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Have a great



Summer Newsletter - June 23rd, 2021

Hello MRE Families,

As this unusual school year comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours all of the very best for the summer. May it be a safe, healthy and happy one and whatever your holiday plans are, may they be most enjoyable!

A big thank you to our staff, students and families for making Maple Ridge Elementary such a wonderful place to go to school. We look forward to seeing you all in the fall and to those families whose children are moving to high school or moving away, you will be missed!

We have some staff members who will be leaving MRE. Their absence will be felt in the school community. We appreciate their dedication and hard work and wish them every happiness in their new endeavours. Leaving are: Ms Waddell, Ms Denoni, Ms Brown, Ms Magbanua, Ms Touhey, Ms Cabahug, Mr. Sesto, Ms Stanford, Ms Howard, Ms Schott, Ms Mazur and Ms Sullivan.

Looking forward, we extend a warm welcome to Ms Maria Angotti our new ELL teacher, Ms Szilagyi who will be teaching grade 1/2, Ms Yin Tsia at grade 2/3 and Ms Lindgren, our new CYCW (Child and Youth Care Worker).

We have been told to expect a “near normal” return to school in September. You will receive updates through the parent portal closer to school opening in September.

Wishing you happiness and health.

Yours sincerely,
Barbara MacKinnon
Principal

Chelsea Lendvoy
Vice Principal

Mark Your Calendar



June 25 - House Team Colours / Spirit Wear Day
June 25 – Last Day for students (2:20 dismissal)
June 25 – _Report Cards available online after 2:20
June 28-29 – Teachers available by appointment for telephone or zoom meeting to discuss report cards
Sept. 7 — First day back 8:25 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Final Report Cards – Where to find them...

At or near 2:20 p.m. on June 25th, you will receive a portal notification to look for your child's report card online. Please take the time to read and discuss the report with your child. If you are not able to access the portal, contact the school and we will be happy to give you a printed copy.



June 28 and 29th will be a voluntary time for parents/guardians to ask questions about their child's report card and/or learning progress. If you have a question or would like more information, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to meet by phone or zoom on those days.

Lost and Found



All remaining lost and found items will be taken for donation on June 25th.

Student Medications

If you have left any medication to be kept at school for your child (e.g., Epi-Pen), we ask that you pick it up before summer break (Friday, June 25th).



From the Library

Thank you to all students and families who have returned overdue and lost books. Please keep an eye out for any library books that may turn up over the summer and return them the fall. We're happy to have the book back, no matter how late 😊.



Volunteers

The School Volunteer (author unknown)

A school is more than books and desks
And learning two plus two
It's people who share their skills and care
And try their best in all they do
Please accept our heartfelt appreciation
Our school's a better place
Because of your dedication



A warm thank-you goes out to all the volunteers! Sadly, we were unable to honour you at the traditional Volunteer Tea this year, but please know that your gift of time makes a remarkable difference. Most recently, volunteers planned an amazing COVID friendly Grade 7 Leaving event. They also organized “swag bags” and arranged for each Grade 7 student to receive a yearbook.

PAC

A huge and heartfelt thank you to all members of the PAC. Because of the COVID guidelines, you have had to be incredibly flexible and resilient when your plans were affected time after time. Your tireless work has turned many dreams into reality—most notably the new playground. Among other projects this year, PAC funds supported October pumpkins, Conflict Resolution Workshops, the Wildlife in the Classroom Program and the recent Body Science Program.

All MRE parents and guardians are members of the PAC. We send a huge thank you to this year's executive:

Nicole Keough	Chair
Tanya Harrison	Vice Chair
Tanya Houle	Secretary
Samantha Laird	Treasurer
Amanda Griffin	DPAC



Grade Seven Students

To our grade 7 students, we wish you all the very best as you move to secondary school. We have appreciated your leadership, your commitment to learning and your enthusiasm for school activities. Know that MRE will always be a place where you are welcomed. We look forward to hearing about your future successes.

We'd like to extend another **big** thank you to the parents who collaborated to make the day meaningful.

The Premier, the Minister of Education and the Provincial Health Officer are also proud of this year's graduating class and have released a congratulatory video. Have a look:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmfNznx7cYo>



Bike (Wheel) to School

Our week of wheels from May 31 to June 4 was a great success. Scooters proved to be even more popular than bikes – especially with younger students. We hope this week of wheels will entice students to regularly opt for active transportation.

Thank you to students in Mr. Jones' class for tallying the results:



Bike

148

Scooter

249

Walk

523

Other

24

944

Summer Activities and Programs

Check the end of this newsletter, to will find ideas for summer fun in the community.

