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

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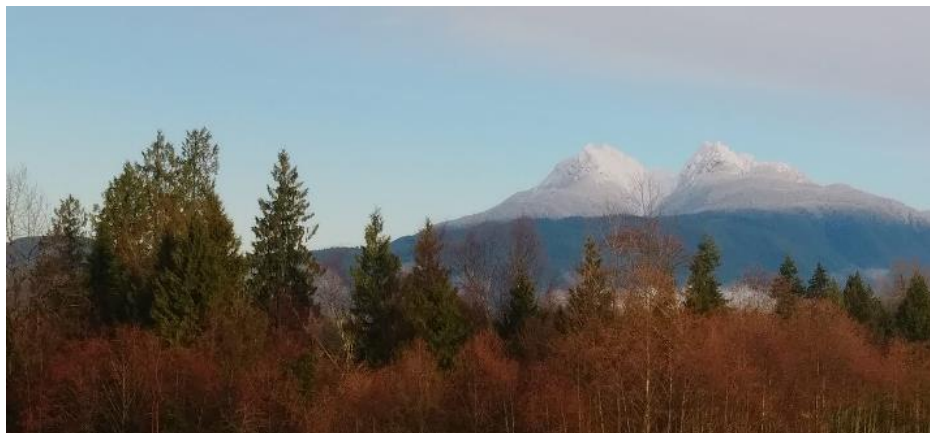


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April 3, 2022

Dear Families:

Welcome to longer days and a bit more sunshine! We have many exciting activities coming up this month including Social Emotional Learning workshops with the Family Education Center, our Jump Rope for Heart kickoff and our first PAC “hot lunch” of the year. During the month of April, we are also welcoming an Indigenous art installation to our school. The Salish Weave art collection was gifted to School District 42 by [Salish Weave](#) to support local artists who create contemporary art in the traditional Salish art form, and actively promote awareness of Salish culture and art through education. The pieces are on display in our main foyer, and we will be using the Salish Weave to explore the power of art and story within the First Peoples Principles of Learning.

During April, we also turn our attention to planning for next year so please read below for information on transfer deadlines and keep an eye out for future information on our Ready, Set, Kindergarten event for next year’s kindergarteners. Staff are also reviewing our process for purchasing school supplies for next year. Please watch for upcoming communications and opportunities for feedback. As always, we want to make sure we are using the most cost and time efficient options for parents while ensuring your child and their teacher have the supplies they need for learning.

Take care,

Laura Brandon
Principal/Directrice
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Mark your Calendars

Apr. 5 Fruit and Veggie Day
Apr. 11 PAC Meeting (7:00)
Apr. 15 Good Friday Stat
Apr. 18 Easter Monday
Apr. 20 Jump Rope for Heart Kick off
Apr. 29 Subway Hot Lunch
May 11 Non-Instructional Day (district-based)
May 23 Victoria Day Stat

Transfer requests for 2022-2023 School Year:

If you are seeking to transfer to another school for the 2022-2023 school year, please review the “Student Transfer Guidelines: Elementary 2022/23” document by following the link provided. Please take note of the deadlines for each phase. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the school office. <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Elementary-Transfer-Guidelines-2022-23.pdf> Requests for transfers opened on March 7, 2022.

PAC News

Our next PAC meeting will be in-person on April 11 at 7:00. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. COVID-19 guidelines and procedures will be followed. Please ensure you have completed a COVID-19 “health check” before attending.

We are also planning to have our first “hot lunch” of the year on April 29 and a Treat Day on May 13th (in accordance with COVID guidelines). Please be sure to create a MunchaLunch account for ordering purposes.

Thank you to those that ordered chocolates through the Purdy’s fundraiser. If chocolate isn’t your thing, a reminder that our Global Coffee fundraiser is now taking orders. Have a look at your coffee options at <https://globalcoffeefundraising.ca/goldenears/product/black-velvet/> Closing date for orders is April 25 with delivery on May 3 or you can choose to have your order delivered to you directly.

MunchaLunch Online Ordering System for School Lunches

The MunchaLunch program is an online ordering system for school lunches and fundraising events, developed by [MunchaLunch](#).

Setting up an account with MunchaLunch is completely optional and requires the parent to enter information into their system including details such as food allergies, child’s full name, parent’s email address, and credit card information, if this form of payment is chosen.


For further information about MunchaLunch’s privacy policy, [click here](#). Please note the School District makes no representation as to how this program is managed, administered or secured. In order to link students to their correct grade/division and to send out reminder emails to parents, a member of your PAC will be given access by MunchaLunch to oversee and manage linking students to their correct grade/division, enter supplier names, enter food/fundraising items and enter menus. In order to complete this task, PAC will only have access to parent email addresses and student names. For further questions or concerns on how your information is being collected, used, and/or disclosed please contact privacy@sd42.ca.

COVID: Updated Guidelines

On March 11, the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) were updated and are now in effect. The full guide is available on our School District website, but I wish to highlight a few of the key changes:

- **Masks:** The decision to wear a mask or face covering will be a personal choice for staff, students and visitors. A person's choice is to be supported and respected. A reminder that anyone who has travelled internationally over the break, must wear a well-constructed and well-fitting mask when in public spaces (including schools), both indoors and outdoors, for 14 days following entry into Canada.
- **Visitor Access/Community Use:** Schools can return to routine sign in/out practices and do not need to keep a list of dates, names, and contact information of visitors for communicable disease prevention purposes. All visitors need to enter the building by the main entrance so we can greet you, sign you in and give you a "Visitor" identification tag.
- **Pick up and Drop off:** We will be continuing with the same pick up and drop off routine where students are greeted by staff at their exterior classroom door or the same pre-arranged location at an exterior door.
- **Rapid Tests:** If you have not yet picked up your child's rapid tests, they are still available at the school office.
- **Daily Health Check:** Please continue to complete the daily health check with your child before they come to school.

Community Programs:



EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS, WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

A Conversation for Families About Digital Wellbeing and Mental Health

As parents, we struggle with balancing our children's time spent in the digital world and what we consider the real world. It's not easy to know how much time on technology is too much and how to set boundaries that don't create conflict. Join us for a conversation with a digital wellbeing expert to learn some practical solutions to our everyday concerns and challenges around our kids' use of screens and their mental health.


Come together with other families for a facilitated discussion by Parent Peer Support Workers.


Dates (BC Time):
April 4, 2022 at 6:30pm
April 12, 2022 at 5:00pm
April 20, 2022 at 12:00pm
April 26, 2022 at 6:30pm
April 28, 2022 at 5:00pm


Cost: Free of Charge

Registration Required: www.familysmart.ca/events

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