



## MAPLE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Vice Principal: Mme Chelsea Lendvoy**

## FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



January certainly saw its fair share of rain and inclement weather! Yet in spite of this, it still looked so joyful watching our children play outside. Indeed, there was lots of mud, branches blown down, and swampy playground areas, but there continued to be lots of laughter and fun!

Recently I saw the movie, *It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood*, and it was truly inspiring. It is the story behind Fred Rogers and how his natural way of caring for others, impacted someone in despair. The movie brought back many happy memories of watching his children's show when I was young. This special person used to give me the feeling that he knew me, in spite of being inside the television. Mr. Rogers addressed many of the challenging topics that we continue to teach today. He talked about managing powerful feelings, kindness, making friends, forgiveness, divorce, always attuning to the needs of his audience. He lived the mantra that each person is precious, just the way he/she is.

These values are at the core of our celebrations in the month ahead. February is a special month where we celebrate Valentine's Day,

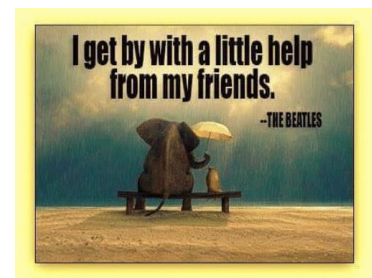
Family Day, and finish off with Kindness Counts Day. It seems to me that it is all about celebrating relationships. MRE is holding a special *Kindness Counts* assembly on February 26 at 1:00 and you are invited to join us. We are asking everyone to wear pink. Our assembly message to all is: *Be kind. Be a part of someone's good day. Let's make the world a better place by spreading kindness.* You may want to check out [www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org) or [heartmindonline.org](http://heartmindonline.org) for more resources and information about teaching kindness to children.

Family Day is just around the corner and I hope you are able to spend time creating happy memories. Try to think back to what you enjoyed doing with your family when you were a child. I'll be cooking a dinner for us. We all enjoy eating together and afterwards will spend much time negotiating with each other about movie selection for the evening. I'm going to try to convince them to watch *It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood* (if it's available) or maybe *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (my boys' favorite movie when they were little). There will be a lot of discussion about this, but spending time together is what really matters.

Happy February!

Mme Servant  
Principal

Mme Lendvoy  
Vice Principal



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2020/2021 school year is open to children who are **5 years old on or before December 31, 2020**. Visit the district website for detailed information on the five phases (sibling registration, choice registration, general registration, late registration, open registration) and other important information: <http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

### Kindergarten 2020/21

Phase	Registration Starts (12:00 noon)	Registration Ends (11:59 pm)	Supporting Documents Deadline (12:00 noon)	Parents will be notified of their child's Placement via email shortly after the registration phase ends.
Sibling	Jan 8, 2020	Jan 14, 2020	Jan 21, 2020	
Choice	Jan 22, 2020	Jan 27, 2020	Feb 4, 2020	
General	Feb 5, 2020	Feb 12, 2020	Feb 25, 2020	
Late	Feb 26, 2020	June 21, 2020	June 28, 2020	
Open	Aug 21, 2020	June 22, 2021	June 25, 2021	

## MRE is proud to offer both English and French Immersion Programs!

Immersion is the most effective method known for teaching a second language. Students master French in the same way that they learned English. Studies have shown that it is easier and more natural for a child to learn another language at a very early age. The aim of early French immersion is functional bilingualism. The process is so natural because French is used as the language of instruction and as a means of communication. It is also worth noting that learning subjects in French does not interfere with English language development as children spend the vast majority of time communicating in English with family and friends.

Please contact Donna Servant, Principal at MRE [dservant@sd42.ca](mailto:dservant@sd42.ca) if you have any questions about our program.

## STAFFING UPDATES

We welcome Kate Barber to her new position as childcare worker at our school. Kate is well known to the MRE community as she has been working as an educational assistant here for a number of years. She has experience as a childcare worker in our district and we are delighted to have her here in this position. Jackie Jordan, our previous childcare worker, accepted a counselling position in our district. This is a new and exciting opportunity for her since she recently completed her Master of Counselling.

