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Newsletter #3 November 1, 2021





This monthly newsletter complements the weekly Friday Blasts that are posted on the Parent Portal. Both the Friday Blasts and the Newsletters can be found on the MRE Website at: <u>https://elementary.sd42.ca/mapleridge/</u>. We also have a schoolbased Facebook page called Maple Ridge Elementary SD 42. Individual teachers use a variety of methods for their class level communications.



How lucky we are to start November with these beautiful, crisp fall days!

October brought a variety of seasonal activities, including the schoolwide Fall Fun Event complete with outdoor games and a pumpkin patch that "magically" appeared, courtesy of the PAC. Volunteers brought seven truckloads of pumpkins to the back field and artfully arranged them. Students were delighted!



This is a good time to, once again, express appreciation to the PAC for their leadership, generosity and community spirit in organizing activities for MRE. Hot lunches, fundraisers and other events are being held in COVID friendly, creative ways. Did you know that all MRE



parents are automatically members of the PAC? If you would like to learn about how to become more involved, please check the PAC section further on

in this newsletter. Parental involvement is important to the success of any school, and we value both your input and incredible efforts that make MRE such a special place!

In November, we acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who serve our country and help make our peaceful lives possible. Our Remembrance Day assembly will be held November 10 on Zoom, at 10:45 a.m. Every student will get a poppy (stickers for younger students). Poppy tins will be available for anyone wishing to donate to the Veterans.

Things are moving rapidly towards Christmas, but sadly, because of continuing COVID precautions, we are **not** able to hold the in-person concert on Dec. 15 and 16 as we had planned. Like last year, classes will participate in a schoolwide virtual concert that will be shown in all classrooms. For privacy reasons, the link cannot be sent to families.

This brings me to the topic of sharing photos and other images outside of school platforms. During the school year, school district staff and/or volunteers often take pictures or videos of student activities and events. *With your permission*, collected photos and/or videos are sometimes shared, e.g., in newsletters like this one, the Friday Blast, on the school Facebook page or on school or classroom websites. To grant (or deny) permission for your child's image to appear, please go to the parent portal, click on "consents" and choose "Personal Release Consent – Elementary." The site will give you information about how images may be used, and a district email contact if you have questions.

At the beginning of December (the 2 and 3), it's time for Term One Reporting. Students showcase their learning and work together with you and their teacher to set learning goals for the next term. Because of COVID, Student Inclusive Conferences will again take place virtually. Teachers will contact you with details.

Thank you for all your ongoing support during this busy first term. Wishing you a peaceful November.

Barb MacKinnon Principal Chelsey Lendvoy Vice Principal

School not in Session

Thursday, Nov. 11: Remembrance Day - School closed **Friday, Nov. 12:** Non-Instructional Day – No students in attendance

Thursday, Dec. 2: School ends at 11:30 a.m. Early dismissal for Student Inclusive Conferencing



Friday, Dec. 3: Classes not in session - Student Inclusive Conferencing

Staffing

Sometimes positive life events are bittersweet. We have two wonderful staff members who are headed for new adventures but will be sorely missed at MRE!

We wish Ms. Szilagyi the best of luck as she begins her maternity leave on November 12. Mme Ellingson is moving to a school district closer to her new home. Her last day will be on November 17. We are working with district HR to fill the positions and will let you know who the new teachers are as soon as the hiring is confirmed.

Lunch Bell Change

Starting today, we will be changing our lunch back to "EAT FIRST, PLAY LATER." The schedule will be as follows:

- 11:50 Bell to start eating lunch (younger students may begin eating before the bell so they have more time)
- 12:05 Bell to go outside to play
- 12:30 Afternoon classes begin

Parent Portal Consent Forms – Important

Several years ago, parent consent forms were moved to Parent Portal. This enables the district to track parent/guardian consent, and to honour parent/guardian requests.

Please ensure that you have completed the 2021-22 SD42 Consent Forms on the portal. There are several important permission forms to complete.

- Appropriate Use (Internet)
- Personal Information Consent
- School Photography Consent
- Outside Media Release
- Student Emergency Release Form
- Yearbook Consent
- Walking Field Trip Consent

If you have not already done so, please read through **each** form to give permission or not provide permission for **each** child in your family at MRE. If you have any difficulty, please contact the school at 604-467-5551.

Westcoast Recess and Lunch – Dress for The Weather

A reminder to parents and guardians that MRE students play outside even when it is cold, rainy or even snowy. Only on rare occasions will we keep students inside. We would ask that you send your child/ren to school dressed

for the weather (boots, coats, mitts, umbrella ...). If your child tends to get wet playing on the slides or in the field, **please send an extra set of clothing.**

School Supplies

If you haven't submitted fees for student supplies and planners yet, we appreciate you attending to this as soon as possible. Fees can be paid on the portal. Please contact the office at 604-467-5551 if you have any questions.



