

Friday Blast

Maple Ridge Elementary

December 11, 2020

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

This winter break students are encouraged to participate in a reading challenge! Please see the attached Primary and Intermediate reading challenge bingo sheets. Students who submit a completed bingo sheet when school returns in January will receive a prize.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS

As the Christmas holiday draws nearer, please consider donating to our Christmas hamper donations drive. Each year the Maple Ridge Elementary community donates enough food and toys to sponsor several families and helps provide a Merry Christmas for many deserving families. We are collecting non-perishable food items and unused/unwrapped toys.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

The Christmas Extravaganza will be taking place Wednesday, December 16th. On this day we will celebrate by wearing Christmas outfits such as hats, headbands, 'ugly' Christmas sweaters, etc. Students will be participating in an online performance for other classes watch via zoom. Unfortunately, parents are not able to attend the school-wide performance due to FIPPA regulations. We hope that next year we will once again be able to invite parents.

MRE CHRISTMAS TREE

Many classes have contributed to making decorations for our school tree. You can check out our tree, as well many others, by visiting the display at Valley Fair mall.

LOST AND FOUND

Please remind your child to come to the main office and check the lost and found for their belongings. We have many coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, water bottles, etc., missing their owners. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity on December 18th.

SCHOOL PHOTOS UPDATE

Photo Expressions is offering two more days of portraits in their local studio for those who were unable to have photos done at the school. Appointments are available through their online booking system <https://photoexpressions.ca/portraits/booking/studio-school-portraits-2020/>

Available dates: Saturday, January 23, 2021 and Monday, January 25, 2021.

PARKING REMINDER

A friendly reminder to please **not pull into the staff parking** lots to drop off students. We suggest parking on a nearby street and walking the rest of the way to school. Please be cautious not to block the driveways of our neighbours. The drive through area in front of the school is closed from 2:00-2:30pm every day.

MRE FACEBOOK PAGE

You can follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information and reminders! Use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/Maple-Ridge-Elementary-SD42-106513777847643>

ATTENDANCE

Please let us know if your child is going to be late or absent from school through either the parent portal, by emailing mre_reception@sd42.ca or by calling us at 604-467-5551. If you know your child will be absent multiple days in a row you can enter them all at once.

MESSAGES FROM OUR PAC

Our next PAC meeting will be on January 11, 2021 on Zoom. All parents of MRE students are welcome! <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/68801044938?pwd=V2tuRnFSZWxQS0JXSjBkd2ZBYmxuQT09>

You can learn more about our PAC and get updates by following them on Facebook. Just search for: MRE Parent's Association!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday December 16 – MRE's Christmas Extravaganza

Friday December 18 – Last day of school before winter break!



MRE WINTER BREAK READING CHALLENGE

~Primary~

Read all the books below and return your Bingo sheet



for a book prize!



R	E	A	D
A book about being kind	A book someone read to you	A book that inspired a movie	A book about Math
A book about making something	A book about a trip	A book you want to share with a friend	A book about family
A book about animals	A book you read to someone else	A book that makes you laugh	A book that makes you hungry
A book about being a good friend	A book about space exploration	A book about a country	A book that makes you think

MRE WINTER BREAK READING CHALLENGE

~Intermediate~

Read all the books below and return your Bingo sheet
for a book prize!



R	E	A	D
Read a fiction book	Read a book written by a female author	Read a biography or an auto biography	Read an adventure story
Read a book that is set in another country	Read a mystery	Read a how-to book	Read a magazine
Read a book that is set in the past	Read a book where an animal is the main character	Read a graphic novel	Read a joke book
Read a book written by a male author	Read a book that is set in the future	Read a Non-fiction book	Read a book aloud to someone else