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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE - PITT MEADOWS)

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November 1, 2021

Dear families,

As the days become cooler and shorter, we move into November with excitement for the month ahead. Please read the information included in this newsletter with care as there are many upcoming events including Remembrance Day, a district non-instructional day, preparation for Term 1 conferences, our Young Entrepreneur Show and PAC fundraisers.

A reminder to please review and complete the consent forms on the Parent Portal. These forms include the Emergency Release and Walking Field trip Permission in addition to others. As you review these consents, please ensure you have reviewed and completed the "Personal Information-Elementary." Primary classes are working on our upcoming musical in which a digital recording will be shared with parents and we need to know which students have permission to have their images shared in this format.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Laura Brandon

Lost and Found

Our "Lost and Found" will continue to be rolled out in front of the school at the main doors for the upcoming week. Please come have a look and see if you recognize any of your child's items. A reminder to please put your child's name on their clothing so they are easily identified and returned.

Westcoast Recess:

A reminder that we practice Westcoast Recess. Please ensure your child is prepared to be outside for rainy days.

Mark your Calendars

November 1: School-wide PJ/Comfy Clothes Day & Primary Flashlight Reading
November 2: Fruit and Veggie Day (apples)
November 8: PAC Meeting (Zoom)
November 8: Student-led Conferences Dates available to book via Parent Portal
November 10: School Remembrance Day Assembly (virtual)
November 11: Remembrance Day (no school)
November 12: Non-Instructional Day (no school)
November 19: Neufeld Orders Due (PAC Fundraiser)
November 23: Fruit and Veggie Day (pears)
November 25: Young Entrepreneur Show
November 29-December 2: Scholastic Book Fair
November 29: Neufeld Orders pick up (PAC Fundraiser)
December 2: Early Dismissal for Conferences at 11:30
December 3: Student Led Conferences (all day)

COVID-19 Reminders

Thank you for your support in helping keep our school healthy. A reminder that a Daily Health Check needs to be completed every day, **before** your child comes to school. Please use this link to assist with completing Daily Health Checks:

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s4>

The Young Entrepreneur Show is Back!!!!

After a years' hiatus the Young Entrepreneur Show is returning to Golden Ears Elementary. Division 1 has been hard at work putting together an amazing show which is sure to dazzle the staff and students of Golden Ears Elementary. The students have created business plans to be viewed and products that they will be selling at the show. The prices for items range from \$1.00-\$5.50. Each was hand made with care and attention to detail. The date of the show is Thursday November 25th from 9:00AM-3:00PM. Each class will have a chance to come down to check out and purchase any items that interest them. Thanks a lot for your support!

Term 1 Reporting

December 2nd is an early dismissal at 11:30 for conferences and on December 3rd conferences are scheduled all day so there is no in-school instruction for students.

Please look on the Parent Portal, beginning November 8th to book your conference times.

Our Term 1 reporting process will be done virtually again. The conference will continue with the participation of the teacher, the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the student. However, this conference will occur over **Zoom or MS Teams** and will be a bit shorter than usual (10 – 15 minutes instead of the usual 20 – 30 minutes). **Please ensure you have a device at home with the Zoom or Teams app installed for the conference.**

Students will still create a portfolio of work and self-assess on the core competencies. This portfolio of work will allow students and teachers to complete a draft reporting document before the conference.

This draft document and the student's portfolio will be sent home. The decrease in length of the conference is due to the fact that parents and students will be expected to review the portfolio and reporting document before the conference. Then, at the conference, parents can ask any questions they have and collaboratively create learning goals for the student for Term 2. Once completed, teachers will print the reporting document, ensure that there are signatures on it by teachers, students, and the principal, and send it home. There will be no need for a parent signature on the reporting document this term. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 604-463-9513.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be held on Monday November 8 at 7pm on Zoom.

Check out our new Instagram page for Golden Ears Parents @ParentsofGoldenEarsElementary.

The PAC is fundraising for new playground equipment. See below for a few of our upcoming/ongoing fundraisers:

- **Haney Return it Depot:** Return your empties in clear plastic bags, with the school's telephone number on it. No sorting required! Keep all your empties over the holidays as the PAC will be hosting a bottle drive in January, more details to come!
- **Neufeld Farms:** Get ready early for the holidays. Order deadline November 19; Order Pick up November 29 @ 4:30pm (parking lot by portables)
- **Purdy's Chocolates:** Makes a great Xmas present. Order deadline November 30; Order Pick up December 15 (front of school)

Are you interested in welcoming an International Student into your home and sharing the experience of being part of a Canadian family?

We are always looking for great host families!

MAPLE RIDGE PITT MEADOWS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

www.inted.sd42.ca @intedsd42 www.facebook.com/IntEd.SD42

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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<https://inted.sd42.ca/homestay>

YES! to new adventure

SD 42 Waste Collection Program

I want to provide you with an update about some important changes occurring with our waste-diversion effort.

We are pleased to announce that Green For Life Environmental Inc. (GFL) has been awarded our waste services contract and will join us as we work to reduce the amount of waste we send to the landfill. With the new contract, there is also an opportunity to provide parents and students with better communication about what is accepted in the School District 42 waste streams, in hopes that parents can help pack snacks and lunches for their children in reusable containers or packaging that is recyclable.

Our classes have reviewed several resources with students, such as a program brochure and posters, to help students make the right decision when handling their waste. Here are the resources, for your information.

Brochure: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Waste-Collection-Program-Brochure.pdf>

Posters: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Waste-Collection-Program-Posters.pdf>

Ensuring that our school district produces less waste is a simple way to help reduce our environmental footprint. We are excited about these changes and hope you will join us in working toward meeting the school district goal of an 85% clean diversion rate.

Get on Board – Kids 12 and Under Ride Free

Starting Wednesday, September 1, children 12 and under are able to ride TransLink services free of charge as part of a new provincial program. The program will make transit more affordable for families and help to encourage children to become lifelong transit riders.

Here's what you need to know about children 12 and under riding our different services:

Riding the bus

Children 12 and under will be able to ride buses free of charge without requiring a transit pass, identification or an accompanying fare paying customer.

Riding SkyTrain, SeaBus, and West Coast Express

Children 12 and under will be able to ride on SkyTrain, SeaBus, and West Coast Express free of charge only if accompanied by a fare paying customer. A fare paying customer can accompany up to a maximum of four children through the fare gates. Children 12 and under will continue to be able to access the gated system by themselves with the purchase of a fare to tap through fare gates.

Riding HandyDART

Children 12 and under who are registered HandyDART customers or children who are accompanying a registered HandyDART customer will be able to travel for free on HandyDART without requiring a fare product or identification.

While travel for children 12 and under will be free, parents and guardians are responsible for educating and making decisions about the safety and care of their children whenever travelling on transit. This includes when children are travelling unaccompanied where permitted and determining if their children can or should take transit independently.

Please visit translink.ca/kidsridefree for more information about the program. For resources and youth travel initiatives, please visit the [TravelSmart page](#) under the "TravelSmart for Schools" section.