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Dear MRE Families,

We are already at the end of the second term and Student Inclusive Conferences are just around the corner. As in the previous term, conferences will be held on Zoom. We hope that you find the process to be collaborative, informative and rewarding for you and your child.

A focus in the last weeks has been on kindness, with Pink Shirt Day as just one of many events.

The three grade 5/6 classes celebrated Valentine's Day differently this year. In response to a call-out from The Seniors Network, Community Services and Meadow Ridge Rotary Club, students made cards and provided treats to show seniors that they are thinking of them. Other classes also sent cards and messages to Care Centres.

As this will be our last newsletter before Spring Break, we want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very relaxing and enjoyable break with family and friends.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara MacKinnon
Principal

Chelsea Lendvoy
Vice Principal

Here's a riddle submitted by Mack from Division 17



Q. What do you call two banana peels on the floor?
A. Slippers.

Playground

We can see day-to-day progress on the construction of the new playground. Excitement grows with each new piece that is added! Completion is set for March 31st.



Lost and Found

The Lost and Found currently contains about 10 coats, 10 sweatshirts/hoodies, an assortment of face masks and gloves, and one *lonely* rubber boot. Photos are sent in the Friday Blast each week. Please take a moment to check. The photos here show only some of the items.



SD42 Enhanced Cleaning in Schools – Vital Oxide

The health and safety of our students and staff is always our primary concern. In the context of the current COVID-19 pandemic, we have the added responsibility of ensuring that our facilities are cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings.

The school district currently uses Vital Oxide solution as part of its enhanced daily cleaning regimen implemented to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. It is hypoallergenic, biodegradable, fragrance-free, food-safe, and non-toxic. The product is registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and has one of the safest classifications possible while also killing 99.999% of bacteria and viruses within minutes.

The district initially used a bleach-based cleaner when schools reopened for in-classroom instruction in September but switched to the eco-friendly Vital Oxide in late October/early November to address feedback received from schools. Fraser Health has confirmed that this product is not hazardous and non-toxic and is not expected to cause respiratory or skin irritation. Eye contact may cause mild irritation.

In rare instances where an adverse reaction does occur, the district can switch to a different hypoallergenic product for that classroom. Please contact us at the school if you have questions or concerns.

Daily Health Check

Please continue to check your child/ren daily for symptoms of illness. There is a great app that takes the guesswork out of deciding what to do if your K-12 child shows symptoms. You'll find it here: [Health Check App K-12](#)

Please select your **grade** to begin your health check



K-5



6-8



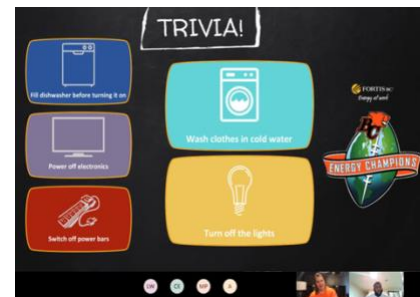
9-12

Disclosure about information collection

No personal information is collected by this application. Grade ranges are collected to better understand the application age usage demographics.

BC Lions Fortis Energy Champions

BC Lions players David Mackie & Andrew Pierson are making a virtual appearance at MRE on the afternoon of March 11th. It's a fun and engaging program that teaches students where our energy comes from, why we need to be careful about using it, and some things that can be done at home and school to help save energy.



MRE PAC News

The next PAC meeting is on Monday, March 8th, on Zoom, at 7:00 p.m. All parents are welcome. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88594786398?pwd=QINGWHdQRlgybERhTE4wNIE1Tk9zUT09>

Information will be coming soon about:

Art Cards: including an optional contest with Dairy Queen Gift Certificates as prizes

Purdy's Chocolates: in time for Easter

Neufeld Foods: delicious meals and treats

PACNEWS

Yearbooks – Please see the poster on the next page for information about the
Yearbook Cover Contest





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Yearbooks Cover Contest

This year is a little bit different, isn't it? So we are going to do our yearbook cover contest a little differently – completely online, from home!

How to Create Your Art

Any student can enter. Get out your crayons, pencils or paints and make a winning design! Make sure you do it in full colour.

For your entry to be considered, it must follow these rules:

- ✦ Use a regular 8½x11 sheet of white paper
- ✦ Make your cover vertical (up-and-down, not side-to-side)
- ✦ Include the school name and "2020-2021" in the design
- ✦ Include your first name (no last name)

How to Submit Your Art

1. Take a phone snap shot, or scan of your artwork
2. Email this image to yearbooks@photoexpressions.ca
3. Include your name, your school name, and Division or Teacher name in the email

If you win, we will contact you to get hold of the original artwork if necessary!

