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MRE Newsletter – June 1, 2021



Hello MRE Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost upon us. Although the weather is variable, students are enjoying lots of outdoor learning and play time. Walks to neighbourhood parks, the recent Community Clean-up and the Ride to School week are all ways that help students develop a sense of connection and curiosity about the environment in which we live. It's such a beautiful neighbourhood!

This newsletter contains a lot of information about the remainder of the year as well as some "heads-up" items for the fall. Please look for one more newsletter later in June after the new calendar has been set by the district. We are excited about the COVID restart plans and will keep you updated as we have more information.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara MacKinnon
Principal

Chelsea Lendvoy
Vice Principal

Bike to School Week – underway now!

Bike to School week is May 31 – June 4. Our school is joining 90 other schools in 14 municipalities across Metro Vancouver. Let's see how many riders we can get. Scooter and skateboards are also welcome.

- Bikes must be locked if they are left at school during the day
- Helmets are mandatory
- Once on the schoolground, students must walk their bikes (or scooters or skateboards)



Lost and Found

Left-over Lost and Found items were donated to charity two weeks ago, but the collection is growing again. We will continue to post photos of items on the MRE Facebook page and in the Friday Blast. Please take a moment to write names on clothing items so that they can be delivered back to their owners.



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 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.

Are You Moving?



We are continuing to work on the 2021-22 staffing and class placements. The number of students that we have at each grade significantly impacts staffing levels. **If you know that you are moving and will not be attending MRE in September, we would appreciate you letting us know ASAP.**



Student Transfers

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.

Medications

If you have submitted medication(s) for your child (i.e., Epi-pen, etc.), please remember to pick them up from the office on the last day of school (Friday, June 25th).



School Calendar for 2021-22

The calendar for the upcoming school year is currently up for review at the district level, so we are not able to share an accurate calendar with you until later in June. Information about the proposed calendar can be found here: <https://www.sd42.ca/announcement/proposed-amendment-district/>.

You can provide input by email at yourinput@sd42.ca between May 7 to June 8, 2021. The board will review all feedback received before making its decision on the proposed amendments at its scheduled public meeting on June 16, 2021.

School Supplies for September

Kindergarten to Grade 3

Do NOT purchase supplies for children in kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, and Grade 3. We will have their school supplies bulk ordered. Payment for the agenda and K-3 supplies will be collected in September via the parent portal. There will be a flat fee of \$50.00 for kindergarten supplies and \$55.00 for Grades 1, 2, and 3.

Grades 4-7

Lists are posted on the [Parent Portal](#) and on the [School Website](#). You can print the relevant list and do your own shopping or order a kit from Creative Kids. Packages from Creative Kids will be delivered to the school during the first week of September. If your child needs an agenda (planner) you will be notified, and payment can be made on the Parent Portal in September. The cost of a planner will be \$10.

Yearbooks – order until June 4th

You can place your order for an MRE 2020-2021 yearbook until June 4th. If you leave the shipping box unchecked and continue to the next screen, you will not pay for shipping and the books will be sent directly to the school for distribution. If your child is in Grade 7, you do not need to place an order. Their yearbook has already been purchased for them by the PAC.

To place your order for Kindergarten - Grade 6 students go to: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/5cZNV>

Congratulations to the winners of the yearbook covers competition! The front cover winner is Starry from Division 2, and the back cover winner is Ally from Division 9.



Grade 7 Leaving

A big thank you to the PAC and to the parent committee who are working to create a memorable, COVID friendly event for our grade 7 students. The grade 7s will celebrate within their class cohorts on June 18th.

Final Report Cards

The last day for students is June 25th, with dismissal at 2:20. Report cards will be issued that day.

Most teachers will complete their third term report cards online, and you can read them on the Parent Portal. You will receive an email message to notify you when the report is ready on June 25th.



June 28th and 29th will be an optional time for parents/guardians to ask questions about their child's report card and/or learning progress. If you have a question about your child's report card or learning progress, you will be able to email your child's teacher with your inquiry to arrange a time to meet by phone or zoom on those days.

