

Kanaka Creek Elementary

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

At Kanaka we strive to develop a community of responsible learners who strive to attain their potential in a safe, cooperative and healthy environment.



Principal's Message

Well, we're back!! I trust that everyone was able to have a relaxing break filled with family memories. While it has been over a month since our last publication, we have only been in session for a week or so. Thus, most of our January newsletter will be focused on reminders and upcoming events. If you have students entering kindergarten or grade 8, please be sure to read the appropriate sections of the newsletter and make note of the important dates coming up. Further, if you are planning on moving this year and think you might need to change schools, please look at the information on the transfer process located on the fourth page.

We are excited to get back and get started on term 2!! Although we've only been back a week, our staff and students have jumped right back in to the learning. Whether it is learning "active reading" strategies, embarking on new novel studies, or practicing their creative arts skills by making puppets, our students are learning new things each day. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Chad Raible

Upcoming Events

Jan 8 th	School reopens (full day)
Jan 15 th	Comp & Rec girls BBall Practice - 7:30AM
Jan 16 th	Comp & Rec boys BBall practice - 7:30AM
Jan 17 th	Comp Girls BBall practice - 7:30AM Div 11, 15 & 17 - Skating - 8:45AM Comp boys game @ home vs. St Pats
Jan 18 th	Comp Boys BBall practice - 7:30AM
Jan 19 th	Pizza Hot Lunch
Jan 22 nd	Rec Boys BBall game @ home vs. AR Gr 7 Leaving Committee mtng - 6:30pm
Jan 24 th	Late Fr Imm Info Session for gr 5's Comp boys BBall @ home vs. HH
Jan 25 th	Winter Activities - gr 6/7 Cup stacking - GYM @ lunch Choir practice after school Comp girls BBall game @ Albion
Jan 26 th	Pro D Day - no school

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2018 Kindergarten Registration

Please note that Kindergarten registration for September 2018 for families with siblings already registered at Kanaka (currently in Grades Kindergarten to 6) has closed. If you missed this registration period you will have to register in the general phase that opens on February 1st at noon. All Kindergarten registrations will take place on-line and will be set up through the parent portal. If you do not have a computer available to you, we will provide access to one at the school. Please visit <http://www1.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration> for more information.

2018 Grade 8 Registration

Registration for grade 8 for the 2018/19 school year will be done on the parent portal. Online registration starts Thursday, Feb 15th at 12:00 noon and closes 11:59 pm on March 2, 2018.

Parents who miss the March 2 online deadline must complete a paper registration form at their catchment school. Parents will be notified **after** Spring Break of their child's high school placement. Parents wishing to transfer school must complete a transfer request form at the assigned school. A review of these transfer requests will be completed before the grade 7 orientation in May. The online registration form will automatically populate with your child's secondary catchment school. This is determined by your address (not your elementary school). You can check the School District website <http://www.sd42.ca> for your catchment school. Please note that new development areas may not reflect accurate results of your catchment school. Please call and confirm with the school if necessary. Families will be able to request their first three choices of schools. Registration numbers are limited by capacity. Details regarding acceptance criteria can be found on the SD42 website.

In the past, there have been informational nights at the high schools. These will be done **AFTER** your son/daughter is placed. However, there are a few sessions for specialized programs (environmental program at THSS, students in Learning Services, IB program) that will be having informational sessions:

There will be no Grade 7 nights scheduled at the secondary schools this year. There are some informational sessions that will be available for specific programs:

Jan 24 – 6PM – IB Middle Years info session @ GSS

Jan 25 – 7PM – Surviving Gr 8 Reg/DPAC @ GSS

Jan 30 – 7PM – Learning Services Info Session @ THSS

Jan 31 – 7PM – Place Based Learning Program Information Meeting @ THSS

Parking Reminders

It has been brought to our attention on more than one occasion that parents are blocking driveways of homes near the school and not being extremely co-operative when asked to move in order for the homeowner to enter/leave their driveway. **Please be respectful of our neighbours and park legally.**

To drop off your child(ren) please enter through the first white gate and exit through the north white gate on 234A Street or the gate on Gilker Hill. **The road is ONE WAY.** If you use the "drop off" area, please remain in your vehicle. Please find parking on Kanaka Way or 234A Street. Passes for daycare vans and for families dropping off students with mobility issues are required prior to 2:20.

