



# ECOLE GOLDEN EARS ELEMENTARY

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues., Feb 4 . . . . . **Grade 7 Students to Register for Grade 8**  
Wed., Feb 5 . . . . . **Kindergarten Registration – General**  
Online only – opens at 12:00 noon  
**Hot Lunch – Subway**  
Thurs., Feb 6 . . . . . **Late French Immersion Registration**  
Online only opens at 12:00 (noon)  
Wed., Feb 12 . . . . . **Assembly @8:40 am**  
Love Your Library Day/International Book  
Giving Day  
Theme Day – “Super Hero”  
Thurs., Feb 13 . . . . . **Non-Instructional Day – No School**  
Fri., Feb 14 . . . . . **School not in Session**  
Mon., Feb 17 . . . . . **Family Day – No School**  
Wed., Feb. 19 . . . . . **Hot Lunch Day**  
“I Read Canadian Day” (see attached)  
Mon., Feb. 24 . . . . . **PAC Meeting @6:30 pm**  
Wed., Feb 26 . . . . . **Anti-Bullying Day / Kindness Counts**  
Thurs., Mar 5 . . . . . **Student Inclusive Conference**  
**Dismissal at 11:30 am**  
Book Fair – 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm  
Fri., Mar 6 . . . . . **Student Inclusive Conferences**  
**Classes not in session**  
Book Fair – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Tues., Mar 10 . . . . . **Reading Link Challenge @1:00 pm (School)**  
Wed., Mar 11 . . . . . **Hot Lunch**  
Assembly @8:40 am  
Thurs., Mar 12 . . . . . **Whistler Ski Trip – Intermediate Students**  
**Mar 16 – 27 . . . . . Spring Break – School Not in Session**  
Mon., Mar. 30. . . . . Re-opens after Spring Break

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

For the month of February, we have a number of activities and special events occurring, including Family Day, School-based Non-instructional Day, Grade 8 Registration, General Kindergarten Registration, Late French Immersion Registration, Super Hero Day, and Pink Shirt day.

We are already looking ahead to 2020/21. Registration has begun for Kindergarten. Gr 8 registration begins at noon on February 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are looking to transfer to another school, the first transfer phase is between Feb 12 to April 4<sup>th</sup>. You may also want to check the district's website for additional information regarding acceptance criteria and notification decisions.

Secondly, our **Student Inclusive Conferences** for second term reporting on **March 5th and 6th** are fast approaching. Please look for conference schedule information that will be sent home by Feb 10<sup>th</sup> by your child(ren)'s teacher. Most of the teachers will use the Conference Scheduler on the Portal.

Thank-you for helping to make Golden Ears the best school around!

Mrs. Scoular

## LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

**\*For Students Entering Grade 6 in Sept 2020**



### Registration Information

Are you in grade 5 and looking to learn another language? Are you looking for another challenge? French Immersion might be for you.

**REGISTRATION for Late French Immersion opens online at noon, February 6, 2020. Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2QTmAuB>**

## GRADE 8 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Registration for grade 8 for the 2020/2021 school year opens at 12 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 the School District website at <https://www.sd42.ca>

## THEME DAY!



Celebrate ***Super Hero Day on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.***

Please encourage your child (ren) to dress up as their favorite superhero or create their own.

## STUDENT CONFERENCES

**Thursday, March 5th - Dismissal at 11:30 am**  
**Friday, March 6th - Conferences all day**  
**(Students only attend for their conference)**

On **Thursday, March 5th** 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



**The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school again!**

Ecole Golden Ears Book Fair will be held on **Thursday, March 5th from 12:30 - 3 pm & Friday, March 6th from 9 am - 3 pm** 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 books for summer reading while helping earn materials for the school library.

## LOVE YOUR LIBRARY DAY

### INTERNATIONAL BOOK GIVING DAY

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

Students may start bringing in gently used books to donate or exchange for different books on International Book Giving Day. Students that would like to participate, are encouraged to ask their parents and bring in any books they would like to donate/exchange to Ms. Chudy in the library. On **Wednesday, February 12, 2020**, Golden Ears Elementary Library will be open after the lunch bell, from **11:50 am to 12:10 pm**, for the book exchange! Any books left over will be available after school in the library to all students.