Mark Your Calendar – (more on the June calendar below)



June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 22 – Freezie Day \$1

June 25 – Last day of school for students. Dismissal is at 2:20.

Message From the PAC

Special thanks go to our amazing 2020-21 PAC executives and members for their dedication and efforts during this unusual year.



Our MRE PAC wanted to take a minute to thank all our hard working staff at MRE for going above and beyond for all our students and families this year, and extend a warm thank you.

We also wanted to thank our executive team this last year for the amount of “behind the scenes” work they do, we wouldn't have been able to have the amount of success without you !

To all the parents who lent a helping hand throughout the year, we appreciate and look forward to your ongoing support with our PAC. You all play a huge part in our efforts to create enchanted experiences for all our students. Thank you and well done.

I also wanted to congratulate our new executive members who are joining our team; we are looking forward to another successful year.

Have a wonderful and healthy summer.

Nicole Keough. MRE PAC Chair

BACK TO SCHOOL PAC INFO

The first PAC meeting of the new school year will be on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 7:00 pm on Zoom. All parents/guardians of MRE students are welcome! Here's the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88594786398?pwd=QINGWHdQRlgybERhTE4wNlE1Tk9zUT09>

We are always encouraging new parents to check out our meetings for more information and become a part of a parent community that has our kids' best interest at heart.

Please see our PAC Facebook page (search MRE Parents Association) and the weekly Friday Blast for information on events, fundraisers and updates. If you have any questions or inquiries, please email us at mre.pac@gmail.com.

The executives for the 2021-22 school year are:

Chair: Nicole Keough

Vice Chair: Tanya Houle

Treasurer: Jeannie Harmon

Secretary: Leanne McMaster

Member at Large: Janna Mauch

Member at Large: Christine Willman

Current Fundraisers –

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.

(Details about current fundraisers can be found in the weekly Friday Blasts and on the MRE Parents Association Facebook page)

Duck Race Tickets – last day is June 5 (midnight)

Freezie Day – June 22, \$1 donation per student (all children will receive a freezie)

Maple Ridge Liquor Store (Townhall) – just mention MRE at the checkout for a school credit

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.

Summer Recreation Program

Pitt Troopers Day Camp Weekly Themes Week 1 July 5-9 - From Sea to Sea What better way to follow up Canada day then to rejoice such an occasion for a full week! Here's the link:
https://www.pittmeadows.ca/sites/default/files/docs/2021_summer_pitt_troopers_handout.pdf

Resource for Parents

SD42 has launched a new resource for parents at
<https://success.sd42.ca>

This website provides brief and concise information on a variety of issues that indirectly and directly impact a child's educational success.

Topics currently on the website are:

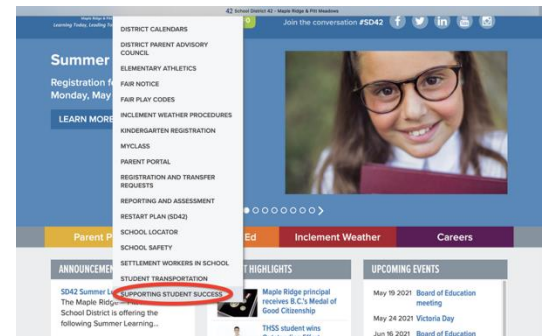
Healthy Use of Technology

- Screen Time
- Developing Healthy Habits
- Age-Appropriate Expectations
- Positive Social Media Use
- Healthy Study Space
- App-Use Guide

Internet Safety

- Cyberbullying
- Sexting
- Privacy Awareness
- Finding Information

Math and Reading Tips





JUNE 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01 Body Science Parent session	02	03 Wear your House Team Colours or Spirit Wear	04	05
		Bike to School Week				
06	07	08	09	10	Kernels Popcorn Distributed 11	12
	Body Science sessions for students		"Fashion Disaster" dress-up day Body Science sessions for students		Wear your House Team Colours or Spirit Wear	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					Grade 7 Leaving Event Wear your House Team Colours or Spirit Wear	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	National Indigenous Peoples Day		Freezie Day \$1		Last day for students Virtual assembly Report cards ready to view online Dismissal is at 2:20	
27	28 Teachers available to discuss report cards – by appointment	29 Teachers available to discuss reports cards– by appointment	30	1	2	3

✓ 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.