Please take some time to consider the "Drive to 5" program, which is to have a prearranged spot that is five minutes from the school where you can drop off and pick up your child(ren). The goal of this initiative is to develop a healthier school, reduce the emissions and congestion from vehicles in our parking lot and make walking or cycling to school a safe and fun event.

Late Immersion Program

The SD42 Late French Immersion Program is an excellent opportunity for students who want to learn a second language or are looking for a challenge. Students who are currently in grade 5 are eligible to begin Late French Immersion in September 2018 at Golden Ears Elementary School. This two-year elementary program continues at Maple Ridge Secondary School. A teacher from the program will be coming to Kanaka to speak to grade 5 students on January 24 at 8:30 am. To learn more about Late French Immersion, attend the information meeting:

7-8 pm, February 1, 2018
Golden Ears Elementary (activity room)
23124-118th Avenue, Maple Ridge

To see Late French Immersion in action, drop by Golden Ears Elementary between 1-2 pm on February 6, 2018 and see for yourself. Late French Immersion registration opens at 7:30 am on Tuesday, February 8, 2018 at Golden Ears Elementary on a first come, first on list basis.

Office Reminders

January 2018



Winter Activities

Grade 6/7's: Dates are January 25, February 1, 8 and 15.

Grade 4/5's: Dates are February 2, 16, 23, and March 2.

Snow on the Way?

In the event of snow, please go to the School District 42 webpage to see if schools will be closed. This is the best place for the latest information. You can also watch the Morning News on Global TV or tune into CKNW News.

PAC News

Your PAC executive are:

Chair: Angela Downey, **Vice chair:** Carla Neiva, **Treasurer:** Amanda Maliwat, **Secretary:** Louise Smith, **Fundraising Coordinators:** Sarah Bratt, Amanda Griffin & Danielle Mille, **Hot lunch coordinators:** Anthea Publow, Crystal Rogers & Sarah Bratt, **District PAC reps:** Christine Calvert & Sonia Baines, **Members at Large:** Angela McFadyen, Jackolynn Wright, Lynsey Pashley, Becky Coote, Kristi Tetzlaff, Deanna Lackey, Laura Kelly, Alexis Playdon

Hot Lunch

The next hot lunch will be from Panago on Friday, January 19. 1 slice=\$3, 2 slices = \$5, cookie= \$1, Water = \$1. No pre ordering required (exception is gluten free – order forms are in the office), simply bring money on the day. Thanks to all our parent helpers... our hot lunches are successful because of their support! Anyone interested in helping out please follow this link and sign up!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b49aea62ba7f85-pizza1>

PALS Session

Kanaka will be holding a PALS session in our school library from 3:00 to 4:00 pm February 23rd. This program is open to parents and their child(ren) who will be starting Kindergarten in September 2018 (they must have turned 4 years of age by December 31, 2017). Literacy activities and resources will be shared at this time. Please RSVP to the office at 604-467-9050.

Come Work With Us

To see the job opportunities we have available, visit us at <http://www.sd42.ca/careers/>

Glove Your Neighbour

Kanaka Creek Kindergarten classes will be collecting winter accessories for the homeless adults in our community in support of The Salvation Army Ridge Meadows Ministries. Please help us make a difference and a gesture of kindness to the less fortunate of our community by donating new or gently used gloves, socks, scarves and hats (adult size). The project will run from January 15th to February 15th. Please send your donations to one of our four Kindergarten classrooms.

Choir News

It will be resuming Thursday January 18th, 2018 to work towards a performance on March 21st at the ACT with the fabulous FRED PENNER. Fred is a beloved children's performer. He has just released a new CD and we will be singing some of his new songs as well as some of his well known favourites. Fred loves the KC Kids' Choir! This will be his third time performing with us.

