

HAMMOND NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*At Hammond
Elementary, students
and staff work hard to
build a positive school
culture. We believe
that everyone has a
responsibility to create
a caring, safe and
orderly learning
environment.*

2021 is finally here! As we all know, 2020 was a very different year. Now that 2021 has arrived I am filled with the hope of a new year and even though things may be different this school year, I am always impressed with the resiliency of our students and staff. Everyday I see kindness, people helping each other, students laughing and playing on the field with their friends. Here's looking forward to 2021!

I would like to thank the staff, students and our PAC for helping to make 2020 the best year possible and I wish everyone health, happiness and success in 2021!

Please free to come and say hello to Mrs. Olynyk or myself at anytime while we are out supervising before school, or after school.

All the best,
Mr. Reamsbottom



Upcoming Events

- Jan 20-25 Choice Kindergarten
Registration (Montessori,
French Immersion, Eco
School)
- Jan 25 Non Instructional Day
- Jan 28 Spirit Day – Sports Theme
- Feb. 4 Grade 8 Registration opens
- Feb. 3-10 General Kindergarten
Registration
- Jan. 14 Montessori Info Zoom
- Feb. 15 Family Stat Holiday
- Feb. 16 Non-Instructional Day
- Feb. 17 Family Stat Holiday

STAFFING UPDATE...

We would like wish Mr. Simon Saeedi-Mephram farewell and thank you for your all your work with Hammond Elementary. We wish you the best in your future endeavours!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL...

Please try not to drop off your child too early in the morning or pick them up too late after school as there is no supervision during these times. In the morning, children are to remain outside until the bell rings at 8:25 am. At the end of the day, students are dismissed at 2:20 and we ask that they either be picked up or walk home as soon after dismissal as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. If your child will be absent from school, we ask that you either phone the school or put an absence through on the parent portal.

RECEIVING SCHOOL INFORMATION...

Maintaining contact with parents and students is important to us. We rely upon email, the parent portal, and **our school website** to keep families up to date. Please open a parent portal account and link your child. If you would like to receive our school newsletters via email, simply visit our website and subscribe.

CALENDAR ITEMS...

- Friday, January 25th is a Non-Instructional Day;
- Monday, February 15th is BC Family Day Statutory holiday; students do not attend this day.
- Tuesday, February 16th is a Non-Instructional Day;
- Please see our website Calendar for all dates:
<https://elementary.sd42.ca/hammond/>

GRADE SEVEN NEWS...

Our Grade 7's will be embarking on new experiences at secondary school very soon, with registration for Grade 8 just around the corner! Registration is 100% on-line, through the Parent Portal. We encourage you to have created your profile on the Portal and be linked to your child prior to the registration start date of February 4, 2021. Please keep an eye on the School District website for any Grade 8 information nights. We will send any information we receive regarding dates out through the parent portal. All information regarding Grade 8 registration can be found here: <https://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/>

LEADERSHIP / SPORTS NEWS...

Our Student Voice leadership group ran a campaign prior to Christmas. It was a coin drive that raised \$845 for the Maple Ridge Christmas Hamper Society. It was a great show of school community helping spirit! Our next Spirit Day will be Thursday, January 28 and will be a Sports Theme!

HAMMOND STRONG START:

Are you new to us at Hammond StrongStart? If you'd like to participate in our free program for ages birth - 5 years, please contact me at Sarah_Neider@sd42.ca Pre-registration is required for our in-class, virtual and outside days. You will be asked to complete a registration form and provide a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport. I look forward to meeting you! StrongStart Educator, Sarah Neider

STUDENT ABSENCES AND LATES:

Please remember that for the safety of our students we ask that you either call or email the school if your child(ren) is going to be either absent or late prior to the start of the school day. You can call the office at 604-460-1136 and leave a voicemail if we are unable to answer or through the parent portal system. Thank you.

COVID Reminders

A reminder that in accord with COVID-19 protocols, we ask **parents to consider spending as little time as possible on the school grounds**. If you do not have to wait with your children, please do not do so. If you need to wait with your children, we need your cooperation to:

- Physically distance from other adults and children who are not your own, and considering wearing your mask as per the Provincial Health Officer's guidelines
- Remain well clear (5 metres or 15 feet) of the school building and areas where the children are lining up
- Stay clear of the outside classroom doors (**student only zones**) in order to allow students to enter/exit safely
- Please try not congregate on the school property to socialize before or after school
 - Also, we ask that students head straight home after school and do not socialize on the school grounds after school.
- **Leave the property as soon as you have picked up or dropped off your child. We have received many phone calls and emails from parents concerned about the lack of physical distancing and congregation of adults on the property.** Let's work together to keep everyone safe!

WEST COAST RECESS AND LUNCH:

We will be sending the students out at recess and lunch rain or shine 😊 Please make sure they are dressed for the weather – rain coats and boots. Make sure they have a change of clothes in their backpack or kept in their classroom.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS...

Information Nights and online registration for Wheelhouse, Cyberschool and Late French Immersion:

Registration for these programs is open to all students going into grades 6 and 7 in September 2021. Registration for these optional programs will begin in February. Please visit the district's website for more information.

Kindergarten Registration:

The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District (SD42) welcomes you and your child to our education system. We are proud to be one of BC's most innovative school districts and make it our mission to ensure that all our learners feel valued and reach their full potential. You are welcome to drop by any school office to pick up a Kindergarten Registration brochure to walk you through the steps, however the registration guidelines are outlined below as well.



