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NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



November sometimes feels like a long month with lots of rain and shorter days. However, as we approach Remembrance Day, it is a time to reflect on the privilege of being a Canadian. Holidays such as these, are important pillars in education. They allow us to teach the values that will shape tomorrow's society. Every day we talk about solving problems calmly, listening, forgiving, accepting, and kindness. November is a time to remember the sacrifices of those who gave their lives so we could enjoy living in peace. It takes a village. And together, we can raise our children to create a caring world. Our actions today

form the legacy we leave both our children and our grandchildren.

What does it mean to be a Canadian? For me, it is freedom, safety, peace. It means education, health care, diversity and strength. It is four seasons, rain, snow, fresh air, and sunshine. It is hockey, baseball, symphonies and theatre. My two oldest sons have travelled many places throughout the world seeking adventure. While they have met many wonderful people, they have also witnessed poverty, chaos, and have encountered dangerous situations. Now that they have returned to Canada, they both recognize that this is the best place on earth!

Several important events at MRE this month include the Remembrance Day Ceremony, WE Day, and our student-led conferences. Classes are currently preparing for our special ceremony on November 7 at 11:00. There's something very special when over 400 children come together and sing songs about love and peace, share poems, present offerings, and sit in silence. It is a powerful event and filled with hope for the future. WE day is an event about global citizenship where several of our grade 7 leadership students attend alongside students from all over the lower mainland to learn about initiatives to help children all over the world. Finally, our conferences are an opportunity to review student learning and set goals for the next term. Your teachers will advise you how to book your meeting.

Thank you for all your ongoing support during this busy first term. Many parents and volunteers have shared their time and expertise to help our community. Whether it's working at the school, supervising field trips, or simply taking time to read with your children at home, you are making a difference. Today's children are tomorrow's astronauts, scientists, doctors, and leaders. Let's teach them with love so they will be able to lead with love. And maybe they can lead us to world peace one day. Imagine.

Wishing you all a peaceful November.

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Principal

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LUNCHTIME PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

There are many benefits to outdoor play for students. We know they thrive in the fresh air and get far more exercise playing on the field and playground than being inside. However, some children would like more choice during their lunchtime break. Therefore, again this year, we are offering another option for children in grades 1 to 7. Every class has one day of the week where children have the choice of going outside or engaging in different activities in the ADST room and library. Students are welcome to bring that special book and enjoy reading in the library at lunch.

Teachers will continue to encourage active play and get students outside for recess and most lunches. For this reason, students are asked to dress appropriately for the weather and please have an extra set of clothing at the school.



WHO IS AN ABORIGINAL STUDENT?

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry. No documentation is required, and the ancestry can go back several generations. Ministry of Education funding is provided to support the success of all Aboriginal students through culturally appropriate educational programs and services.

We encourage all students of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit Ancestry to complete a self-identification form as this allows you to access various supports and programs during the school year if you wish. If you have any questions about this process please do not hesitate to contact Kirsten Urdahl-Serr Principal, Aboriginal Education Phone: 604-466-6271

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Poppies will be distributed to all students for the ceremony on **Thursday, November 7th** at 11:00 am. Poppy tins will be available for anyone wishing to donate to the Veterans.



THANK-YOU!!

We are so thankful for the continued support of our MRE community at our annual Terry Fox Run. It was great to see so many families come and join us on a beautiful fall day to honour the legacy of Terry Fox and raise money for cancer research. Thanks to your very generous donations, we were able to raise an amazing \$2519.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

CPF is a network of more than 25,000 volunteers across Canada whose goal is to promote and support educational opportunities for students to learn and use French. The Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Chapter consists of a group of dedicated parent volunteers who work closely with teachers, administrators and the school district to enrich your child's French learning. No need to speak French yourself to join our many volunteers in organizing the various extracurricular activities that help our immersion students to enjoy learning French.

I encourage you to join now: annual family membership is just \$25.00, and 90% comes right back to your district. Simply fill in the online application form at <https://cpf.ca/en/membership>. As a member, you will receive national and provincial newsletters, chapter updates, discounts for CPF events and much more. It is a wonderful way to stay informed about what is happening in the district, across the province and Canada. The next meeting is November 28 6:30 - 8:00 at MRE in the library. We welcome all newcomers!

Please check our website at <https://cpfridgemeanows.wordpress.com> to find French Learning resources and information about our organization. You may also contact our president, Alison Ailles at cpf.ridgemeanows@gmail.com.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

It was great to see so many students come out for the district event! Thank-you to all the teachers who took their students out for Run club to help develop their running stamina and thank-you to all the staff who helped out at the event!

PARTNERSHIP WITH RCMP

School District 42 works closely with our RCMP detachment in order to keep our schools safe. Officers will be visiting throughout the year to talk to classes, assist with parking, and to become familiar with our community.

