



MAPLE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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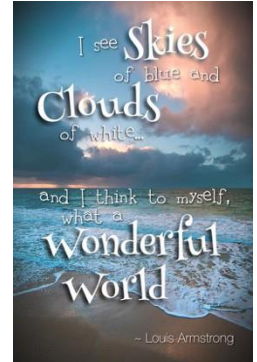
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OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

The autumn days are getting shorter, but the air feels refreshing, and the evenings are cozy. Thanksgiving is approaching, and we can be thankful for so many things! It seems only proper to list a few of them so maybe you can join me in considering all your blessings too.

I'm thankful to have three sons and a hubby who make for very boisterous family get-togethers. I'm delighted that my oldest, Matt, has returned from Australia, after three years away. I'm thankful for my dad. He is the 7th child of sixteen children. Always positive, sees the good in life, and grateful to have 15 siblings in spite of growing up in a tiny home, taking turns showering in a one-bathroom house. I'm thankful for dogs and pets who are always there to comfort and listen. And I'm thankful for this inspiring job where every day I can walk into a classroom and learn from and laugh with our delightful children. They make me realize that we can count on tomorrow's society being just fine.



The fall is always such a busy time in school as we celebrate many occasions and endeavor to develop rich and meaningful programs for our students. All of MRE's staff worked together on our recent professional development day to discuss our school's growth plan. Our priorities continue to be social/emotional learning and literacy. We care that all members of our school feel connected to a caring community that helps each other, and that everyone finds pleasure in developing their reading skills.



The month ahead brings many new opportunities. Several classes are going on field trips this month, and the district cross-country run takes place on October 22 (Grades 4 - 7) and October 23 (Grades 1 - 3). We have an Earthquake Drill during the afternoon of October 17 and will be releasing each student to the guardians listed on the Emergency Release Forms. Please ensure you have completed this important document on the portal. We wrap up October with our traditional Monster Mash on Halloween Day. Parents and guardians are invited to join us at 12:45 in the gym, as our students parade their costumes and we come together to celebrate Halloween.

MRE...A Community of Kindness and Respect. We hope your return to school has been positive. Enjoy the long weekend this month with your family. Happy Thanksgiving!

Mme Servant
Principal



Mme Lendvoy
Vice Principal

Thanksgiving Day, Monday Oct 14th
Provincial Wide Non-Instructional Day
Friday October 25th
No School for Students

STUDENT VERIFICATION INFORMATION FORMS

We sent home Student Information Sheets with each student the week of September 16th. This is a printout of the contact information and phone numbers we have on record for your child. Please be sure to make any necessary changes on the sheet and return it to your child's teacher. It is important that you return this up-to-date information so we can contact you when necessary.

STUDENT EMERGENCY RELEASE INFORMATION

This must be completed on the portal. The district is holding an earthquake drill on Thursday, October 17, and all teachers will release students to the guardians indicated on the documentation. Please arrive at MRE at 2:00 and line up on the field according to the division of your youngest child.

STUDENTS LATE OR ABSENT

If your child is going to be absent from school or late for any reason, please remember to call the school at **(604) 467-5551**. An answering service is available 24 hours a day 7 days per week for your convenience. You can also report your child's absence on the parent portal. If we do not have confirmation of absence from home, the office will contact the numbers we have available.

STUDENT PHOTOS

Photo Express will be at our school October 7th to take individual student photos. Don't forget to bring your smiles! Retakes will be on October 29 in the morning.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Students will be outside for recess and lunch most days. We ask that parents ensure their children are dressed appropriately for our rainy west coast weather with a coat, boots and umbrella if necessary. Students must keep a spare change of clothes in their backpacks.

HEAD LICE

To prevent head lice among children at school, we ask that you remind your child to not share personal items such as combs, brushes or hats, and that you check your child's head regularly for the presence of head lice. Early detection and appropriate treatment will significantly reduce head lice in our school.

PARENT PORTAL

If you are not yet on the parent portal, please pop into the office and we will help you do this as it's the most efficient way for parents and guardians to get current information from the school.

Thank-you for submitting fees for supplies and planners. If you haven't completed this, we appreciate you attending to this as soon as possible.

Please complete consent forms that are listed on the portal as soon as possible. We require consents in order to publish any student photos in newsletters, on our website, in our yearbook, or to share with the Board. We also require consent for classes that do nature walks off school grounds. Your earliest attention to this allows us to enhance publications that share all the wonderful things that are happening at MRE!

STUDENT SAFETY

Please remember to wear a helmet when riding your bike, scooter or rollerblading and please walk on school property.

COMMUNICATIONS

As we continue to reduce our paper consumption, most school publications will be sent home via the parent portal. Newsletters and other pertinent information will also continue to be updated on our school website: <http://mre.sd42.ca/>

Newsletters are published on the first school day of the month.

CURIOUS MINDS DAYCARE AND PRESCHOOL

Curious Minds is now operating in the new portable behind our school. Their preschool opened September 16 and still has limited spaces available.

