

Week at a Glance

Dec. 2-Dec. 6, 2024



Monday, Dec. 2

Girls practice 230-4
Book fair begins

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Boys' Basketball practice 7-8am
Grade 6 Immunizations

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Girls practice 230-4

Thursday, Dec. 5

Boys' Basketball practice 7-8am
Conferences 1130 dismissal

Friday, Dec. 6

Conferences – no school for students
PAC Winter Market
Bookfair open in evening

More Important News

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Highland Park Elementary School

Dec. 10

Div. 13 and 2 to the movies

Dec. 12

Giving Tree donations due
Div. 13 skating

Dec. 13

PAC lunch Boston Pizza

Dec. 18

Winter concert 9am and
1pm

Dec. 19

Div 4, 5, 8 to movie

Dec. 20

PAC LUNCH FOR ALL

Dec. 21-Jan 5 Winter Break

Happy New Year

Jan. 6

Back to school

Jan. 13

PAC meeting – zoon @ 630

Jan. 16

Div. 10 and 7 at movie
Door decorating judging
day

Winter Concert

Mark your calendars...our Winter music concert is Dec. 18 at **9am and 1pm**. Doors will open at 845 and 1245.

Absences

A reminder that if you know your child is going to be away, please remember to post a message on the parent portal, or phone the school and leave a message on the answering machine. If you are emailing the teacher about a student absence or late, please also include hp_reception@sd42.ca so that the office is also aware. While parents emailing the teacher is helpful, there are times when the teacher is absent and we do not receive the message.

Giving Tree – Christmas Hampers

We partner with the Maple Ridge Christmas Hamper Society to provide Christmas Hampers for families in our community. Our Giving Tree is now up. If you would like to help a family in need, choose an ornament wish from the tree. Please return the gift unwrapped, with the ornament to the office by the end of the day on December 12.

Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony Parent Committee

This group is open to all grade 7 parents. Join us in helping fundraise and plan for the Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony and field trip.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/841720478151254/?ref=share&mibextid=CTbP7E&rdid=Kd4Ejn1OBtZPYsMa>

From the PAC

Hello families,

Can't believe December is already almost here. This week is a busy one with lots of fundraisers arriving and the market rounding out the week. Purdy's is due to arrive between December 2nd-3rd, as soon as orders are sorted and ready all supporters will be promptly contacted for pick up.

*Growing Smiles pick up will happen on Tuesday (December 3rd) during TOONIE TUESDAY.

*Our DFS wrapping paper fundraiser has shipped, once it arrives we will let everyone know.

*This Wednesday (December 4th) is our last TCBY treat day for 2024, we will have a *very* limited supply of extras available for sale after school.

*Please consider joining us Thursday from 1:00-4:00 in the gym for a Holiday Market set up party. Bring boxes, scissors, wrapping paper, ribbon & tape if you have some to share or just your helping hands, all help big or small is super appreciated. Kids are welcome to attend this session as long as they can stay quietly contained to the gym so we don't disrupt conferences.

*Market vendors and kidpreneur vendors will be receiving an email this weekend with reminders for the day of! If you did not receive yours please reach out to

highlandpark.lunch@gmail.com

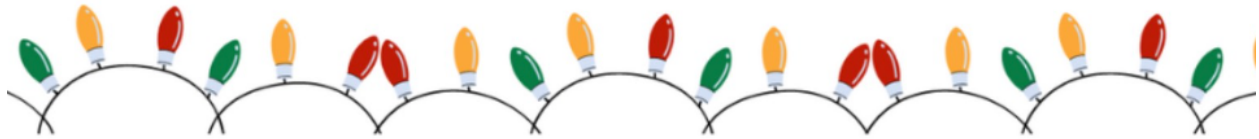
*Boston Pizza orders are due this Thursday night on Munchalunch!

*Keep an eye out next week for our annual chip donation sign up genius for our last day of school Holiday lunch & a sign up for helpers to distribute pizza on December 20th!



Highland Park Holiday Market

December 6, 2024 | Friday | 5pm-8pm
18961 Advent Rd, Pitt Meadows



Highland Park Elementary PAC is excited to announce that we will be hosting the Highland Park Holiday Market, a night of shopping and community building! We will have 28 businesses plus a special "kidpreneur" market made up of some of our most enterprising students! Get your holiday shopping done while supporting your community school! Entrance fee is by donation and will be going towards the school Christmas Hampers.