Celebrate your love of books and reading by entering Ms. Chudy's poster contest. Draw, colour, or paint. Let your creativity go wild. Make a poster about your favourite book, series or why you love reading. Ms. Chudy will display all the posters in the library as she receives them. Three winners will be chosen from primary and three winners from intermediate grades for a special library prize. Posters must be handed in to Ms. Chudy in the library. Deadline is **Monday, February 10, 2020**. Winners will be announced on **Wednesday, February 12, 2020**. **Remember to put your first and last name, as well as your division on the front of your poster.**

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Anti-Bullying Day,  
Wednesday, February 26,  
2020

Check out the Ministry of Education website:  
<http://www.erasebullying.ca/>

**KINDNESS COUNTS**

**A few resources:**

<https://www.preynet.ca/bullying/parents/how-to-encourage-empathy>

<https://heartmindonline.org/resources/parent-led-kindness-fortune-event>

One of the goals of the public awareness campaign is to highlight the updated website [erase.gov.bc.ca](http://erase.gov.bc.ca), which includes valuable information and resources for students, parents and educators on topics such as online safety, mental health and well-being, bullying and violence, substance use, and sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI).



**READING LINK**  
**CHALLENGE**

Reading Link Challenge is an extracurricular program that promotes the "sport of reading" for **students in grades 4 and 5**. The program is run as a series of quiz/trivia challenges with questions based on six books. Students are expected to participate in Wednesday Lunch Reading Link Challenge meetings. All teams participate in one or more levels of challenge, with the winning teams advancing to higher levels of competition within the community

**Reading Link Challenge Dates:**

- In School Challenge in GEE Library -  
Friday, March 10, 2020 @1:00 pm
- Library Challenge at the Maple Ridge  
FVRL -Wednesday, April 8, 2020 @10:00 am



**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 principal takes the transfer forms to the elementary principals' meeting to see if there is room for your child's transfer. Info is on the school district website under the Parent Tab.

**Phase One: February 11<sup>th</sup> - April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Phase Two: April 20<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Phase Three: June 15<sup>th</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

# The Redesigned Curriculum at *Golden Ears Elementary*

## What is the importance of Personal Awareness and Responsibility to the development of healthy, resilient children and youth?

Students who develop personal awareness and responsibility make healthy connections between individual and social behaviour. Within our new curriculum, students are taught how to self-advocate so that they can express what supports they need to be successful in school. The ability to self-advocate develops confidence and self-worth so that children and youth have the courage to convey how they feel in constructive ways, ask questions, admit mistakes and commit to learning in all facets of life. An essential First Peoples' Principle of Learning states that learning takes patience and time. Helping students understand this principle leads to perseverance in challenging times and encourages resiliency. Teaching our students to be personally aware and responsible leads to the development of healthy, whole children and youth.

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

**Coming in March: Creative 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.



# STUDENT TRANSFER GUIDELINES: ELEMENTARY 2020/21

## TRANSFER PHASE 1

Transfer Phase 1 takes place between **February 11, 2020** and **April 14, 2020**.

To participate in Transfer Phase 1 for your current kindergarten to Grade 6 child for September 2020, obtain a **Student Transfer Request Form** from your child's current SD42 school and submit the completed and signed form to your child's current principal. If your child is new to the school district, use the school locator to find your child's catchment school (<http://www.sd42.ca/school-locator/>), then complete a registration form at that school.

Parents of students who reside out of district should contact the district office at 604.463.4200 for assistance.

*The best chance to transfer schools is during Transfer Phase 1.*

### ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR PLACEMENT:

1. In-catchment with siblings already attending catchment school (proof of residence required) or displaced catchment siblings on district list;
2. In-catchment (proof of residence required);
3. Out-of-catchment with siblings;
4. In-catchment daycare;
5. Out-of-catchment without siblings;
6. Out-of-district with siblings (register at the District Education Office);
7. Out-of-district without siblings.



Successful transfer Phase 1 applicants will be contacted by **April 22, 2020**

## TRANSFER PHASE 2

Transfer Phase 2 takes place between **April 20, 2020** and **June 9, 2020**. The process for Transfer Phase 2 is the same as for Transfer Phase 1 (see Transfer Phase 1). *The chance of a successful transfer in Transfer Phase 2 is less likely than in Transfer Phase 1.*



Successful transfer Phase 2 applicants will be contacted by **June 17, 2020**

## TRANSFER PHASE 3

Transfer Phase 3 takes place between **June 15, 2020** and **August 22, 2020**. The process for Transfer Phase 3 is the same as for Transfer Phase 1 (see Transfer Phase 1). *The chance of a successful transfer in Transfer Phase 3 is less likely than in phases 1 and 2.*



Successful transfer Phase 3 applicants will be contacted by **August 28, 2020**

FEB 11 - APR 14

APR 20 - JUNE 9

JUNE 15 - AUG 22





# I Read Canadian Day: February 19, 2020

A new nationwide initiative that celebrates the richness, diversity, and breadth of Canadian literature is here.