All entries are due by: Mon, April 26





Mark your calendar

Thursday, March 4, **early dismissal at 11:30 a.m.**
Friday, March 5, **no school for students**

Student Inclusive Conferences – Term Two Reports

Information about scheduling student inclusive conferences has been sent by classroom teachers. This is a chance for students, parents and teachers to discuss student growth, celebrate accomplishments and set goals.

As with last term, conferences will take place on Zoom.



*Parents, Student, & Teacher
Conferences*

DRIVE TO FIVE

Drop off, pick up and parking at the school can be quite challenging at peak times. The map below shows a 5-minute walking map. From any spot in the circle, it takes only 5 minutes to walk to MRE. This is a great way to ease congestion and get some exercise and fresh air.



FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER

Have a look at the many workshops that are offered by the Family Development Center. Posters are included at the end of this newsletter.

SD 42 Information

Kindergarten Registration

Children who turn 5 years old in 2021 (born in 2016) are eligible to register in kindergarten for the 2021/22 school year. The next registration dates for the 2021/22 school year are below:

Late Registration From now until July 31, 2021

Open Registration August 19 and on

All registration periods open at 12 pm (noon)- Parents will be notified of their child's placement by email shortly after the last day of their registration phase.

For more information, download the kindergarten registration brochure at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2021-22-Kindergarten-Registration-Brochure-online.pdf> or visit the school district kindergarten registration page at <https://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

Grade 8 Registration – Secondary School - September 2021

Registration for grade 8 for the 2021-22 school year is done on the parent portal. Online registration began on **February 4, 2021** at 12:00pm (noon). The online registration form will automatically populate with your child's secondary catchment school. This is determined by your address. Please take a moment to ensure your parent portal account has your current address.

Transfers

For further details on transfer criteria and important dates for the 2021/22 school year, you will find the appropriate guidelines provided below:

[Student Transfer Guidelines: Elementary \(2021/22\)](#)

Communication

As we continue to reduce handling of materials and the consumption of paper, most school-based publications, including the *Friday Blast* and this monthly newsletter will be sent home via the parent portal. Pertinent information will be updated on our school website: <http://mre.sd42.ca>. You can check the website at <https://www.sd42.ca> for district information. We also have a school-based Facebook page called Maple Ridge Elementary SD 42. Teachers will be using a variety of methods for their class level communications.

Have you thought about a career with our school district?

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

[More to come on the next pages...](#)

MARCH 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
	Registration for Kindergarten continues all month			Student Inclusive Conferences Dismissal at 11:30	Student Inclusive Conferences Students do not attend.	
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
	PAC meeting on Zoom, 7:00 p.m. Link is embedded			BC Lions Energy Program on Zoom	Crazy Hair Day Last school day before Spring Break	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						
28	29					
	First day back to school!					

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Conflict Resolution

Parents and caregivers will learn about: conflict management parenting styles, trigger scale, active listening, open questions for parents, and how to use "I" statements.

Please note this program will take place online, via Zoom.

May 18th (Tues)
10am - 12pm
Price: \$15

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ANGER MONSTER

Children between 8 and 12 years learn what anger is, their triggers, and tools for learning to control their anger. The parents program features skills from Neufeld Institute, anger cycles, goals of behaviour, how to support their child's efforts to tame their anger monster, and calming techniques.

This program will run at our Under The Tree Centre at 9975 272nd Maple Ridge.

Please note the location of this program is subject to change as per the BC Provincial Health guidelines regarding Covid-19.

**APRIL 10TH -MAY 1ST
SATURDAYS
10AM-12PM
PRICE: \$90**

(based on a registration for one adult and one child)

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Healthy Relationships

Learn the basic fundamentals of any adult relationship. Includes learning about needs, wants, and new communication skills.

Please note that the location of the program is subject to change as per the BC Provincial Health guidelines regarding Covid-19.

Pt. 1

May 7th from 6 - 9pm

May 8th from 10am - 1pm

OR

Pt. 2

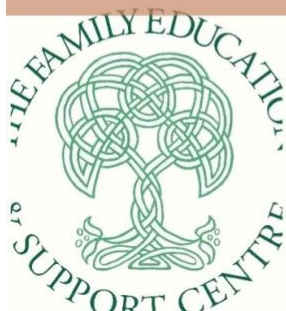
May 14th from 6 - 9pm

May 15th from 10am - 1pm

Price:

\$90

Based on two participants for one part, at \$45 each



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PARENTING RESILIENT CHILDREN



Understand better what resiliency is and how we
can foster it in our families.

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via Zoom.

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