Looking ahead to the 2021-22 school year...

School Supplies

If your child will be in **Grade 4-7** next year, please check the school website for information on how to purchase school supplies. There are 2 options: purchasing the supplies yourself or purchasing through Creative Packs. For more info visit the school website:

<https://elementary.sd42.ca/mapleridge/school-supplies-lists/>

Many classes will also be using school planners (agendas) which cost \$10.00.



Kindergarten and Grades 1-3 – supplies will be bulk ordered by teachers. In September, you can pay on the portal or by cheque made out to Maple Ridge Elementary. The cost is \$50 for kindergarten students and \$55 for Grades 1-3.

If your family is experiencing financial constraints that make purchasing school supplies challenging, you may be eligible to receive a Salvation Army school supply backpack. These backpacks come filled with the necessary school supplies free of charge and will be delivered to the school in September. To check if you are eligible, please visit:
<https://ridgemeanowssa.ca/back-to-school-registration/>

First Day Back – Tuesday, September 7th, 8:30am - 11:00 a.m.


All returning students go to their current classrooms. Students who are new to the school go to the library. Please do not send any school supplies until students are placed in their new classes. This will likely be on Friday, September 10th or Monday, September 13th.

If there are any changes stemming from orders from the Public Health Officer and Ministry of Education, we will communicate them via our portal and website. Please check these platforms the first week of September.

Bell Schedule

There is a slight change to the schedule. You will notice that dismissal is 5 minutes later than in previous year.

SCHOOL HOURS & BELL SCHEDULE	
Entry Bell:	8:25 a.m.
Classes Begin:	8:30 a.m.
Recess:	10:20 – 10:35 a.m.
Lunch:	11:50 - 12:30 p.m.
Classes Dismissed:	2:25 p.m.



Calendar

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2021-22 Calendar

School opening day for students (Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.)	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Photo Day (Individual photos)	Wednesday, September 22, 2021
MRE Terry Fox Run	Friday, September 24, 2021
Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)	Tuesday, September 28, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 11, 2021
Non-instructional day (province-wide)	Friday, October 22, 2021
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Non-instructional day (district-based)	Friday, November 12, 2021
Student Inclusive Conferences – (dismissal at 11:30)	Thursday, December 2, 2021
Student Inclusive Conferences – (classes not in session)	Friday, December 3, 2021
Christmas Concert (proposed dates) Families choose one concert to attend	Wednesday, December 15, 9:00 a.m.
	Thursday, December 16, 1:00 p.m.
Schools close for break	Friday, December 17, 2021
Winter break	Monday, December 20, 2021 to Friday, December 31, 2021
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 3, 2022
Non-instructional day (school-based)	Monday, January 24, 2022

Family Day	Monday, February 21, 2022
Non-instructional day (school-based)	Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Student Inclusive Conferences – (dismissal at 11:30)	Thursday, March 3, 2022 11:30 dismissal
Student Inclusive Conferences – (classes not in session)	Friday, March 4, 2022
Schools close for break	Friday, March 11, 2022
Schools not in Session	Monday, March 14, 2022 to Friday, March 18, 2022
Spring break	Monday, March 21, 2022 to Friday, March 25, 2022
Schools reopen after break	Monday, March 28, 2022
Good Friday	Friday, April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	Monday, April 18, 2022
Non-instructional day (district-based)	Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2022
Last day for students (dismissal at noon)	Thursday, June 23, 2022
Year-end administrative day	Friday, June 24, 2022
Schools closed for summer vacation	Monday, June 27, 2022

First PAC Meeting of 2021-22

The first PAC meeting in the new school year will be on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. 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, become a part of a parent community with 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.

Summer Fun in the Community

The ACT Arts Centre

Looking for activities for summer for your kids? Check out these awesome art classes at The ACT Arts Centre. Registration begins online Jun 15, 6 a.m. For enquiries email learning@mract.org. For more information, see <https://user-nov9gru.cld.bz/2021-PRC-Summer-Program-Guide/58/>



Fraser Valley Regional Library



Get a reading record, enter prize draws, participate in online activities, see amazing virtual performers and earn a medal! Visit www.fvrl.ca to register.



YMCA



Plans for the summer? Summer is a time for kids to be kids! At the YMCA, summer campers will spend fun-filled days engaged in a variety of activities including sports, crafts, outdoor adventures, and much more! **We have a Day Camp located in your community at Fairview Elementary this summer!** For more information or to register visit gv.ymca.ca/daycamps

City of Maple Ridge – Happenings Program

The City has developed our Happenings Program that include summer concerts and performances Friday nights at Memorial Peace Park and Drive in Movies at the Golden Ears Winter Club Park, including a Canada Day drive thru. These programs are free or low cost to attend and offer the opportunity to get out in the community in a safe and controlled manner while we get used to relaxed restrictions. See the posters below.



