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

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May 3, 2022

Dear Families:

We are well into the third term and things are picking up speed as we head towards June. Please have a careful read of this newsletter as there is information that pertains to next year including class placements, transfers, and school supplies. We also have many activities and year-end events being planned to include Jump Rope for Heart, our intermediate musical “Jukebox Time Machine,” Track and Field, Ready, Set Kindergarten and saying good-bye to our Grade 7’s. Be sure to keep an eye out for more information on these events either through the Parent Portal or from your child’s classroom teacher.

Take care,

Laura Brandon
Principal/Directrice
École Golden Ears Elementary

Mark your Calendars

May 3 Class Photo Day

May 3 Fruit and Veggie Day

May 9 Intermediate Cross Country @ Alouette Lake

May 10 GEE Track Meet (rescheduled from May 5)

May 11 NID

May 13 Jump Rope for Heart Event Day

May 13 PAC Treat Day

May 16 Gr. 6 & 7 Round 2 Immunizations

May 17 Fruit and Veggie Day

May 17 Primary Cross-Country Race

May 17 PAC meeting 7:00 by Zoom

May 23 Victoria Day

May 27 Primary Poetry Recital

May 27 Ready, Set, Kindergarten

May 31 Art Starts Performance

Transfer requests for 2022-2023 School Year:

If you are seeking to transfer your child 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>

Class Placements for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Soon we will begin to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care, and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: **social emotional skills and relationships**, as well as **learning styles, strengths and needs**. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, you may submit input to the principal in writing by **May 27, 2022**, at laura_brandon@sd42.ca ***Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.***

PAC News

Our next PAC meeting will be on **May 17 at 7:00 via Zoom** at the following link: <https://sd42.zoom.us/j/61884750620?pwd=U2ZTZWhaVkEzbCtzWEh2bTBsQ1pFdz09> All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Keep an eye out for announcements on upcoming treat and hot lunch opportunities for the following dates:

- May 25 Hot Lunch (Pizza)
- June 10 Krispy Kreme fundraiser
- June 20 Frozen Yogurt

A reminder that all treat and hot lunch orders organized by the PAC use MunchaLunch online ordering system and close 10 days before the treat/lunch day.

Visitor Access

A reminder that all visitors/volunteers need to enter the building by the main entrance so we can greet you, sign you in and give you a "Visitor" identification tag. Visitors will only have access to areas of the school needed for the purpose of their visit.

Grade 7 Leaving

We are excited to be planning a leaving ceremony and celebration for our Grade 7 students.

We are collecting donations to create a gift bag for each child. We are hoping to have a mix of gift cards and token items to put in each bag. There are 95 students so ideally there is enough of each item (or similar item) for every student.

While we will be approaching local businesses with this request, we are hoping parents can help with any connections they have. If you can contribute, please email Grade7GiftBags@gmail.com by May 20th.

Thank you,
The Grade 7 Leaving Committee

School Supplies for 2022-2023

In preparation for next year, we are reviewing our process for purchasing school supplies. Our goal is to keep the cost and time dedicated to school supplies at a minimum for parents while ensuring teachers and students have the needed supplies for the year. School supplies will be purchased as follows:

- **Incoming kindergarten:** will continue with past practice of paying a fee for school supplies and the school purchasing the supplies.
- **Grades 1-3:** will be piloting a new process where the school will bulk-order school supplies and parents will be asked to pay a school supply fee.
- **Grades 4-7:** will continue with past practice of either purchasing their own supplies from a provided list or ordering supplies through Creative Packs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at (604) 463-9513.

Furry Friends on School Property

We enjoy having furry friends walking to school to come pick up/drop off their human family members. A reminder that all dogs must be:

- on a leash
- directly supervised and
- under the control of their adult handler *at all times*

If your dog is not able to tolerate crowds, children and/or unpredictable changes to their environment, please leave them at home.

Jump Rope for Heart

A reminder that we are continuing to collect donations in advance of our Jump Rope for Heart event on May 13th. Our goal is to raise \$2000 in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Join our school and help Heart & Stroke save lives by jump-starting your fundraising at:

https://secure-support.heartandstroke.ca/site/SPageServer/?pagename=jfh_Home