Rehearsals are Thursdays after school (2:20-3:20) on the stage. Any student in Grades 1-7 is invited to sign up and participate in the after-school choir this term. If your child was a member this Fall they still NEED TO SIGN UP AGAIN this term. (Sign up on the PORTAL)

The concert will be WEDNESDAY MARCH 21st @ 7pm at the ACT

There is a \$10 fee for a choir shirt. (Please contact school if the purchase of a shirt is a financial burden)

Tickets have already started selling at the ACT. (Choir members do not need a ticket...but their adoring fans do!) Please call the ACT 604-476-2787 or go to their website www.theactmapleridge.org to purchase tickets.

Please note: Kindergarten students will have an opportunity to be in a portion of the show- but we will work on their songs during school hours. More info to follow. Questions? Contact Dawn_Flanagan@sd42.ca

Family Lit Day Jan 27, 11-2 @ MR Library

. Check out the community resource fair for lots of fun activities, performances by Showstoppers Academy or join in the Family Dance Party. Enjoy free popcorn and the chance to win prizes while taking in the sights, sounds and awesome activities!

For more information about Family Literacy Day, contact Maple Ridge Public Library at 604-467-7417 or check out our event information online at www.fvrl.ca.



STUDENT TRANSFER GUIDELINES: ELEMENTARY 2018/19

TRANSFER PHASE 1

FEB 14 - APR 4

Transfer Phase 1 takes place between **February 14, 2018** and **April 4, 2018**.

To participate in Transfer Phase 1 for your current kindergarten to Grade 6 child for September 2018, obtain a **Student Transfer Request Form** from your child's current SD42 school and submit the completed and signed form to your child's current principal. If your child is new to the school district, use the school locator to find your child's catchment school (<http://www.sd42.ca/school-locator/>), then complete a registration form at that school.

Parents of students who reside out of district should contact the district office at 604.463.4200 for assistance.

The best chance to transfer schools is during Transfer Phase 1.

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR PLACEMENT:

1. In-catchment with siblings already attending catchment school (proof of residence required) or displaced catchment siblings on district list;
2. In-catchment (proof of residence required);
3. Out-of-catchment with siblings;
4. In-catchment daycare;
5. Out-of-catchment without siblings;
6. Out-of-district with siblings (register at the District Education Office);
7. Out-of-district without siblings.



Parents will be notified about placement decisions no later than **April 13, 2018**

TRANSFER PHASE 2

APR 5 - JUNE 20

Transfer Phase 2 takes place between **April 5, 2018** and **June 20, 2018**. The process for Transfer Phase 2 is the same as for Transfer Phase 1 (see Transfer Phase 1). *The chance of a successful transfer in Transfer Phase 2 is less likely than in Transfer Phase 1.*



Parents will be notified about placement decisions no later than **June 27, 2018**

TRANSFER PHASE 3

JUNE 21 - AUG 30

Transfer Phase 3 takes place between **June 21, 2018** and **August 30, 2018**. The process for Transfer Phase 3 is the same as for Transfer Phase 1 (see Transfer Phase 1). *The chance of a successful transfer in Transfer Phase 3 is less likely than in phases 1 and 2.*



Parents will be notified about placement decisions no later than **August 31, 2018**

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Kanaka Creek Elementary*

PERSONAL & SOCIAL COMPETENCY



Positive personal and cultural identity, personal awareness and responsibility, and social responsibility are a set of competencies that relate to the development of an individual's personal, social, and emotional capacities. Growth in these skills helps students thrive as individuals, understand and care about themselves and others, and find and achieve their purpose in the world. Learning in these areas is successful when schools, communities, and families value and support academic progress alongside the personal, social, and emotional development of their children.

For more information about the new curriculum, visit <http://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum>.

Coming in February – Collaborative Learning.



Students in division 4 & 14 are bundling up Halloween candy the school community donated and putting it in hand decorated bags to be delivered to The Caring Place and local seniors centers in Maple Ridge.

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Students in division 15 were exploring their culture by investigating different traditional foods.



Core Competencies: What are they and why are they in the new curriculum?

The new curriculum centres around the following three core competency areas: **communication**, **personal and social**, **thinking**. They are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning. During the school year, students will have an opportunity to self-assess their proficiencies in these core competencies.