Lost and Found – Last Day Nov. 5

While parents/guardians and students are welcome to have a look anytime, we'll roll the Lost and Found rack outside at the front of the school during the week of Nov. 1-5 as a visible reminder.

Unclaimed lost and found items will be donated to local charities on Nov. 5. Please consider labeling items with your child's name. Thank you for your assistance.

Aboriginal Ancestry

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Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through selfidentification. This includes First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry. No documentation is required, and the ancestry can go back several generations. Ministry of Education funding is provided to support the success of all Aboriginal students through culturally appropriate educational programs and services. We encourage all students of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit Ancestry to complete a self-identification form as this allows you to access various supports and programs during the school year if you wish. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact

Kirsten Urdahl-Serr Principal, Aboriginal Education Phone: 604-466-6271 Email: <u>Kirsten_Urdahl-Serr@sd42.ca</u>

Food Bank Drive

A big thank you to Mrs. Pajak, the Leadership Club, and to all of you for opening your hearts (and pantries) to make a donation to the Food Bank. There's still time to contribute until Nov. 3rd.

Student Inclusive Reporting Conferences - Dec. 2 and 3

MRE follows the student inclusive conferencing model for reporting where the classroom teacher, the parent(s), and the child have an in-depth, meaningful discussion about the child's learning. If you have not had a chance to visit the district website to learn about our student inclusive reporting, please do so at http://www.sd42.ca/ and click the PARENTS tab and then Reporting and Assessment. Here you will find Q & A, videos, report/conference templates, and other information.

To provide time for the conferences, dismissal is at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 2 and students do not attend in the building on Dec. 3.

MRE PAC News

Check out the Maple Ridge Elementary PAC Facebook page – MRE Parents Association The next meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom on Nov. 8. Meeting ID: 817 2367 8481 Passcode: 499270

Getting Involved

Stay informed with the latest MRE news by joining our Maple Ridge Elementary PAC Facebook group. You will find our calendar of scheduled events and fundraisers as well as school communication and even community events.

If you are interested in getting involved and would like to know how, please email us at pac.mre@gmail.com. We are always happy to share information and answer questions.



Up-to-date information about events and fundraising is shared on the weekly Friday Blast which can be found on the Parent Portal or <u>school website</u>.

The Book Fair

Book Fair shopping will be available for all students on the stage from Nov. 22 - 24. Each class will have a scheduled time for browsing/shopping. French language books will be available online at the same time.



Christmas Hampers

The PAC is excited to be helping with Christmas hampers. There will be donation bins set up for food items and general gifts in the next few days. If you would like more information about specific items that are needed, please contact the PAC executives at <u>pac.mre@gmail.com</u>,

Neufeld Order Delivery

Orders can be picked up at the school on Nov. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Art Cards – Created By Kids

You may be seeing some lovely drawings on Art Cards making their way home to you! This is a yearly fundraiser PAC hosts for the school.



Your child's artwork can be transferred to mugs, cards, phone cases, etc.

If you would like to purchase items, place your order online and return the original artwork to school on or before Tues., Nov. 24. (No cash orders due to COVID.)

Final products delivered during the week of Dec. 13-17.

News from the District

SD42 Survey: Facilities of the Future

As part of the Strategic Facilities Plan consultation being undertaken by the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District Board of Education this year, we would like to invite you to participate in an online survey at https://letstalksd42.ca/facilities-of-the-future.

The public survey will run from **October 28, 2021,** to **4 pm, November 8, 2021**. The information we collect through this survey will help us develop facilities planning options that we will present for public feedback through a follow-up survey.

For more information about the strategic facilities review process, visit the Strategic Facilities Plan page on the school district website.

School Closures

On rare occasions schools may be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. Public announcements affecting closure of schools will be made by the Superintendent of Schools. For the purpose of announcing emergency closures prior to the opening of schools, the radio stations listed below will be contacted by the district office. The announcements will be made between 6:15 and 7:00 a.m.

News 1130 AM CKNW - 980 AM CBC - 690 AM Global TV news

As well, you can check the school district website and district social media feeds for updates: www.sd42.ca SD42 Twitter feed (@sd42news) SD42 Facebook feed

When schools are closed, we cannot make calls home to let you know; nor, can we answer all the phone calls to ask if school is open.

Kindergarten Registration Process 2022 – 2023 – getting ready

Registration will be open in early January – dates to be announced soon. Registering your child for kindergarten is a big step, but it doesn't have to be a difficult one. With the easy new online registration process, you can register your child from the comfort of your own home. Review the registration steps below to ensure you are ready for the big day. Complete steps 1-4 before registration to save time.

STEP 1: OPEN A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT

You must open an SD42 Parent Portal account to access registration. If possible, complete this step well before registration.

STEP 2: FIND YOUR REGISTRATION DATE

Review the registration categories (SIBLING, CHOICE, GENERAL) to find your registration period. Dates are posted on the school district website. Registration for the 2022/23 school year will open in early January 2022.