Schedule Options Available:

2 days/week (Tues/Thurs) = \$100/month

3 days/week (Mon/Weds/Fri) = \$125/month

5 days/week = \$200/month

Please see Ms. Sarah or Ms. Heidi in the Curious Minds Daycare Center (on school grounds) or contact via phone at 604-315-3240

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

In the interest of safety and security it is imperative that we know who is in our school at all times. If you need to drop something off for your child or are volunteering in the school, please check in at the office and wear a visitor tag.

SCREENAGERS DOCUMENTARY AT HIGHLAND PARK

We are thrilled to present SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age, a documentary about the biggest parenting issue of our time.

Highland Park is thrilled to present SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age, a documentary about the biggest parenting issue of our time. The movie is free but tickets are required. The event is for parents, and takes place on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 at Highland Parke Elementary in Pitt Meadows. Here's the link to get tickets.

<https://www.eventcombo.com/e/screenagers-film-presented-by-highland-park-elementary-school-36028>

MESSAGE FROM THE PAC

Welcome Back students, staff and families. I hope you all had a wonderful summer! I'd like to welcome the new families to MRE! You'll find that our little community is a fabulous one full of kindness, generosity and fun. You couldn't have picked a better school for your child.

A huge thank you to all the parents that came out to help with the pancake breakfast. It was a great success and the children loved it! MRE Parents Associate Committee (PAC) meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the library at 7pm. The meetings are usually an hour, but sometimes go over a bit. Please come and give your input, and know just because you come, doesn't mean we'll put you to work. Aside from being a presence at the school, one of the main jobs of the Parents Advisory Council is to bring in new and exciting equipment and programs to the school. This of course cannot be done without the many fundraisers the PAC does throughout the year. Now, we certainly do not expect every family to participate in all the fundraisers, but we hope that everyone finds something for them.

And of course the Fundraising cannot be done without Volunteers! Volunteers are always needed. Whether it be for an hour to help with hot lunch, to take on a small job, or a big one if you want. WE NEED YOUR HELP! I encourage every parent to volunteer once this year. Your kids love seeing your faces in the school, and there are opportunities for all times of the day.
"Many hands make light work".

Please let me know if you would like to be added to our Parent email list to get information of things happening in our school or join the MRE Parents page of Facebook!

I'm looking forward to another fantastic year at MRE. Please feel free to contact me with any feedback or concerns you may have. I'm a firm believer that it takes a village to raise exceptional children and look forward to working with you all. **Our next PAC meeting is Tuesday October 8th at 7:00 in the Library! Our budget meeting will be at 6:00.**



Love that Deal order forms have gone home attached to the Friday Blast of September 13! Sell them to your neighbors and family!

Vessy's Bulbs- plant them now, forget they're there, and you get a beautiful surprise come spring!

Art Cards- your child will be creating a fabulous piece of art in class. They will then be sent home with an order form for you to purchase cards or lots of other great gifts and goodies if you desire!

Scholastic Book Fair- once again the Book fair will be at the shopping night and days around it! Your child will have an opportunity to go with their class and make a wish list! If you'd like to send money with your child to shop, you're welcome to do so.

MRE'S Shopping Extravaganza! Friday November 15! If you're a home-based business, crafter or vendor or know anyone that would like to participate, please email Dallas Bell at dal.las@shaw.ca. We will also need volunteers to set up and take down and throughout the event. Please contact Dallas if you're available to help.

Bake Sale at the Shopping Extravaganza!

If you are able to donate your baking, please contact Nicole Keough at nekoalne@hotmail.com

Santa Mall - We accept donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, tape, and tissue in preparation for our Christmas Santa Mall. You can bring donated items to the school there is a box in the front hall across from the office. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

Nicole Keough
PAC Chair
nekoalne@hotmail.com

Hospital Homebound Support

Do you have a son or daughter who is ill or injured and unable to attend school?

School District No. 42 provides support to students who are unable to attend school for medical reasons. The Hospital Homebound teacher works with elementary and secondary students who have not been allocated support teacher time through a special needs designation. Students may be absent due to a non-contagious illness or they may be recovering from surgery or an injury. Instruction is provided in Ridge-Meadows Hospital or in the student's home.

How does Hospital Homebound support work?

The Hospital Homebound teacher provides direct instruction and support to students, with the goal of helping them return to class with as little interruption to their education as possible. The teacher also helps students maintain connections with the people and programs at their school. While receiving Hospital Homebound support, students continue to be registered at their school and in their classes. Students work on the core academic subjects. They often use the same materials and complete many of the same assignments as their classmates, although some adaptations may be necessary depending on the child's illness. Students typically receive two to three hours of support each week.

When can a student be referred?

Homebound students qualify for support if they are absent from school for 10 consecutive school days. Students who are hospitalized can be referred upon admittance to Ridge-Meadows Hospital.

How do I refer my son or daughter?

Contact your child's teacher, counsellor, or administrator. He/she will complete the Learning Services referral form. A physician's authorization form is also required (available at the school). For more information contact Marc Beaudet, the Hospital Homebound Teacher, at 467-1101, or by email at mbeaudet@sd42.ca.