Please take note of the following dates: Sibling Phase (Jan 6-12); Choice Program Phase (Jan. 20-25); General Registration (Feb 3-10) and Late Registration (Feb 24-July 31) Open Registration (Aug 19).

Registration Process -

Registering your child for kindergarten is a big step, but it doesn't have to be a difficult one. With our easy online registration process, you can register your child from the comfort of your own home.

Review the registration steps below to ensure you are ready for the big day. Complete steps 1-4 **before registration** to save time.

STEP 1: OPEN A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT

You must open an *SD42 Parent Portal* account to access registration. If possible, complete this step well before registration day at <http://parents.sd42.ca>

STEP 2: FIND YOUR REGISTRATION DATE

Review our registration categories (SIBLING, CHOICE, GENERAL) to find your registration period.

STEP 3: REVIEW OUR REGISTRATION FORM

Review a copy of our online registration form before registration day at <http://parents.sd42.ca>.

STEP 4: REVIEW ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The order in which we place our new kindergarteners is determined by our *Acceptance Criteria*. Review these below.

STEP 5: REGISTER

Register your child at <http://parents.sd42.ca>

STEP 6: PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Once you receive email notification of your child's tentative placement, you must bring supporting documents to that school. See Supporting Documents section below

Registration opens at noon on the first day of each registration period and closes at midnight of that registration period's last day. You will be advised of your child's tentative placement via email asking you to bring supporting documents to the school.

Acceptance Criteria -

1. Siblings of students already attending desired elementary school currently in K-6;
2. IN catchment (proof of residence required)
3. IN catchment daycare (proof of daycare in catchment required)
4. OUT of catchment without siblings
5. OUT of district

Supporting Documents -

All students registering for kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2021. Parents must provide ONE of the following documents for verification: Birth Certificate, Passport, Immigration documents, Nexus Pass or BC Service Card. Every parent registering a child must also show proof of BC residency with TWO of the following: BC Driver's Licence, BC Identification, Municipal Tax or Utility bill, Mortgage or Rental Lease documents.

If you miss your deadline to provide supporting documentation, your child's tentative school assignment will be **cancelled** and you will have to re-apply.

Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 is offering evening online Zoom courses this year for both parents and students. Class materials will be emailed to you before the session, so please print the materials or have them available on another device during the class. Pre-registration is limited to one parent/caregiver as spaces are limited, however more than one parent/caregiver may participate in the Zoom meeting. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required for a refund.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR PARENTS

Learn how to use 'I' statements, conflict management parenting styles, trigger scale, active listening, paraphrasing, and open questions for parenting.

Tuesday, March 9 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Tuesday, June 8 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Registration Fee: \$15

To register: <http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>. For more information, please contact Drea Owen, program manager, at 604.346.9815 or drea_owen@sd42.ca.

PARENTING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Understand better what resiliency is and how we can foster it in our families.

Tuesday, February 16 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 4 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Registration Fee: \$15

To register: <http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com> For more information, please contact Drea Owen, program manager, at 604.346.9815 or drea_owen@sd42.ca.

HOME ALONE (PARENT/CAREGIVER PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY)

This two-hour course is an opportunity for parents/caregivers who want to prepare their nine-year-old child for staying at home alone when they turn 10 years old and are legally allowed to do so. Topics covered include: dealing with emergencies, answering the door, snacks/cooking, and gauging your child's readiness to be home alone. Our evening workshops are open to all families in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

Tuesday, January 19 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 13 (6 to 8 p.m.)

Registration Fee: \$25

To register: <http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>. For more information, please contact Drea Owen, program manager, at 604.346.9815 or drea_owen@sd42.ca.

DANCE PARTY JUNIORS (GRADES 1-3)

Join us for this fun and upbeat virtual dance class that will get your kids moving and burning off energy. No materials required, just a small space to dance in and comfortable clothes you can move in.

Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m., Jan. 19 to Feb. 9 (#22651)

Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m., Feb. 16 to Mar. 9 (#22656)

Registration Fee: \$32/4

To register call Maple Ridge Parks and Leisure at 604.467.7422 or go online at www.mapleridge.ca/1484. For more information call Lori at 604.476.2792.

DANCE PARTY SENIORS (GRADES 4-7)

In this virtual class for older children, students will become more expressive with their dance moves as they learn different skills and techniques. No materials required, just a small space to dance in and comfortable clothes you can move in.

Tuesdays, 4:10 to 4:40 p.m., Jan. 19 to Feb. 9 (#22655)

Tuesdays, 4:10 to 4:40 p.m., Feb 16 to Mar 9 (#22658)

Registration Fee: \$32/4

To register call Maple Ridge Parks and Leisure at 604.467.7422 or go online at www.mapleridge.ca/1484 For more call Lori at 604.476.2792.

PITT MEADOWS SHOTOKAN KARATE ONLINE

Pitt Meadows Shotokan Karate is offering online classes through Zoom. Shotokan is designed to teach self-defense, build self-confidence, stimulate a sense of well-being and provide a greater sense of self-awareness when faced with difficult situations. The primary goal of this program is to teach respect for one's self and others, as well as basic self-defense techniques. This program is taught in French, English and Japanese, giving students the opportunity to develop basic language skills. *Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.*

Registration Fee: \$70/month

To register call Amy Shaw at 604.314.5852 or theninjalady@gmail.com.

**Zoom class technical requirements: 2.5mbps internet download speed; a device that is HD video-capable, such as a smartphone (Android or iOS), tablet, laptop or computer; speakers and a microphone (built-in or USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth). Optional: a webcam – built-in or USB plug-in.*



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