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PITT MEADOWS

Pitt Troopers Summer Daycamp



STEP 1

Read the Parent Handbook at www.pittmeadows.ca/register or pick up a copy at Customer Service. Ensure that you are aware of all terms and conditions related to pick up times, behaviour and general culture of our camp to make sure it's a fit for you and your child.

STEP 2

Once you have read the terms, it's time to register!
Online at www.pittfitandfun.ca, by phone 604.465.2470, or in person at Pitt Meadows Family Rec Centre.

STEP 3

You are required to fill out a Participant Waiver Form which can be found at www.pittmeadows.ca/register or pick up a copy at Customer Service. You must provide this completed waiver form on the first day of camp.



1 TO 1 SUPPORT WORKERS

The City of Pitt Meadows offers one-to-one support staff for children with varying abilities ages 6-10 to participate in Pitt Meadows Summer Camps. There is no additional fee for this service!

REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. Each child may register for a maximum of 5 days (1 week of camp) of one-to-one support in order to provide this service to as many families as possible.

Call the front counter staff @ 604.465.2470 for availability and sign up for the days you are interested in attending.

Children who receive support typically meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Extra support is required in school;
- Additional support or assistance is required at home for basic care;
- A physical, developmental and/or learning disability exists that affects the safety of the participant in a program;
- The participant is currently associated with a support agency.

For questions regarding one-to-one support with the City of Pitt Meadows contact Andy Buckle at 604.465.2456



May 31 – June 6, 2021 Safe Online Programming for Schools

★ School tickets are on sale NOW! ★

We are excited to announce the 44th annual Vancouver International Children's Festival will offer online programming to schools **May 31 – June 6, 2021**. You will get unlimited streaming access until June 13 from anywhere across BC! Take a Virtual Field Trip with your class and enjoy the Festival's exceptional theatre, music, dance, and storytelling shows from the comfort of your classroom. We can't wait to delight, enchant and engage your students with workshops and performances from local and international artists including live Q&A's.

Check out our exciting 2021 lineup of top-notch performances in English and French for students from Pre K-12.

School Tickets On Sale NOW!

- ★ Only \$60+GST per class /per online show!*
- ★ Plus, get access to 6 Online Arts Workshops
- ★ Unlimited streaming from the comfort of your classroom (until June 13, 2021). Watch the shows at a time that works best for you and your class.
- ★ Shows are available online! Now school groups from across BC can enjoy our fabulous programming!

* Ticket prices are valid for school groups of 13 or more. Tickets for Home and Distance Learner groups of 2 to 12 people are \$5+GST per person/per show. Please note, a \$10 order fee is applied to all school orders.



Spectacles en français

David Bouchard, Africa Oyé et Shivers présenteront leurs spectacles en français. Nouveau cette année: nous offrirons deux ateliers en français!

Workshops

The fun continues with 6 hands-on online art workshops. Students can get creative at our Indigenous Arts, Dance, Acting for film, Circus, Puppet-making, Origami and French workshops all included with your show ticket.