## GRADE 8 REGISTRATION

Information coming soon on the district website under the Parents Tab. Visit [www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca)

### Grade 8

Phase	Registration Starts (12:00 noon)	Registration Ends (11:59 pm)
General	Feb 4, 2020	Feb 19, 2020

- Once online grade 8 registration closes, any late registrants must complete a paper registration form at their catchment school.
- Grade 8 students new to the district (not on the Portal) register in person at the DEO Feb 4-19, 2020 (opens 12:00 noon). After the registration period ends, paper registration forms are done at their catchment school.  
Parents will be notified of grade 8 placement prior to Spring Break
- All transfer requests are due March 5. Please refer to guidelines at the attached link. Scroll to Attachments - "secondary transfer 2020/2021 guidelines."  
<https://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/>

Non-Instructional Day, Thursday, February 13

Schools Not In Session, Friday, February 14

Family Day, Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

## Your Help Would Be Greatly Appreciated by All Staff

Just a friendly reminder to please keep our hallways clear in the mornings. Teachers are busy creating environments where teaching and learning can flourish before the school day begins. Disruptions and noise in the hallway impact this work. We have recently noticed increasing congestion in the corridors. Therefore we wanted to remind everyone that students are welcome to wait in the Green Zone until the bell rings in the morning. The Green Zone is the first classroom on the left as you enter our school. Otherwise, students and parents are asked to use the outside doors to their classrooms. Thanks for your support!

## MOVING?

If you are moving before the next school year, please visit the district website ([www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca)) for information and transfer deadlines.

[https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Elementary-Transfer-Guidelines-2020\\_21.pdf](https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Elementary-Transfer-Guidelines-2020_21.pdf)

## MATH RESOURCES

Looking for ways to help your children with Math? Check out the link below for helpful tips and resources.

<https://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum/>

## STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES

Please be sure to sign up for a conference with your teacher toward the end of this month. Conference days are March 5 (early dismissal at 11:30) and March 6 (no school for students). This time is dedicated for these meetings that are important for student growth and celebrating accomplishments. Please mark your calendar as these opportunities are very important for our children.

## PARKING LOT SAFETY AND ROUTINES AT MRE

Traffic issues surrounding MRE are a safety concern to all. Congestion during arrival and pick-up times lead to poor traffic circulation and often aggravate drivers and pedestrians which can lead to potential conflict as well as creating a very unsafe situation for our children.

**Safety is everyone's responsibility and we need to ensure that we all do our part.**

### **Common Traffic Problems At Schools Include:**

- Parking, stopping illegally
- Unsafe turns and U-turns
- Not stopping for children at crosswalks

### **Other Safety Problems:**

- Children darting across the street through traffic unaccompanied by an adult
- Crossing in between vehicles or mid-block instead of at the marked crosswalk
- Letting children out of the car on the street or in front of the staff parking lot

### **School parking lot rules:**

- All school parking lots are designated for staff and vehicles displaying the disabled tag in their windshield. Daycare buses and taxis may use the roundabout at pickup.
- Students may be dropped off in the roundabout, but this area is CLOSED for pick up between 2:00 and 2:35.

### **Suggestions to help keep the area safer:**

- Consider parking away from the school (on a nearby adjacent street) and walking your child to school.
- Ensure all pedestrians use the designated crosswalk.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with regards to our parking lot.

## WEST COAST RECESS

It has been very cold and soggy outside and often the field can be quite muddy. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes at school, boots and a suitable coat for the wet/cold weather. Research shows that students benefit from daily opportunities to play outside in the fresh air. After being outside, students are better able to focus, and it also strengthens their immune system. There are more open spaces outside for children to be physically active. Students also have a chance to socialize with students from other classes. Thanks for helping so that all children have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors!

## 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.



**FEBRUARY 26, 2020 IS PINK T-SHIRT DAY!**

**KINDNESS STARTS HERE....**

**On Wednesday February 26th everyone is encouraged to wear something pink to emphasize that kindness can change the world!**

**Join us for the next  
MRE PAC Meeting  
Tuesday, February 11th  
@ 7:00 pm in the school library**

## WHAT DO YOU THINK? GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

Dear parents/guardians,

The proposed calendars for **2020/21**, **2021/22** and **2022/23** were presented to the Board of Education at the January 22, 2020 public meeting and are now out for public consultation.

To review the proposed calendars and provide your feedback, go to <https://www.sd42.ca/proposed-district-calendars/>.

The survey will be open from **Thursday, January 23 to Friday, February 21, 2020 (4:00pm)**.

All feedback will be reviewed by senior staff for possible revisions once public consultation concludes. The proposed calendars will then be submitted to the Board of Education for approval at the **March 11, 2020** board meeting.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Please see important letter below from Fraser Health regarding children's immunizations.

## PAC NEWS...

This year's final Lug-A-Mug will be held on Wednesday, February 19. It will be hot chocolate. Volunteers are needed to serve. Please email Nicole Keough if you are able to help [nekoalne@hotmail.com](mailto:nekoalne@hotmail.com)

Our next hot lunch day is Monday, February 24. Orders are accepted online through <https://munchalunch.com/schools/MapleRidge/>. Cash payments are also accepted to your classroom teacher. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child's name, division, food order and exact amount of cash be submitted to the teacher in an envelope that is clearly identified as hot lunch. We are not able to process orders that are missing information. All orders must be received no later than February 14. Cash orders must be received by February 12. Please contact [teaganscell@hotmail.com](mailto:teaganscell@hotmail.com) if you can help on hot lunch day.