The **I Read Canadian Day**, which will happen for the first time ever on February 19, 2020, will empower families, schools, libraries, bookstores, and organizations to host activities and events by reading Canadian books for just fifteen minutes.

**TIMELINE:** Key activities will take place February 14 to February 21 with February 19 as the official I Read Canadian Day.

**GOAL:** The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of Canadian books and celebrate the richness, diversity and breadth of Canadian literature.

**ACTION:** Let's get the nation excited about reading Canadian books!

**SIGN UP READERS FOR FREE:** [ireadcanadian.com/day](http://ireadcanadian.com/day)



I Read Canadian Day is Supported by:



The Canadian  
Children's  
Book Centre



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:: ontario library association



# READY, SET, LEARN

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR FAMILIES  
WITH **CHILDREN AGES 3 OR 4**

**READY, SET, LEARN (RSL)** is a FREE early learning program that welcomes children ages 3 and 4 to the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District and helps them get ready for success in school. The program offers play activities, story-time and crafts. Families also receive a package that includes a children's book and parent tips for supporting a child's learning and development.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENTS 2020

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL RSL EVENTS AND OCCURS ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. REGISTER AT <http://www.sd42.ca/rsl-registration>

DAVIE JONES  
EDITH MCDERMOTT  
HIGHLAND PARK  
PITT MEADOWS ELEM.

ALOUETTE  
ERIC LANGTON  
GOLDEN EARS  
HARRY HOOGE  
KANAKA CREEK  
YENNADON

OPEN TO CHILDREN  
AGES 3 AND 4 IN  
ALL MAPLE RIDGE  
AND PITT MEADOWS  
NEIGHBOURHOODS

FAIRVIEW  
GLENWOOD  
HAMMOND  
LAITY VIEW  
MAPLE RIDGE ELEM.

ALBION  
ALEXANDER ROBINSON  
BLUE MOUNTAIN  
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WEBSTER'S CORNERS  
WHONNOCK

PITT MEADOWS

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**FEB 26, 2020**

HIGHLAND PARK  
ELEMENTARY

MAPLE RIDGE CENTRAL

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**APR 15, 2020**

HARRY HOOGE  
ELEMENTARY

READY SET LEARN  
PARTNERSHIP EVENT

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

**MAR 10, 2020**

THE ACT  
THEATRE

MAPLE RIDGE WEST

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**APR 17, 2020**

HAMMOND  
ELEMENTARY

MAPLE RIDGE EAST

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**APR 28, 2020**

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The following schools offer additional RSL events, called PALS. Please call the school to register:

**ALOUETTE** 604.463.8730: Dec 4, Jan 23, Feb 26 (3:00 - 4:00 pm)

**DAVIE JONES** 604.465.9908: Nov 14 (3:00 - 4:15 pm), Jan 23 (3:00 - 4:15 pm)

**KANAKA CREEK** 604.467.9050: Jan 31, Mar 6, May 22 (3:00 - 4:15 pm)

**PITT MEADOWS ELEMENTARY** 604.465.5828: Nov 5, Feb 4, Apr 7 (2:40 - 3:45 pm)

**KATZIE EARLY YEARS CENTRE - APALS** Torrie@katzie.ca: Jan 28, Mar 3, May 12 (5:00 - 6:30 pm)





## LUNCH HOUR SUPERVISORS

### (Casual-On-Call)

The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District (SD42) is looking for qualified candidates interested in working as a Casual Lunch Hour Supervisor in our District. Lunch hour supervisors patrol school grounds and supervise students over the lunch hour ensuring a safe environment.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Successful completion of Grade 10
- Previous working experience with and enjoyment of students of all ages and be able to monitor them in a respectful manner
- Ability to communicate effectively with staff, students, parents and visitors and to function harmoniously in a school environment
- Consistent availability for work five days per week (Monday to Friday) combined with the ability to travel to any school within the District (from Pitt Meadows to Whonnock)

**Rate of pay: \$18.84** per hour plus 12% in lieu of benefits

Interested applicants may apply by email to [applicants@sd42.ca](mailto:applicants@sd42.ca) or submit their package in person to the District Education office noted below.

Complete Packages should include:

\*Resume

\*District Application form [click here](#)

