



"WEEK AT A GLANCE" Dec. 2-6

Monday, December 2

- Last day to order Bella Nona Baking
- Primary Movie in Gym 8:45

Tuesday, December 3

- Division 15 Craft Day 10:30–2:00
- Last day to order FUEL

Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, December 5

- Student led conferences. Early dismissal 11:30

Friday, December 6

- Stage Set up: Parent Volunteers Needed to lift the heavy stage pieces at 2:30 in the gym!
- Student led conferences all day.

Dress for the Weather!

The rain and snow is here! Please send your child with proper clothing as well as a change of clothing (or two) as we will be going outside at both recess and lunch even when it is raining and snowing!

Parent Volunteers Needed for our Christmas Concert Stage!

We have our very heavy stage to set up on Friday December 6th after school. If you are available and are comfortable lifting, please email Mrs. Neggers (Nicole_neggers@sd42.ca) Many hands make light work!

It's Slippery!

With the snow and rain and freezing temperatures coming, there will be some slippery patches on our school grounds. We do our best to salt as much as possible. Please use caution and walk on the cleared pathways!

Christmas Concert



Thursday, Dec. 12 @1:00

Friday, Dec. 13 @ 1:00

Please only attend one performance as space is limited!

Admission by donation to the Christmas Hamper Society

HHE Sports Update

Basketball

Next week's combined basketball practice is moving to Monday afternoon from 230-330pm. It was originally scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. All players who signed up and/or attended last week's first practice are requested to attend. If you cannot make it and are still interested in being on a team, please let Mr. Whalan know on Monday.

Volleyball

Congratulations to our competitive girl's volleyball team. They battled hard last week and showed their grit on the court. They have made the Harry Hooge community so proud of their efforts and we wish them further success next season and in high school for the current grade 7s. We want to sincerely thank Mr. Ric Tesan (Mr. T.) for volunteering his afternoons and early mornings each week. If you see the girls around school this week, please thank them for representing your school so well on the district stage this past week.

Staying in Touch!

For quick reminders and updates, follow us on Facebook 'Harry Hooge Parent Information'

Open Clubs Schedule

Breakfast – Mon-Fri
Haven – M, W, Th, F
Library – W, Th, F
Gym – M, W, F

HHE Christmas Hamper Help

Our HHE Tree of Giving is set up in the front entrance of the school. Each paper ornament has a present written on it for one of our students. If you are in the position to help this year, please take an ornament, purchase the present and then return the present (unwrapped) and ornament to the school office by Friday December 13th.

Let's help some of our HHE families have a brighter Christmas!



Inclement Weather Procedures: Snow

As the weather cools, please review the school district's inclement weather procedures as they relate to snowfall and possible school closures. The decision to close schools due to accumulating snowfall is ultimately the responsibility of the superintendent, who must balance the safety of students, staff and parents with the need to provide learning. The decision is not taken lightly and is the result of a carefully thought-out process that is reviewed after each experience and refined if necessary.

Except in rare circumstances, no announcements will be made if schools are open.

The decision to close schools is made by 6:30 am. Details are:

- Posted on the SD42 website (www.sd42.ca)
- Posted on the SD42 Facebook feed (SD42Facebook)
- Posted on the SD42 Twitter Feed (@sd42news)
- Shared with News 1130, CKNW, and CBC 690 radio stations.

Please note: The district supports individual and family decisions regarding safety. Parents/Guardians have primary responsibility for their children's safe travel to school. If, for any reason, there are personal concerns about the ability to travel safely to school, other arrangements should be made.



Water Testing Strategy for District Facilities

The school district is updating its water testing program by adjusting the number of drinking water sources in its facilities. This new water testing strategy, which has already been implemented in a number of neighbouring districts, will ensure a more streamlined testing schedule, limiting annual testing only to water sources that are being used. Each facility will also have one designated water dispensing station, with the goal of increasing this number over time.

Water sources designated for drinking are marked with a Drinking Water sticker, while those not included in the testing program are marked with a Not for Drinking sticker. A limited number of drinking water sources in the district require a 2 minute morning flush to ensure water quality; these are marked with a 2 Minute Morning Flush sticker. This morning flush is completed by staff as the facilities department prioritizes upgrades as a long term solution.

Adjustments to designated drinking water locations may be made to meet any emerging needs and ensure easy access to safe drinking water across all our schools.

Staff will review this new labelling system with students at the beginning of each school year to ensure that all students, particularly younger ones, understand which water sources they can use for drinking.

For more information about the water testing program, visit the district website at <https://bit.ly/40Uvcqy> or the Ministry of Education and Child website at <https://bit.ly/466CPul>.

Education Assistant Program at Ridge Meadows College

If you or someone you know may be interested in a career working with children and youth with diverse abilities, Ridge Meadows College (operated by SD42), still has seats available for the January 2025 cohort of its Education Assistant (EA) program. The demand for this job is high as the province faces a shortage of EAs and virtually all graduates of the program move on to work in school districts across B.C., including Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District No. 42. If you would like to learn more about the program, you can visit the website at <https://rmcollege.sd42.ca/program/education-assistant>. In addition to the EA program, RMC also has programs in administration, early childhood education, community support and others.