STEP 3: REVIEW THE REGISTRATION FORM

Review a copy of the online registration form before registration day. (Available starting January 2022 at http://parents.sd42.ca)

STEP 4: REVIEW ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The order in which the district places new kindergarteners is determined by the Acceptance Criteria. Review these online.

STEP 5: REGISTER

Register your child at http://parents.sd42.ca

STEP 6: PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS Once you receive email notification of your child's tentative placement, you must bring supporting documents to that school.



Careers

Have you thought about a career with our school district? To see the opportunities that are available, visit us at <u>http://www.sd42.ca/careers/</u>

Ecole Maple Ridge Elementary November 2021						
	1	2 Fruit/Veg. Program	3 Last day Food Drive collection	4	5 Hot Lunch-Chopped Leaf	6
7	8 PAC meeting 7:00pm	9	10 Remembrance Day virtual assembly 10:45am ** Neufeld Delivery	11 Remembrance Day- class not in session	12 Non-Instructional Day (district) class not in session	13
14	15	16	17	18 Hot Lunch-Fuel Burger	19	20
21	22 Book Fair Shopping	23 Fruit/Veg. Program Book Fair Shopping	24 Final Day-Return Art cards Book Fair Shopping	25 Santa Mall	26 Hot Lunch-Subway Santa Mall	27
28	29	30 Gr.7 fundraiser Purdy's last day				

AFTER THE ANGER -MEN'S GROUP

A continuation of Anger Management for Men working on:

- anger management,
- conflict resolution,
- effective communication skills,
- stress management

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

NOV 21ST (SUNDAY) 10AM - 12PM

For more information please conatct The Family Education & Support Centre 22554 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge (604) 467 - 6055



reg@familyed.ca



DRONE CAMP HANDBOOK



VOLATUS AEROSPACE



Send your kid to university for the day! Our program is designed especially for Grades 7-8. UFV Science Rocks! events are fun learning opportunities for your kids.

Kids get to learn something new, see real science labs, play outside, and experiment with fun activities that explore physics, biology, chemistry, mathematics, geography and computer science.

ABBOTSFORD CAMP

CAMP 3: Saturday, November 6 (Ages 12-13)

Natural Disasters!

This camp is going to be a "big one"! We will be exploring all things natural disasters from making earthquake-proof buildings, learning about the Richter scale and how it works, and even making a hurricane in a jar. Our "Natural Disasters" camp will have you shaking with excitement!

MASKS & VACCINE INFORMATION

CHILLIWACK CAMP

CAMP 4: Saturday, November 20 (Ages 12-13)

Anato-Me!

Discover the inner workings of the human body in this day-long themed camp! Explore the function of digestive enzymes, play with a model of a human heart, and even build a robot replica of your own hand! During this camp you'll explore biology, chemistry, and physics within the human body!

At UFV, the health and safety of our community is paramount. The Provincial Health Office (PHO) has implemented orders that directly affect UFV. Masks must be worn in all public indoor areas which include classrooms, labs, lobbies and hallways, stairwells and elevators, so masks will be required for all campers. As this is a discretionary event, we unfortunately cannot accommodate children with a mask exemption.

By order of the PHO regarding the COVID-19 vaccine all campers, 12 years of age and older, will be required to show proof of vaccine.

ABOUT THE CAMPS:

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Location: UFV Abbotsford and Chilliwack Campuses

Student/leader ratio: We have a limit of 24 campers/week, with a camper to instructor ratio of 6:1. One or more UFV science faculty members will be on site at all times. Cost: \$35 - includes camp t-shirt, lab book, and bag!

Visit us online at ufv.ca/science-rocks for more details and registration information!

More day camps coming January 2022!

Questions? Contact Robin Endelman, Coordinator by phone at 1-888-504-7441 ext 4779 or email at sciencerocks@ufv.ca

Register online! ufv.ca/science-rocks

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Healthy Relationships

Do you want to learn the basic fundamentals of any adult relationship including learning about needs, wants, and new communication skills? If so, the healthy relationsships course is for you!

<u>Please note that the location of the program is</u> <u>subject to change as per the BC Pronvincial</u> <u>Health guidelines, regarding Covid-19.</u>

> Nov 12th from 6 - 9pm Nov 13th from 10am - 1pm

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Pt.2 Nov19th from6-9pm Nov20th from10am-1pm

Price:

\$90

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE 22554 LOUGHEED HWY, MAPLE RIDGE (604) 467 - 6055 REG@FAMILYED.CA





A continuation of Brave New You, focusing on:

- boundaries and empowerment,
- self-acceptance,
- enjoying the person you are!

<u>Please note the location of this program is subject to change as</u> <u>per the BC Provincial Health Guidelines in regards to Covid019</u>

> Dec 4th (Saturday) 10am - 12pm Price \$30



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FREE PROGRAM STEP E

Parents and caregivers will learn developmentally appropriate parenting skills for children aged 0-6 years of age. Programming for children 0-6 is available. NOV 2ND-26TH TUESDAY'S AND FRIDAY'S 1PM-3PM

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



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