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Hello MRE Families,

Signs of spring are everywhere! This year, the sense of renewal that comes every spring is combined with hope that the end of the pandemic is near.

Thank you so much to the PAC who has worked tirelessly toward funding the completion of our new playground. Despite the fact that the playground was installed in a different orientation than we anticipated, students are going to love using it! There is now a paved pathway to access the ramp and extra mulch has been added at the end of the slides. You'll notice that the crumpled asphalt near the sidewalk has been replaced. The Earthquake Supply Container has been moved so that the access to the whole playground is better and a hand sanitizing station has been located near the benches.



Enjoy the final term of learning with your children, read with them often, ask them to share an interesting part of their day and have fun together!

Yours sincerely,

Barbara MacKinnon
Principal

Chelsea Lendvoy
Vice Principal

Here's a spring riddle for you:



Q: What did the mother worm say to the little worm who was late?

A: Where in earth have you been?"

Health and Safety

Thank you for all you are doing to follow COVID guidelines. Please continue to do the daily health check with your children and keep them at home if they are not well. COVID protocols at school remain in place and it is important to remain vigilant. Current information specific to our school district can be found at: <https://www.sd42.ca/announcement/health-families-superintendent-dhillon/>

The BC Centre for Disease Control has a very helpful and easy-to-navigate new online resource for B.C.'s education community. Built for parents, students, and school staff, the <http://www.bccdc.ca/school> website has a wealth of valuable information about COVID safety. It is updated regularly and includes topics such as:

- Health and safety measures that have been put in place to prevent COVID-19 from spreading in schools
- Protocols when there is a positive COVID-19 case in a school
- Shareable resources and infographics
- Quick links to the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool and the new K-12 Health Check app
- FAQs (Frequently asked questions)

<http://www.bccdc.ca/school>



✓ DAILY HEALTH CHECK

All parents, guardians, and/or caregivers **MUST** conduct a *Daily Health Check* of their child(ren) before sending them to school. The Daily Health Check is also available online at <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/>

SYMPTOMS

- Fever (above 38°C)
- Chills
- Cough
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Difficulty breathing



WHAT TO DO

1 or more of these symptoms:

- Stay home.
- Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.

SYMPTOMS

- Sore throat
- Loss of appetite
- Headache
- Body aches
- Extreme fatigue or tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



WHAT TO DO

1 symptom:

- Stay home until you feel better.
- Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.

2 or more of these symptoms:

- Stay home and wait 24 hours to see if you feel better. If symptoms don't improve or if they get worse, get a health assessment. Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.

CLOSE CONTACT

If you are a close contact of someone who has COVID-19 and have any of the symptoms listed above:

- Get tested and stay home.
- Fraser Health will advise you if you are a close contact. For more information on close contacts, go to <http://www.bccdc.ca/covid19closecontacts>.
- If you are unsure, please call 8-1-1.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?

- All students and staff who have travelled outside of Canada are required to self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival under both provincial and federal orders.



If your child develops severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing (eg. struggling to breathe or speaking in single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Goals from the Reporting Conferences

During your student inclusive reporting conference, you discussed goals for next steps in your child's learning at school. Writing down the goal was an important first step. As we begin the final term of the year, please take some time to revisit the report card and commit to reaching the goal(s). A goal without a plan is a wish.

- Discuss the purpose of your child's goal.
- Break a big goal into smaller steps.
- Make a plan for how you will address obstacles.
- Enlist help as needed.
- Celebrate success.



There are many online sites with fun and doable ideas for setting and reaching goals with kids.

Lost and Found



We are happy to report that many items left at the Lost and Found were reclaimed before the Spring Break. Things were labeled with names and could easily be returned to owners. Leftover clothing was donated to charity. We will continue to post photos of Lost and Found items on the MRE Facebook page.

Student Information

Please remember to let the school office know if any of your child's information changes, i.e. home phone number, cell phone number, work phone number, address, emergency contact information, email address, etc. It is very important that the school has updated information about your children in case of emergency. Thank you.



Student Absences

If your child will be away from school, please let the office know at by entering the absence on the portal, emailing mre_reception@sd42.ca or leaving a message at 604 467 5551.

