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

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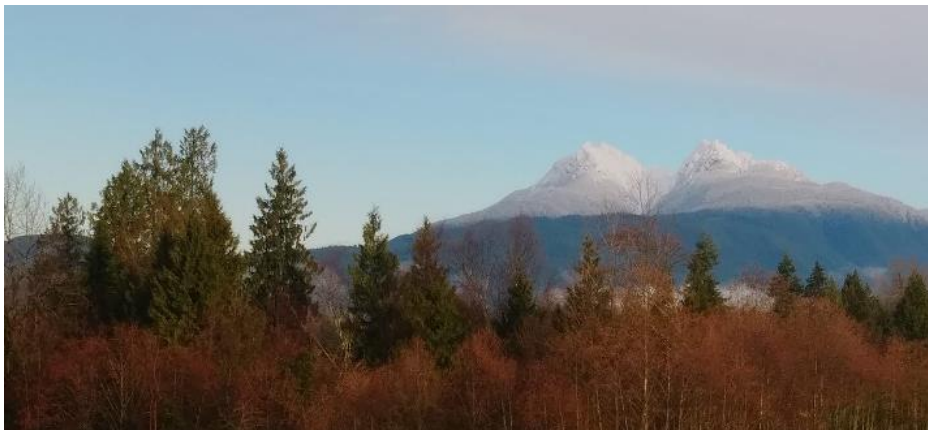


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June 6, 2023

Dear Families:

It might be early June, but we are experiencing the warmth of summer already! Please ensure to send your child to school in light clothing, with a water bottle and a hat for recess and lunch outside. We also request that you put sunscreen on your child before they come to school, so you know they are well prepared for the sunshine.

I need to ask again, for everyone's assistance with our parking lots. I cannot reiterate strongly enough how important it is to use extra care when maneuvering your vehicles in our parking lot and the streets surrounding our school. We need all drivers to observe the list below. There is no "I'll just be 2 minutes" escape clause. I don't want to be in the position of having to close the main parking lot to traffic.

- The parking spaces in our parking lots are for staff only.
- The back parking lot is not for student drop off or pick up.
- Vehicles may not park illegally in the main school parking lot.
- You may wait in your vehicle in the Fire Lane, but you cannot leave your vehicle unattended.
- Vehicles waiting in the Fire Lane **must have the ignition turned off.** The exhaust fumes come straight into our building.
- Do not block the driveways of our neighbours or park in their driveways.
- Please do not use the accessible parking spaces as a drop off and the curb ramps must always remain clear. Our building needs to be accessible to those with mobility needs.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in managing our traffic and parking challenges. Given the nicer weather, I encourage you to walk or ride to school with your child and leave the vehicle at home.

Be sure to read this newsletter carefully as there are several activities coming up and all the dates are included. You will also want to keep an eye out for class specific information from your child(ren)'s teacher(s). We have a lot going on for this last month of school! I'm looking forward to celebrating the end of the 2022-2023 school year together!

Take care,

Laura Brandon

Mark your Calendars

June 2 Rainbow Day
June 5 Volunteer Tea
June 7-9, 12-16 Sexual Health Presentations
June 9 PAC Treat Day (Frozen Yogurt)
June 14 PAC Lunch (Subway)
June 14 District Track & Field Gr 4 & 5
June 15 District Track & Field Gr 6 & 7
June 21 National Indigenous People's Day
June 22 Intermediate Fun Day
June 23 Primary Fun Day
June 27 Gr. 7 Leaving Ceremony
June 28 Kindergarten Ceremony
June 29 Last Day for Students/Canada Day (12:00 dismissal)
June 30 Year-end Administrative Day

Last Day of School and 2023-24 Calendar:

The last day of school for students this year is **June 29th and dismissal is at 12:00.**

The 2023-24 District Calendar is posted on our website and our corresponding school calendar has been sent through the Parent Portal.

Our first day of school will be **September 5 and students will attend 12:30-2:20.** All elementary schools will be welcoming students for a 12:30 pm start on the first day of school. This is the same schedule that we used last year, and it allows schools to have important staff meetings in the morning before welcoming our students in the afternoon.

Transfer requests for 2023-2024 School Year:

If you are seeking to transfer your child to another school for the 2023-2024 school year, please review the "Student Transfer Guidelines: Elementary 2023/24" 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/student-registration/>

If your family will be moving and your child(ren) will be leaving our school, **please use the same link above to withdraw your child(ren).** We have many children waiting for a space at our school. Withdrawing your child will help us find a place for them sooner.

School Supplies for 2023-2024

After piloting a new format for ordering school supplies last year, we have decided to do bulk-ordering for Grades 1-7 for 2023-2024. 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 the practice of paying a fee for school supplies and the school purchasing the supplies. The kindergarten fee for 2023-2024 is \$55.00/student.
- **Grades 1-7:** the school will bulk-order school supplies and parents will be asked to pay a school supply fee of \$50.00/student.

Parents/guardians, continue to have the option to do their own school supply shopping from a provided list. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at (604) 463-9513.

PAC News

Our next PAC Meeting will be June 20th at 6:30. This will be an in person meeting only as we need to elect our PAC executive members for next year. If you are interested in being part of the executive, the following position will be available. You can either nominate someone else or yourself for the position. Please see the attached descriptions of the executive positions and their responsibilities.

Don't forget to go to MunchaLunch to order hot lunch. Please remember that the option to place an order or make changes to an existing order, ends 8 days before the lunch arrives. **There are no exceptions** to this as our PAC parents need to tally up the order and the food provider needs to prepare the food. Thank you for your understanding.

If you are unable to cover the cost of Hot Lunches right now, please contact Mrs. Brandon. We want to support children who would like to experience Hot Lunch at school.

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. If you do not have a "visitor" tag, you can expect to be stopped by staff and redirected back to the office.

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.

Walk your Wheels

Riding your bike with your child is great exercise and fantastic modelling of sustainable transportation getting to school. All students, parents/guardians and visitors are reminded to **"Walk your wheels"** when you enter onto school property.