**Book Fair:** Our Spring Book Fair will be the March 2, 3, and 4. Set up will be Friday, February 28. Please e-mail Nicole at [nekoalne@hotmail.com](mailto:nekoalne@hotmail.com) if you are able to volunteer for any shifts.





January 22, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of all school-age children,

**Re: Please submit your child's immunization record to Public Health.**

**We are missing important information about the immunization status of 35% of school-age children in Fraser Health region.** If your child's immunization record is incomplete, we need you to send your child's missing information to your local public health unit as soon as possible. *If your local public health unit or the Vaccine Status Indicator have shown that your child's immunization records are already complete, you may disregard this letter.*

**How do I know if my child's immunization record is complete?**

You can use the online Vaccine Status Indicator tool at <https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-indicator> to check if your child's immunization record is complete. If the Indicator shows that your child's records are incomplete, this means either public health does not have all of your child's records or your child may need additional immunizations.

**What do I need to do?**

Please submit your child's missing records as soon as possible. Records can be submitted in-person to your local public health unit or online at [www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform](http://www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform). Helpful tips for finding your child's immunization record are available here: <https://immunizebc.ca/tips-locating-immunization-records>.

If your child needs additional immunizations, please call your family doctor, a pharmacist, or public health to book an appointment. Visit [www.fraserhealth.ca/getimmunized](http://www.fraserhealth.ca/getimmunized) for a list of community vaccine providers. To book an appointment with public health call:

- 604-702-4906 (residents in Mission, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz and Hope)
- 604-476-7087 (residents in all other areas of Fraser Health)

**Why am I being asked to send in my child's immunization information?**

B.C.'s new Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation supports the gathering of immunization reports by Public Health. The regulation applies to all students in all schools within the Province's jurisdiction, including those who are home-schooled. It does not apply to children attending schools in First Nations communities.

In the event of an outbreak at school, children who are unimmunized or have an incomplete immunization record may be asked to stay home until the outbreak is over. For more information, please visit <https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-reporting-regulation>.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ingrid Tyler, Medical Health Officer, Medical Director

Health Unit Contact Information					
<b>Abbotsford</b> Tel: 604-864-3400 Fax: 604-864-3410	<b>Agassiz</b> Tel: 604-793-7160 Fax: 604-796-8587	<b>Burnaby</b> Tel: 604-918-7605 Fax: 604-918-7630	<b>Chilliwack</b> Tel: 604-702-4900 Fax: 604-702-4901	<b>Cloverdale, Surrey</b> Tel: 604-575-5100 Fax: 604-574-3738	<b>Guildford, Surrey</b> Tel: 604-587-4750 Fax: 604-587-4777
<b>Hope</b> Tel: 604-860-7630 Fax: 604-869-2332	<b>Langley</b> Tel: 604-539-2900 Fax: 604-514-8036	<b>Maple Ridge</b> Tel: 604-476-7000 Fax: 604-476-7077	<b>Mission</b> Tel: 604-814-5500 Fax: 604-814-5517	<b>New Westminster</b> Tel: 604-777-6740 Fax: 604-525-0878	<b>Tri-Cities</b> Tel: 604-949-7200 Fax: 604-949-7211
<b>Newton, Surrey</b> Tel: 604-592-2000 Fax: 604-501-4814	<b>North Delta</b> Tel: 604-507-5400 Fax: 604-507-4617	<b>North Surrey</b> Tel: 604-587-7900 Fax: 604-582-4811	<b>South Delta</b> Tel: 604-946-6953 Fax: 604-952-3550	<b>White Rock</b> Tel: 604-542-4000 Fax: 604-542-4009	

# READY, SET, LEARN

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR FAMILIES  
WITH CHILDREN AGES 3 OR 4

**READY, SET, LEARN (RSL)** is a FREE early learning program that welcomes children ages 3 and 4 to the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District and helps them get ready for success in school. The program offers play activities, storytime and crafts. Families also receive a package that includes a children's book and parent tips for supporting a child's learning and development.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENTS 2020

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL RSL EVENTS AND OCCURS ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. REGISTER AT <http://www.sd42.ca/rsl-registration>

DAVE JONES  
EDITH McDERMOTT  
HIGHLAND PARK  
PITT MEADOWS ELEM.

ALOUETTE  
ERIC LANGTON  
GOLDEN EARS  
HARRY HOOGE  
KANAKA CREEK  
YENNADON

OPEN TO CHILDREN  
AGES 3 AND 4 IN  
ALL MAPLE RIDGE  
AND PITT MEADOWS  
NEIGHBOURHOODS

FAIRVIEW  
GLENWOOD  
HAMMOND  
LAITY VIEW  
MAPLE RIDGE ELEM.