How to Watch & Listen

LIVE ONLINE

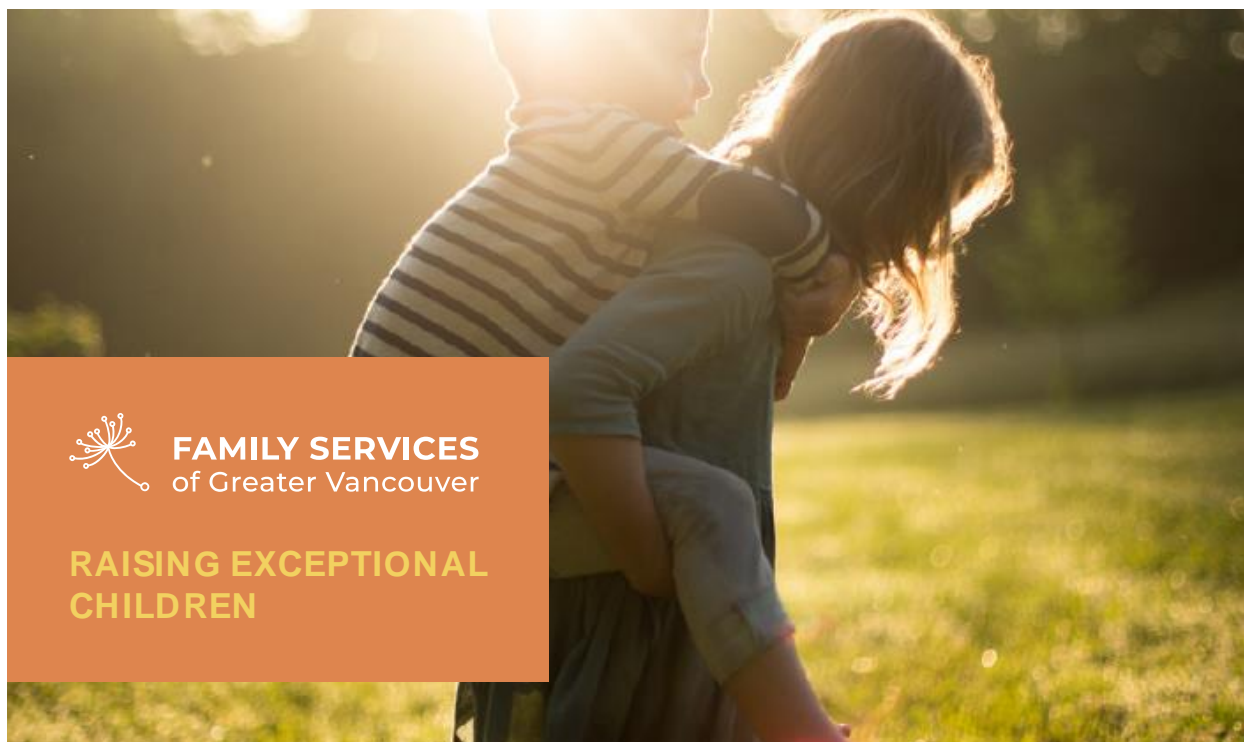
Watch a live performance in your classroom and access the recorded performance from 9am the day after.

PRE-RECORDED ONLINE

Watch or listen to a pre-recorded online performance in your classroom. Available until Sunday, June 13th at 8pm.

BUY TICKETS

Online childrensfestival.ca ★ Phone 604-708-5655 ★ Email edu@childrensfestival.ca



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RAISING EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

A FREE virtual support group program for parents of children with special needs

Connect with other parents, share the challenges of parenting exceptional children, and learn about community resources.

**Registration is required for this virtual program.*

LOCATION: This is a virtual Zoom program
DATE: The last Saturday of the month
TIME: 10am

For registration or enquiries:
604 368 2154 or email [ceds-nw @fsgv.ca](mailto:ceds-nw@fsgv.ca)



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**TAKE CONTROL OF
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6 FREE Financial Empowerment Workshop Sessions

Learn about your relationship with money, financial goal setting, banking, budgeting, dealing with credit & debt, protecting yourself from frauds & scams and saving & investing. These workshops help you build confidence and make better, more informed financial decisions. Our programs are all free!

**The program is open to parents and caregivers who have children under 12. Registration is required.*

LOCATION: This is a virtual Zoom program
DATE: Fridays from May 28 to July 2, 2021
TIME: 10am

For registration or enquiries:
604 368 2154 or email ceds-nw@fsgv.ca



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