Student Learning Survey 2020/2021



The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

This month the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. **We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers** to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current

strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Please follow the section under *Direct Access* (no logon number is required). Scroll to district 42 Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows and then scroll to Maple Ridge Elementary. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

All responses are anonymous and confidential. The surveys can be completed any time before April 30. We look forward to your input!

Are You Moving? Student Transfers

We are approaching the time of year when we begin to look toward the next school year. Preliminary staffing for the fall will begin very soon and it is important that we are as accurate as possible about the number of students who will be here next year. If you know that you will be moving or changing schools, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Grade 1-6 students wishing to transfer schools for September must complete a Student Transfer Request Form that can be obtained by contacting the office or the principal. Please make sure this is done as early as possible so that the new school can consider your request. Due to space limitations, many schools are only able to consider students within their catchment. Proof of address is required. Visit the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/> for information and transfer deadlines.

Class Placements for September 2021

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: **social emotional skills and relationships**, as well as **learning styles, strengths and needs**. Our goal is to create safe, engaging and inclusive classrooms that balance these factors as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, you may submit input to the principal in writing by May 28, 2021. *Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.*

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2021/22 school year is open to children who are 5 years old on or before December 31, 2021 (born in 2016). Visit the district [website](#) for detailed information. Late registration is now open until July 31 for parents who may have missed previous phases. Parents will receive an email to advise them of their child's tentative placement and be asked to send all supporting documentation to the school.

For more information, download the [kindergarten registration brochure](#) visit the school district [kindergarten registration page](#)

Welcome To Kindergarten



The Welcome to Kindergarten Program shares strategies and resources that make early learning through play a priority in the home and support children in a successful transition to school. More information to come.

Mark Your Calendar



Friday, April 2 – School Not in Session (Good Friday)
Monday, April 5 – School Not in Session (Easter Monday)



MRE PAC News

Thanks to all of you who have supported the PAC fundraisers that have taken place this year. As always, please contact us if you have any questions, concerns or feedback.

The next PAC meeting is on Monday, April 12th, on Zoom, at 7:00 p.m. All parents are welcome. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88594786398?pwd=QINGWHdQRlgYbERhTE4wNIE1Tk9zUT09>

Nominations are now open for executive positions.

Chair

Vice-Chair

Treasurer

Secretary – (fyi: there are currently no nominations for this position)

DPAC Representative

Please email your nominations to pac.mre@gmail.com.

Fundraisers

Purdy's Chocolates: Unfortunately, Purdy's ran out of Easter stock. Payments for orders made on paper will be refunded. Online orders will be filled.

Art Cards: Contest entries are due to on April 9. They should be sent to the office. There will be 3 intermediate winners, and 3 primary winners and each will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Dairy Queen.

Duck Race Tickets: Please see the PAC Facebook page (MRE Parents Association) for more details. This year, the race will be virtual.



Town Hall and Meridian Meats fundraisers are up and running. Please see the PAC Facebook page (MRE Parents Association) for more details.

For more information on PAC fundraisers please see details on the Parent Portal messages from March 12 and March 24th.

Earth Day on Thursday, April 22, 2021 – End Plastic Pollution!!

Earth Day promotes environmental awareness and calls for the protection of our planet.



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.

APRIL 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	29	30	31	01	02	03
	First day back after Spring Break				Good Friday School is not in session.	
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
	Easter Monday School not in session.				Wear your House Team Colours or Spirit Wear	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<u>PAC</u> <u>meeting on</u> <u>Zoom, 7:00</u> <u>pm</u>				Dress as a character from a book.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Earth Day	Wear your House Team Colours or Spirit Wear	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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					Last day for Student Learning Surveys	
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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

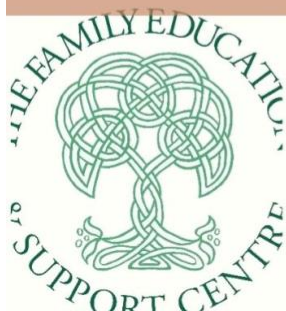
May 14th from 6 - 9pm

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.

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

APRIL 20TH, 10AM - 12PM
PRICE: \$15

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