WHEN:

December 6th 2024 | Friday | 5pm-8pm at the HPE
Gym Pitt Meadows

If you have any questions, please email
highlandpark.lunch@gmail.com

Other Information

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 announcement will be made if schools are open.

The decision to close schools is made by 6:30 a.m. 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.

Education Assistant Program at Ridge Meadows College

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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'd 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.

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 at least 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 labeling 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 Care website at <https://bit.ly/466CPul>.

Board Meeting Highlights (November 13, 2024)

Board meeting highlights from the November 13, 2024, public meeting can be found on the district website: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2024-11-13-Board-Meeting-Highlights.pdf>

RIDGE MEADOWS MINOR BASEBALL

2025 SPRING BASEBALL REGISTRATION

OPEN DEC 15 - JAN 31

BASEBALL IS OPEN TO ANY PLAYER
BORN 1999-2020

COME PLAY WITH THE LARGEST YOUTH
BASEBALL ASSOCIATION IN BC!



**HELLO@RMMBA.CA
FOR MORE INFO**

WWW.RMMBA.CA



To all cube clubs and cubing enthusiasts!

Here are some events you may be interested in



CURIOUS ABOUT COMPETING?



Here are two free upcoming sessions

Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Saturday, December 14th, 2024

**Coquitlam Library - City Centre Branch
Room 127**

**Tommy Douglas Library - Community
Room #2**

1169 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, BC

7311 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC

**2:00-3:00pm Cubing Meetup
3:00pm-4:00pm Intro to Competing**

**1:30-3:30pm Cubing Meetup
3:30-4:30pm Intro to Competing
4:30pm-5:30pm Snacks/Treats Potluck**



WANT TO COMPETE?



Here are two upcoming competitions

Maple Ridge Favourites 2025

PR Time in Burnaby 2025

Saturday, January 4th, 2025

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

**Abion Community Centre - Great Hall
24165 104 Ave, Maple Ridge, BC**

**Bonsor Recreation Centre - Banquet Hall
6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, BC**

Registration opens

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 7PM

Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 4PM

<https://www.worldcubeassociation.org/competitions/MapleRidgeFavourites2025>

<https://www.worldcubeassociation.org/competitions/PRTIMEinBurnaby2025>

Scan to Register
for Maple Ridge



Please register early, as these competitions will fill up quickly!

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for Burnaby



Questions?

Email Joanne: CubeMomOfficial@gmail.com

Empowering Little Stars, Building a Bright Community!



What we offer

- Establishing Soccers: 1-2 years
- Learning Soccer: 3-4 years
- Establishing Soccer: 5-6 years
- Develop Your Game – 7-8

Key Benefits

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- Encourages communication, cooperation, and positive social interactions.
- Helps kids manage emotions, build resilience, and approach challenges positively.

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MAPLE RIDGE—PITT MEADOWS CHRISTMAS
HAMPER SOCIETY

How to register your family for a Christmas Hamper

REGISTRATION DATES – 18TH NOVEMBER – 18TH DECEMBER

Registration is done electronically through our website. Please ensure you complete all questions and attach the relevant documentation – <https://www.mrpmchristmashamper.org/register>

DOCUMENTS YOU WILL NEED TO SUPPLY TO QUALIFY (ALL APPLICANTS)

- Completed Application form
- Photo of the registrant's current B.C. Government-issued photo ID – Driver's Licence, Services Card (care card), BCID, Status card
- Photos of front and back of the Services Cards (front only if the new photo card) for all people listed on the application
- Proof of current address

If you receive monthly financial assistance or disability cheque (in addition to the above documents) :

- A copy of your current and previous ministry stubs

If your family is low income (in addition to the above documents) :

- Copies of the last two income cheques/pay stubs with proof of deposit
- Picture of your current and previous months bank statement showing proof of income and expenditure. If your spouse is also named on the application form, we will also require the current and previous months bank statements for them

**For more information visit our Facebook page or website -
www.mrpmchristmashamper.org**

Please note - If you have been denied by the MRPM Christmas Hamper Society previously for any reason, you will not be processed automatically but will be considered on an individual basis.