



ECOLE GOLDEN EARS ELEMENTARY

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VICE PRINCIPAL: Mrs. R. Wurster

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri., Sept 25 Terry Fox Run
Mon., Sept 28. . Non-Instructional Day – No School
Wed., Sept 30. . . Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters
Wed., Oct 7 PHOTO DAY!
Mon., Oct 12 . . . Thanksgiving Day – No School

School Calendar and Bell Schedule

8:25 am Students line up at door
8:30-10:05 am Classes in session
10:05-10:20 am . . . RECESS GROUP A
10:20-10:35 am . . . RECESS GROUP B
10:30-11:50 am . . . Classes in session
11:50-1:10 pm . . . LUNCH
11:50-12:30 PM . . GROUP B PLAY / EAT AT 12:30
12:15 -12:30 pm . .GROUP A EATS/ PLAY AT 12:30-1:10
12:30-2:20 pm . . . Classes in session
2:20 pm Dismissal

New Staff. . .

A special welcome to our new and returning staff members:

- **Mr. Keats** will be teaching a grade 3/4 class.
- **Ms. Neufeld** will be teaching a grade 1 class.
- **Mrs. Calderwood** will be teaching a grade 4/5 class.
- **Ms. Tuplin** will be teaching a grade 6/7 class.
- **Mr. Stanbury** will be teaching in support.
- **Mrs. Harris** will be teaching in support.
- **Ms. Thomas** will be our new library/drama prep teacher.
- **Ms. Meinerz** will be returning as the job share partner for Mrs. Cacchioni on Fridays and job sharing in the K/1 class on Tuesdays.

Message from the Principal

Welcome to Golden Ears Elementary for another school year! It is great to have our staff and students back in the building. We are all continuing to learn how to live in this COVID-Pandemic time. Thank you for your support.

While we are pleased to have welcomed back to school the majority of students enrolled to attend Golden Ears, we are mindful that a few of our students have not yet returned to daily in-class instruction due to personal student and/or family circumstances. I want to thank parents who have taken the time to discuss their individual circumstances with me and Mrs. Wurster as we work to ensure educational programming for all our students. Families whose child(ren) have not yet returned to in-class instruction will receive a separate notice through the parent portal in the coming days to outline education program provisions. If you would like to discuss personal circumstances relating to educational programming needs for your child(ren), please contact me at renee_scoular@sd42.ca or 604 463 9513.

Please check your child's health daily by reviewing the daily health check that has been sent out previously. The health and safety protocols can be accessed through this link: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Training-Checklist-for-Elementary-Students.pdf>

If there is anything I can do to support you, or your child, to be more successful this school year please give me a call. Thank-you for helping to make Golden Ears the best school around!!!!

Mrs. R. Scoular

SCHOOL NOTICES AND NEWSLETTERS

As continue to become more eco-friendly, we will continue to no longer send home a paper copy of our school newsletter. All newsletters, calendars & notices will be sent home using the Parent Portal. We will also post the entire newsletter on our school website <http://schools.sd42.ca/ge/>. Thank you.

PARENT PORTAL REMINDER

DON'T MISS OUT on another announcement, event, newsletter or field trip! These forms/announcements are only communicated from the school through the **Parent Portal**.

Recently the District sent out the following consent forms on the Parent Portal to be approved by parents online. Please approve these items if you have not already done so.

- Information Technology & Communication Systems - Appropriate Use Policy
- Outside Media
- Personal Information Consent
- Emergency Release
- Student Use of Google Drive Services
- Microsoft Office 365 Services
- Walking Field Trip

Student Planners and Supplies

School supply lists are available on the school website: <http://schools.sd42.ca/ge/>. Student Planners are mandatory for grades 2 to 7 and are available at a cost of **\$7.00 each**. In order to receive the planner as soon as possible please send this money with your child to be given to his/her new classroom teacher. **Cheques should be made payable to Golden Ears Elementary.**

Medical Alert Forms

If your child has a medical condition that could require immediate action, intervention or medication at school, we require that you complete a Medical Alert form (available at the office) ASAP.

Fruit & Veggie Program Information

Each year, students at Golden Ears, get the opportunity to participate in the province's Fruit & Veggie Program. About every two weeks we get a delivery of some type of fruit, vegetable, and/or milk for the children to eat and to help them learn about healthy eating. **If you do not want your child to participate in this free program please ensure your child and their classroom teacher are aware of this.**

Students Away/Late: Again this year we are phoning home to confirm any unexplained absences. We would very much appreciate if parents could email ge_reception@sd42.ca to let us know if your child is going to be absent or late. This is a big help in cutting down the number of phone calls we need to make each morning.

If you are unable to email, please call (604) 463-9513.