***School based Non-Instructional Day
Friday, November 8th
Remembrance Day Monday, November 11th
No School for Students***

PAC INFORMATION

Hello parents and students! I hope your fall has been a fabulous one! Below are the things that PAC has happening in the final stretch before the Holiday Break! I know some of you have been concerned about the amount of fundraising being done in the first stretch of the year, and I thought I'd take a minute to reassure you that the reason so many different types of fundraisers are done is to offer choice so that something might appeal to you. The PAC funds many things that happen in the school. We support learning resources for classrooms, contribute a portion toward field trip buses, carnival day, treats, and among many other things, we are saving to build a new primary playground.

Our October PAC meeting had a great attendance, and it fills me with so much happiness to see parents taking time out of their very busy schedule to attend! It truly takes a village and I am excited to see this PAC community grow! **Our next PAC Meeting is November 12th at 7pm.**

Neufeld Foods

Neufeld ordering forms will be sent home at the beginning of November. Please note that orders need to be in by November 7. Please share with coworkers, neighbors and family! Also, please be prepared to **pick up your food on November 20 at 5:00 pm.** If you are not able to pick it up at that time, please plan for someone else to get it for you. We are limited on freezer space and would hate for food to go to waste.

Lug-A-Mug

This is a PAC run event during November. Students will be asked to bring a mug and spoon to school to enjoy free hot soup! This date is still to be decided so keep a look out for it on the Friday Blasts. Volunteers will be needed for the event to continue. Please let Nicole Keough know if you are able to help nekoalne@hotmail.com.

Shopping Extravaganza

This year our annual Shopping Extravaganza will be Friday, November 15, from 5:00 - 9:00 PM. Volunteers are also needed for this to be a smooth sailing evening of fun! If you're available to help please contact Dallas Bell at dal.las@shaw.ca or 604-671-6306 and let her know. More importantly we hope to see you all at the event! There will be food, fun and prizes!

There will be a baked goods table. If you are able to donate please contact Nicole Keough at nekoalne@hotmail.com. All treats must be labelled and wrapped individually.

Santa Mall

Please consider donating your gently used or new items to Santa Mall! Santa Mall is a World Class experience for your children to buy a gift for a family member or special friend at a reasonable price. There is a box in the front hall at the school to receive your donations. Once the dates are arranged they will be listed in the Friday Blast.

Book Fair

Scholastic Bookfair will be back just in time for Holiday gift giving. This year the fair will take place on the stage from November 15 - 20. Students will visit the Bookfair and make a “wishlist” of their literary dreams! They will then bring their wishlists home and you’ll have an opportunity to come in with/out them or send them with money. The book fair raises a lot of money to support new books for the library, books as prizes for house points, and books for our reading cart at lunchtime. This event will also need volunteers to run. Please watch out for volunteer sign up slips to come home over the next couple weeks! Thank you to the BookFair committee for the donations of books and posters for the Hall.

Purdy’s Chocolates

This is a fundraiser for the Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony. Orders are due November 15 and must be picked up at 6:30 pm on November 27.

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Maple Ridge Elementary*

Personal Awareness and Responsibility

Why is personal awareness and responsibility so important to a child's education? Personal awareness and responsibility is a core competency integrated into all areas of learning in the curriculum.

When a student is personally aware and responsible, their sense of self-worth and confidence grow as they develop skills to ensure their well-being. Students learn how to set goals, regulate their emotions and stress, express their needs, and seek help when needed.

When students understand how their choices affect their educational, emotional, and social well-being, they recognize that they have a personal responsibility for their future.

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



Here some students in division 10 have chosen a quiet space to complete a work task.



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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GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Playground Pub Night

1st Prize: Nintendo Switch with Super Mario Party

2nd Prize: Garmin Vivoactive 3 Smart Watch

3rd Prize: Soda Stream Fizzi

4th Prize: Roku Streaming Stick +



LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

*Ticket sales cut off November 21st by end of school day

*Draw date November 22 at the Haney Public House

***Must have photo ID to claim prize**



**Choose vegetables and
fruits for snacks most
of the time.**

Keep a bowl of fruit on the
counter to grab as an easy snack.

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November 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Boys Triple Ball Game at MRE vs. Golden Ears	5 Intermediate Choir Practice 2:30 - 3:00 Div. 13 to Kanaka Creek Hatchery Boys Triple Ball Practice at 7:30 am Girls Triple Ball Game at Glenwood	6	7 Remembrance Day Ceremony at 11:00 NO CHOIR	8 District N.I.D. No school for students	9
10	11 Remembrance Day Holiday	12 Choir Practice 2:30- 3:00 Leaving Ceremony Mtg 6:00 PAC Meeting 7:00	13 Lug-A-Mug (soup)	14 Choir Practice 2:30-3:00	15 Purdy's Orders Due Bookfair Christmas Craft Fair 5:00 - 9:00	16
17	18 Bookfair	19 WE DAY NO CHOIR Bookfair	20 Bookfair	21 NO CHOIR	22 MRE Pub Night Playground Fundraiser 7:30 - 9:30 Haney Public House	23
24	25	26 Choir Practice 2:30 Author Visit - Mark David Smith	27 BOOKFEST in morning Purdy's Orders Pick up at 6:30 pm	28 Student Conferences Dismissal at 11:30 am NO CHOIR Canadian Parents for French Meeting 6:30 MRE Library.	29 Conferencing all day No School for Students	Notes: