

Friday Blast

Maple Ridge Elementary

Friday, June 25th, 2021

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

On behalf of all the staff at Maple Ridge Elementary we wish everyone a relaxing, safe, and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to seeing returning students on September 7th and wish our Grade 7s the very best of luck as they move on to secondary school in the fall.



DISTRICT CALENDAR

The School District has announced the school calendar for next year. Please see below for next year's important dates and events.

2021-2022 MRE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 7, 2021 Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.
Photo Day (Individual photos)	September 22, 2021
MRE Terry Fox Run	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 11:30 dismissal
Student Inclusive Conferences – students not in attendance all day	Friday, December 3, 2021
Christmas Concert (proposed dates) Families choose one concert to attend	Wed. December 15, 9:00 a.m. Thurs. 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 – students not in attendance all day	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

ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY SCHEDULE: 8:30am to 2:25pm. 300 instructional minutes per day; 176 days of instruction. Kindergarten gradual entry the first 2 weeks of September.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If your child will be in Grade 4-7 next year, please check out the school website for information on how to purchase school supplies. There are 2 options: purchasing the supplies yourself or purchasing a Creative Pack. For more info visit the school website: <https://elementary.sd42.ca/mapleridge/school-supplies-lists/>

If you order your Creative Pack before July 4th you will also qualify for free shipping and be entered to win 1 of 2 \$500 cash prizes.



Kindergarten and Grade 1-3 teachers purchase students' school supplies as a bulk order. In September you can pay by cheque made out Maple Ridge Elementary or on the parent portal. 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/>

MRE Facebook Group Search: Maple Ridge Elementary SD4

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

There are quite a few camp options during the summer which we have been listing in the Blast the past few weeks. If you are interested in registering for volleyball, a YMCA summer camp, Pitt Troopers, or the Fraser Valley Regional Library Summer Reading Club you will find all the information listed below:

YMCA SUMMER CAMP

gv.ymca.ca/daycamps

PITT TROOPERS

www.pittmeadows.ca/register

SUMMER READING CLUB

[iFVRL Summer Reading Club 2021](#)

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Email: hello@vball4kids.ca

Call: (672) 880-0510



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 25 – Last Day for students (2:20 dismissal)

June 25 - House Team Colours / Spirit Wear Day

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

MESSAGES FROM OUR PAC

Current Fundraisers:

Liquor Store

The Maple Ridge Liquor Store is a proud supporter of MRE! For every purchase made, 5% goes to our school for fundraising. These funds will be designated towards a new Outdoor Sharing Area. When making a purchase simply let the cashier know that you're with MRE. Our school has also been given rebate cards. If you would like one, please contact our coordinator, Christine Willman, via text message at 604-319-5243.

You can learn more about our PAC and get updates by following them on Facebook. Just search for: "MRE Parents Association"



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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



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Pitt Troopers Camp Weekly Themes



Registration is by individual days, no weeklong barcodes

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! Join us as we pay homage to the North, Troopers will participate in authentic and traditional Canadian activities. Join Pitt Troopers for a week sure to be packed with summer fun!

Week 2 July 12-16 - Dance Through the Decades

Step into our time travelling device and join us as everyday we will journey through a full decade! Troopers will adventure through the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and 2000s while they perform and participate in themed activities!

Week 3 July 19-23 - Wizarding World

School may have let out but that does not mean learning is over! Hop aboard the Pitt Meadows express, next stop, The Wizarding Institute! Students will be sorted into houses and earn points through activities and challenges for their given house as you compete for the ultimate prize!

Week 4 July 26-30 - Starship Explorers

The Pitt Meadows Space Station is calling all astronauts! Come join us as we explore the galaxy and gain a better understanding of the worlds beyond our own. Troopers will learn about the solar system, create space crafts, and play space games.

Week 5 August 3-6 - Under the Big Top

Are you in need of a fun and exciting summer job with absolutely no experience needed? The Pitt Meadows Circus is the place to be this summer as we prepare and work towards building the greatest spectacle this city has ever seen. Everyday will be an adventure as Troopers will work together to create their very own extravaganza!

Week 6 August 9-13 - Nature Quest

With uncertain times still among us, there is no better time to learn and develop a love for the great outdoors. Through active exploration of "The Natural Place", Troopers will cultivate a love and understanding for nature. Join us for a fun, educational, and inclusive camp.

Week 7 August 16-20 - Fairy-Tale

Once upon a time there was a summer camp like never before, a camp full of wonder and fun. During this week, Troopers will partake in a journey like no other as with every craft, experiment and game; Troopers will conjure up their very own story.

Week 8 August 23-29 - Showcase

Welcome back to Pitt Meadows Got Talent, I am your host and I welcome all of our contestants. Throughout the week, Troopers will be given time between crafts, activities and games to develop and rehearse their very own skill. Whether it be art, music or the amount of times you can spin in a circle, all talents are welcomed!

Pitt Troopers New Location!

Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall 12460 Harris Rd, Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2J5

NEW!

The 2021 Pitt Trooper Summer Camp will predominately (July 5-August 20) take place at the Heritage Hall on Harris Road (next to the Skate Park, and Harris Road Park). This fantastic new opportunity provides us with close proximity to a variety of outdoor programming options which will make the Summer a blast for your child(ren). Parents please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions and room capacities to physically distance there are no waiting areas in the Heritage Hall facility during the Pitt Troopers program.

The facility is closed to gathering and parents will not be permitted in the program area. Please make sure to factor this in when you register your child. Sign in and sign out will take place at the Heritage Hall rear side entry doors, located next to the parking lot area. We will have a sign in table and City signage to make us easily visible. All of our Day camps have been specially programmed to offer as much outdoor activity as possible. While the program finds itself inside, staff will coordinate the fun with physical distancing in mind. Play and craft stations will

offer a 2 metre space between each participant. Much like our popular after school program (Kids Gym), all sports equipment will be individually assigned. Routine cleaning happens before, during and after activities, and we record regular hand washing/sanitization.

*Please note - the final week of Pitt Troopers Camp (August 23-27) will take place at the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre.



Pitt Troopers Camp

6Y - 10Y

Join us at Pitt Troopers for a fun, active, safe, positive and inclusive camp! Enjoy an assortment of indoor and outdoor activities, games, crafts, out trips, and adventures.

Instructor: Parks & Recreation Staff

NEW! Location: Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

\$34/day

Time: 8:30am-4pm,

Need After Camp Care? Register for additional time (see following page)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July	Jul 5 #9846	Jul 6 #9847	Jul 7 #9848	Jul 8 #9849	Jul 9 #9850
	Jul 12 #9851	Jul 13 #9852	Jul 14 #9853	Jul 15 #9854	Jul 16 #9855
	Jul 19 #9856	Jul 20 #9857	Jul 21 #9858	Jul 22 #9859	Jul 23 #9860
	Jul 26 #9861	Jul 27 #9862	Jul 28 #9863	Jul 29 #9864	Jul 30 #9865
August	Aug 2 STAT	Aug 3 #9866	Aug 4 #9867	Aug 5 #9868	Aug 6 #9869
	Aug 9 #9870	Aug 10 #9871	Aug 11 #9872	Aug 12 #9873	Aug 13 #9874
	Aug 16 #9875	Aug 17 #9876	Aug 18 #9877	Aug 19 #9878	Aug 20 #9879
	Aug 23 #9880	Aug 24 #9881	Aug 25 #9882	Aug 26 #9883	Aug 27 #9884

See next Page for After Camp options



After Camp Care

6Y - 10Y

Are you working longer and need more time to pick-up your child from camp? After Camp Care is designed for you! Troopers will have time to wind-down from the busy schedule of summer camp days in a smaller group setting.

Instructor: Parks & Recreation Staff

NEW! Location: Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

\$6/day (please note that additional late pickup fees apply if child is picked up after 5pm)

Time: 4-5pm

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July	Jul 5 #9893	Jul 6 #9894	Jul 7 #9895	Jul 8 #9896	Jul 9 #9897
	Jul 12 #9898	Jul 13 #9899	Jul 14 #9900	Jul 15 #9901	Jul 16 #9902
	Jul 19 #9903	Jul 20 #9904	Jul 21 #9905	Jul 22 #9906	Jul 23 #9907
	Jul 26 #9908	Jul 27 #9909	Jul 28 #9910	Jul 29 #9911	Jul 30 #9912
August	Aug 2 STAT	Aug 3 #9913	Aug 4 #9914	Aug 5 #9915	Aug 6 #9916
	Aug 9 #9917	Aug 10 #9918	Aug 11 #9919	Aug 12 #9920	Aug 13 #9921
	Aug 16 #9922	Aug 17 #9923	Aug 18 #9924	Aug 19 #9925	Aug 20 #9926
	Aug 23 #9927	Aug 24 #9928	Aug 25 #9929	Aug 26 #9930	Aug 27 #9931



Looking for More?

There's tons of great programs in addition to our daycamps, in the Summer Program Guide. Visit pittfitandfun.ca to view the guide or to search for programs.