ALBION  
ALEXANDER ROBINSON  
BLUE MOUNTAIN  
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WEBSTER'S CORNERS  
WHONNOCK

PITT MEADOWS

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
**FEB 26, 2020**  
HIGHLAND PARK  
ELEMENTARY

MAPLE RIDGE CENTRAL

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
**APR 15, 2020**  
HARRY HOOGE  
ELEMENTARY

READY SET LEARN  
PARTNERSHIP EVENT

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM  
**MAR 10, 2020**  
THE ACT  
THEATRE

MAPLE RIDGE WEST

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
**APR 17, 2020**  
HAMMOND  
ELEMENTARY

MAPLE RIDGE EAST

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
**APR 28, 2020**  
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ELEMENTARY

The following schools offer additional RSL events, called PALS. Please call the school to register:

**ALOUETTE** 604.463.8730: Dec 4, Jan 23, Feb 26 (3:00 - 4:00 pm)  
**DAVE JONES** 604.465.9908: Nov 14 (3:00 - 4:15 pm), Jan 23 (3:00 - 4:15 pm)  
**KANAKA CREEK** 604.467.9050: Jan 31, Mar 6, May 22 (3:00 - 4:15 pm)  
**PITT MEADOWS ELEMENTARY** 604.465.5828: Nov 5, Feb 4, Apr 7 (2:40 - 3:45 pm)  
**KATZIE EARLY YEARS CENTRE - APALS** Torrie@katzie.ca: Jan 28, Mar 3, May 12 (5:00 - 6:30 pm)



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# ANGER MONSTERS

**FEB 22 - MAR 14 | 3-5PM SATURDAYS**

**\$90 FOR 1 PARENT AND 1 CHILD  
\$25 PER ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANT**

## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM 8-12YRS OLD:**

- LEARN WHAT ANGER IS
- WHAT YOUR THEIR TRIGGERS ARE
- LEARN TOOLS FOR CONTROLLING ANGER

## **PARENT'S PROGRAM:**

- ANGER CYCLES
- GOALS OF BEHAVIOUR
- HOW TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S EFFORT TO TAME THEIR ANGER MONSTER
- CALMNIQ TECHNIQUES

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
THE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT  
CENTRE**

**22554 LOUGHEED HWY  
MAPLE RIDGE, B.C.**

**V2X 2V1**

**(604)467-6055**

**reg@familyed.ca**



# I AM Awesome!

## SPRING CAMP

**MARCH 16 TO 19  
FOR 6-8YRS**

**MARCH 23 TO 26  
FOR 9-12YRS**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY  
8AM-12PM**

**PRICE: \$86**

Designed to help young individuals  
with communication styles,  
triggers, looking at their special  
inner qualities, how to deal with  
stress and how to be a friend!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
THE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE  
22554 LOUGHEED HWY**

MAPLE RIDGE, B.C.

604-467-6055

[reg@familyed.ca](mailto:reg@familyed.ca)



## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3  Boys basketball game at MRE vs. MR Christian School	4 Grade 8 registration begins at noon on the portal  Girls Basketball game at Fairview school	5 General registration for kindergarten opens on portal at noon  Choir Practice 2:20 - 3:00	6 Boys basketball practice 7:30 am GC bake sale at recess & lunch  Girls Basketball; practice in gym 2:30-3:30	7	8
9	10 Div. 8 & 9 to The Act 12:30  ArtStarts Performance 1:00 all classes  Boys basketball game at Alouette School	11 Divisions 1 & 11 skating in am.  Girls basketball game vs Whonnock at MRE  PAC Meeting 7:00pm library	12 Spirit Day - Wear red or pink  General kindergarten registration closes  Cash orders due for hot lunch day  Choir Practice 2:20 - 3:00	13 <b>Non-Instructional Day</b>  <b>No school for students</b>	14 <b>School Not In Session</b>  <b>No school for students</b>  Online orders due for hot lunch day	15
16	17 <b>Family Day – No school for students</b>	18 ARMS workshop Div. 15 in pm  Girls Basketball game at Edith McDermott	19 Grade 8 registration <b>ends</b> at 11:59pm on the portal  Lug-a-mug hot chocolate  Choir practice 2:20 - 3:00	20 Boys basketball practice 7:30 am  Kindergarten hearing/vision screening	21 Kindergarten hearing/vision screening  Girls basketball practice 2:30 - 3:30	22
23	24 Hot Lunch  Div. 17 & 18 skating in am  Boys basketball game at MRE vs. Edith McDermott	25  Girls basketball game at MRE vs. Blue Mountain	26 <i>Kindness Counts Assembly at 1:00pm (Wear Pink)</i>  Late kindergarten registration opens at noon  <b>No Choir practice</b>	27  Girls basketball practice 2:30 - 3:30	28 Water workshops in Divisions 8 & 9.	29