TERRY FOX RUN

On **Friday, September 25th** we will have our Terry Fox run to honour the 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon on Hope. Individual classrooms will run around the field at assigned times. Please support the Terry Fox Foundation on our official Golden Ears fundraising website: <http://www.terryfox.ca/GoldenEarsElementary>



INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PHOTOS

Photo Expressions will be taking the individual student photos on **Wednesday, October 7th** (class photos will be done in the spring). Two photos will be taken including a full length pose. Please remember to dress your children appropriately, including their feet! Proofs of these photos should arrive home a couple of weeks later for you to select/order a portrait package. NOTE: RETAKE DAY is not scheduled yet.

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS

Student Information Verification Sheets have been sent home this week. **Please read these over carefully, sign them and return them to the school.** It is ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE we have all information filled out and returned to your child's teacher ASAP. We must have these forms on file in the office in the case of an emergency. Please make sure all emergency contacts are individuals who would be readily available, if needed. Also, please remember to provide email addresses, cell phone numbers and work numbers. Ensure your child's health care number is on the form. If any of the information on the family information forms changes throughout the year, please remember to contact the office! It is essential we have accurate contact information on file at all times. Thanks!!

Cutlery

We ask that students bring a spoon or fork in their lunch bag. We will not be providing plastic spoons or forks from the office. REASONS: one time use of plastic cutlery is not environmentally friendly. Thank you for your assistance.

We continue to be a pack-it-in-pack-it-out school with snacks and lunches.

REMINDERS.....

When Biking to School...

If your child rides their bike to school, please tell them to use the bike rack in the inner courtyard. We also ask the students to walk their bikes on school grounds and bring your lock safety.

Scooters/Rollerblades, etc.

School property is a *feet only* zone. Please walk onto the school grounds carrying your scooters, roller blades, skateboards, etc. to prevent accidents from happening.



Outside Classroom Doors

Students, please remember to use your outside classroom doors to enter and exit the school and **not** the front door. For those classrooms without an outside door, you may enter the courtyard door after the bell or go to the office. Reminder that parents/guardians/daycare providers cannot enter the school without an appointment and daily health check.

Cell Phone Use

Please help us preserve the positive learning environment of the classroom. To reduce distractions and disruptions in the classroom from cell phones students are asked to leave all electronic devices in their backpacks during the school day. Emergency calls for your child during the day can be directed through the office and we can send a runner.

Inclement Weather

Please remember to send a change of clothes with your child to keep in the classroom, if your child tends to get wet and dirty when our rainy weather begins. This would save some phone calls home!



Hospital Homebound Support

Do you have a son or daughter who is ill or injured and unable to attend school?

School District No. 42 provides support to students who are unable to attend school for medical reasons. The Hospital Homebound teacher works with elementary and secondary students who have not been allocated support teacher time through a special needs designation. Students may be absent due to a non-contagious illness or they may be recovering from surgery or an injury. Instruction is provided in Ridge-Meadows Hospital or in the student's home.

How does Hospital Homebound support work?

The Hospital Homebound teacher provides direct instruction and support to students, with the goal of helping them return to class with as little interruption to their education as possible. The teacher also helps students maintain connections with the people and programs at their school. While receiving Hospital Homebound support, students continue to be registered at their school and in their classes. Students work on the core academic subjects. They often use the same materials and complete many of the same assignments as their classmates, although some adaptations may be necessary depending on the child's illness. Students typically receive two to three hours of support each week.

When can a student be referred?

Homebound students qualify for support if they are absent from school for 10 consecutive school days. Students who are hospitalized can be referred upon admittance to Ridge-Meadows Hospital.

How do I refer my son or daughter?

Contact your child's teacher, counsellor, or administrator. He/she will complete the Learning Services referral form. A physician's authorization form is also required (available at the school). For more information contact Marc Beaudet, the Hospital Homebound Teacher, at 467-1101, or by email at mbeaudet@sd42.ca.



THRIVE EMPOWERMENT SOLUTIONS

Fall 2019 Programs for Girls Aged 6 - 12



Sole Girls Fall 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!

9 weeks
Ages 8 - 12



Wednesdays, September 25 - November 20
Alouette Elementary School

Afternoons
3:30 - 5:15 pm

Evenings
6:15 - 8:00 pm



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!

5 weeks
Ages 6-8



Tuesdays, October 15 - November 20
Golden Ears Winter Club (beside Planet Ice)
Afternoons, 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Golden Ears Park Charity Hike for



Youth Wellness

Come and join us for a fun hike/walk to Viewpoint Beach in Golden Ears via the East Canyon Trail! The best part - it's by donation with all funds given to our Youth Wellness Centre! We'll enjoy the natural scenery along the way, and will spend 1+ hours at the beach enjoying games, activities and a scavenger hunt!

Pro-D Day - Monday, Sept 23rd 10 am - 1 pm

Ages 8 - 13

COME JOIN OUR TRIBE!
REGISTER AT:

www.thrivesolutions.org/programs
604.477.7780



FOLLOW US AT:



@thrivemapleridge



LUNCH HOUR SUPERVISOR

(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: \$20.00 per hour plus 12% in lieu of benefits

Interested applicants may apply by email to 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](#)*