THRIVE EMPOWERMENT SOLUTIONS

Fall 2019 Programs for Girls Aged 6 - 12



Sole Girls Fall Sessions

Release your inner awesome at Sole Girls! Learn to be fearless, build confidence, live healthy, make new friends, & goal set. Empowering games, mentorship & discussion plus weekly training to run a 5km fun run at the end!

9 weeks
Ages 8 - 12



Wednesdays, September 25 - November 20
Alouette Elementary School

Afternoons
3:30 - 5:15 pm

Evenings
6:15 - 8:00 pm



Adventures in Wisdom

Get active, meet new friends & discover how awesome you are! Story-telling & Interactive games & activities helps younger girls recognize & embrace their greatness. Girls learn to take control of their thoughts & feelings to help build positive relationships, develop confidence & discover their potential!

5 weeks
Ages 6-8



Tuesdays, October 15 - November 20
Golden Ears Winter Club (beside Planet Ice)

Afternoons, 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Golden Ears Park Charity Hike for



Youth Wellness

Come and join us for a fun hike/walk to Viewpoint Beach in Golden Ears via the East Canyon Trail! The best part - it's by donation with all funds given to our Youth Wellness Centre! We'll enjoy the natural scenery along the way, and will spend 1+ hours at the beach enjoying games, activities and a scavenger hunt!

Pro-D Day - Monday, Sept 23rd 10 am - 1 pm

Ages 8 - 13

COME JOIN OUR TRIBE!
REGISTER AT:

www.thrivesolutions.org/programs
604.477.7780



FOLLOW US AT:



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ATTENTION ALL GIRLS FROM GRADES 7 TO 10

Come join us at the SB3P SFU building for a series of fun and engaging engineering activities!

This FRBB program invites girls from grades 7 to 10 to explore the realm of engineering through an array of creative and hands-on activities, developed and run by Simon Fraser University's very own Women in Engineering (WiE) student group!

WHEN?

October 19, 2019 (Saturday)
10am - 2pm (Registration starts at 9.45am)

WHERE?

SB3P Building
located at 10285 University Drive, Surrey

HOW?

Register at visit www.sfu.ca/jfas/outreach now!

FOR PROGRAM INFORMATION OR ANY OTHER INQUIRIES, PLEASE!!
EMAIL US AT FAS_OUTREACH@SFU.CA



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The Redesigned Curriculum at Maple Ridge Elementary



How has the curriculum been redesigned & how does this benefit student learning?

The BC curriculum has been redesigned to support the changing world students are entering. The redesigned curriculum is student-centred and flexible, maintains a focus on literacy and numeracy skills, and includes Aboriginal perspectives.

Kindergarten to Grade 10 teachers are already using the new curriculum in all our schools. The redesigned curriculum for Grade 11 and 12 is being fully implemented this September.

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

Students in Division 15 are working together on a wide range of activities. Multi-age and blended classrooms allow children to share perspectives, problem-solve together and collaborate on inquiry projects. Below, students in Division 2 circulate and help each other.

The Redesigned Curriculum at Maple Ridge Elementary

Why does collaboration have a prominent role in the redesigned curriculum?

The ability to work effectively with others has become a critically important skill for career and life success. "Coordinating with others" is listed as one of the 10 skills to thrive by the World Economic Forum.

The *Communication* core competency highlights the importance of effective collaboration by focusing on the development of students' listening skills, students' ability to engage in formal and informal conversation, and their ability to generate and share ideas. When students work together to accomplish goals in areas such as inquiry, problem-solving, and community projects, they incorporate information from multiple sources of knowledge, perspectives, and experiences. Students learn to appreciate different perspectives and also learn to build consensus. As a result, the creativity and quality of the solutions students propose are both enhanced.

The relational importance of learning for all students is also captured by the First Peoples' Principles of Learning, which recognize that learning is a highly social process that builds relationships within the family and the community. Ultimately, this emphasis on relationship "reinforces a way of being in the world that helps shape our actions, as we think about how our actions affect those around us."

—From: Chrona, J.: <https://firstpeoplesprinciplesoflearning.wordpress.com/> 2019




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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Intermediate Choir Practice 2:20 (Stage)	2	3 Intermediate Choir Practice 2:20 (Stage)	4 	5
6	7 Photo Express Individual Student Photos	8 Choir Practice 2:20 - 3:00 PAC Budget Meeting 6:00 in the library. PAC Meeting - 7:00 in the library.	9 Assembly 8:45 am	10 Choir Practice 2:20 - 3:00	11	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day No school for students	15 Choir Practice 2:20 (Stage)	16	17 Shake Out Drill 1:20 Parents asked to pick up students at 2:00. NO CHOIR	18	19
20	21 Federal Election Day	22 Gr 6 Immunizations Intermediate Cross Country NO CHOIR	23 Primary Cross- Country Run	24 Divs 101 & 102 to Pumpkin Patch NO CHOIR	25 Non-Instructional Day <i>No school for students</i>	26
27	28	29 Choir Practice 2:20 (Stage) Photo Retakes	30	31 Gr.6/7 dance 10:50am-11:50am Halloween Monster Mash 12:45 NO CHOIR		