to act on feedback received by their teachers and peers to adjust and refine their thinking. These skills enable students to form conclusions that reflect research, experimentation, thoughtful discussions, and personal reflection. Critical thinking skills also play an integral part in the social, emotional development of a child as it encourages self-awareness and responsible decision-making.

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

**Coming in February:** Personal Awareness and Responsibility.



## **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.



## INFORMATION NIGHTS & ONLINE REGISTRATION

Information nights are coming up for the following school district programs:

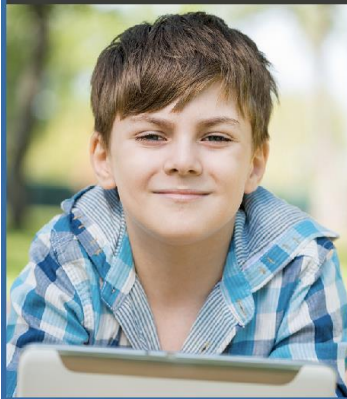
- **Wheelhouse** (7:00 pm, Jan 14 & 29, 2020: *Alouette Elementary*)
- **CyberSchool** (7:00 pm, Jan 28, 2020: *Alouette Elementary*)
- **Late French Immersion** (7:00 pm, Jan 30, 2020: *Golden Ears Elementary*)

Online registration for all three programs opens **noon, February 6, 2020**.  
To learn more about these district programs, visit **[www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca)**.

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Jan 14 & 29, 2020

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Jan 28, 2020

**Late French Immersion**  
Jan 30, 2020







# ANGER MONSTERS

**FEB 22 - MAR 14 | 3-5PM SATURDAYS**

**\$90 FOR 1 PARENT AND 1 CHILD  
\$25 PER ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANT**

## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM 8-12 YRS OLD:**

- LEARN WHAT ANGER IS
- WHAT YOUR THEIR TRIGGERS ARE
- LEARN TOOLS FOR CONTROLLING ANGER

## **PARENT'S PROGRAM:**

- ANGER CYCLES
- GOALS OF BEHAVIOUR
- HOW TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S EFFORT TO TAME THEIR ANGER MONSTER
- CALM NIG TECHNIQUES

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
THE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT  
CENTRE**

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## SPRING CAMP

**MARCH 16 TO 19  
FOR 6-8YRS**

**MARCH 23 TO 26  
FOR 9-12YRS**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY  
8AM-12PM**

**PRICE: \$86**

Designed to help young individuals  
with communication styles,  
triggers, looking at their special  
inner qualities, how to deal with  
stress and how to be a friend!

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