HAPPENINGS

DRIVE-IN MOVIES & FOR A SMALL STAGE

Happenings is a year-long program that let's you know what festivals and events are being put on by Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture. Summer 2021 Happenings include **DRIVE-IN MOVIES**, **VIRTUAL SHOWCASES** and **SMALL STAGE PERFORMANCES**. All Happenings are in compliance with the latest Public Health Orders with comprehensive safety plans.

JOIN US FOR DRIVE-IN MOVIES

Join us at the parking lot of the Golden Ears Winter Club on Saturday nights at approximately 9:30PM (sunset) for movies. There are options suitable for all ages, so be sure to check them out!

LOCATION

GOLDEN EARS WINTER CLUB PARKING LOT

DATE

EVERY SATURDAY FROM JULY 10 TO SEPTEMBER 4

COST

\$10 PER VEHICLE (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

JOIN US FOR SMALL STAGE

Join us in Memorial Peace Park from July 9 through September 3 on Friday nights for performances and fun for all ages including live music, comedy, magic and dance. Events will feature two artists per night and run from 6:00PM-7:45PM.

LOCATION

MEMORIAL PEACE PARK BANDSTAND

DATE

FRIDAY NIGHTS FROM JULY 9 TO SEPTEMBER 3

COST

FREE (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

DETAILS, SCHEDULES AND TO REGISTER
VISIT US ONLINE AT [MAPLERIDGE.CA/2308](https://mapleridge.ca/2308)

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS,
PLEASE EMAIL [CULTURE@MAPLERIDGE.CA](mailto:culture@mapleridge.ca)



MAPLE RIDGE

British Columbia





Celebrate Canada Day in Maple Ridge with a special drive-thru experience that will take you and your family on a cross country road trip! Soak in the sights and sounds of Canadian history, music, dance and more as you follow along from the comfort of your vehicle. Finish your journey with a taste of Canadian cuisine at the Greater Vancouver Food Truck Festival featuring diverse cultural and festival favourites. All activities have been designed in compliance with the Provincial Health Order.

LOCATION | ALBION FAIRGROUNDS & ALBION SPORTS COMPLEX
DATE | THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021 TIME | 11:00AM-4:00PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED | VISIT [MAPLERIDGE.CA/1744](https://mapleridge.ca/1744) FOR DETAILS

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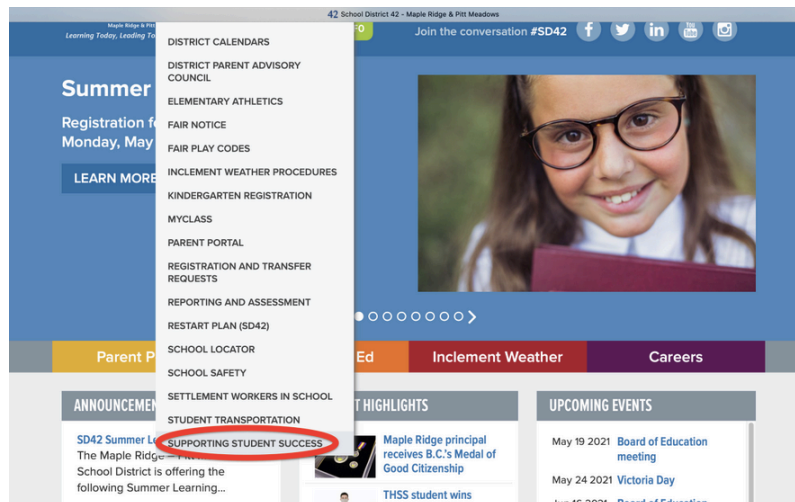





The ACT Arts Centre | Maple Ridge Public Library | Maple Ridge Museum | Haney Farmers Market

Resources for Parents and Guardians

SD42 has launched a resource for parents: <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 Tips/Reading Tips

Grass volleyball for beginners

Summer 2021

For the registration email Coach Anastasia
at hello@vball4kids.ca or call at (672) 880-0510

Age: 6-8, 9 - 12, 13 - 15 groups
Boys and girls play together

Price: \$20 per session
the first session is free

Locations: Maple Ridge | Pitt Meadows

Schedule: by your request



Volleyball 4kids



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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



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FAMILY SERVICES
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TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCES

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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