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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 school-based Facebook page called Maple Ridge Elementary SD 42. Individual teachers use a variety of methods for their class level communications.



# Newsletter #4 DECEMBER 1, 2021

It's wet and dreary outside, but students find the bright spots and many of them tell us how much they enjoy playing in the puddles and creating waterways in the sand. Thank you for keeping your children well-supplied with rain gear and spare clothes.

We'd like to like to acknowledge and thank students for their demonstration of respect and appreciation during the Remembrance Day assemblies that were held on Zoom last month. Although we couldn't meet in person, the solemn, respectful nature of the commemoration was observed.





Because of restrictions due to the pandemic, we are not able to hold a typical Christmas Concert in the gym. Staff and students are finding creative ways to spread holiday cheer and camaraderie. Students bring positive energy and excitement to school every day. Our staff is busy decorating the school and celebrating traditions in various ways with the students. Look out for the "Holiday Chaos" Spirit Day on

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to wear their most outlandish Christmas get-ups.



A big thanks goes to our PAC for their leadership and generosity in their organization of the Book Fair, Hamper Donations, Santa Mall, COVID friendly hot lunches, and seasonal treats for the students.

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.



On behalf of the MRE staff, we want to wish you, and those you love, the best of the holiday season. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday, January 3rd.

Barb MacKinnon Principal Chelsey Lendvoy Vice Principal



# **Important Dates**

Thurs., Dec. 2: 11:30 a.m. early dismissal for Student Inclusive Conferences
Fri., Dec. 3: Classes not in session - Student Inclusive Conferences
Fri., Dec. 17: Last day before the Winter Break
Mon. Jan. 3, 2022: First day back after the break!



# A Message From The MRE Leadership and Student Voice Students (Grade 6/7)



Do you have any spare change lying around? Bring it to school for the "Coins for Kids Drive." Your donations will go to the Christmas Hamper Society to buy presents for kids who need them. Leadership students will come to classes to collect donations after the announcements each morning from December 7th until December 13th. Thanks for helping brighten someone's Christmas.

# 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 a 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.

Our school district will be using the new provincial proficiency scale. We know learning occurs on a continuum of development and takes patience and time. Please visit the link below that explains this further:

https://reporting.sd42.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Explanation-of-Provincial-Proficiency-Scale.pdf

To provide time for conferences, students have an early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 2, and they do not attend school on Dec. 3.

# Happy Holidays from The Library

Intermediate students who were part of the Book Fest Program enjoyed their chance to interact with Vancouver author, Tanya Lloyd Kyi, at the "virtual wrap-up" this morning.

It would be greatly appreciated if families could take an extra look around the house for overdue library books and return them as soon as possible.





# Westcoast Recess and Lunch – Dress for The Weather

A reminder to parents and guardians that MRE students play outside 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 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.



# Lost and Found

We're doing well. There are only a few things in the Lost and Found! Unclaimed items will be donated to local charities on Dec. 17th. Please consider labeling clothing and water bottles with your child's name. Thank you for your assistance.



# Winter Break

The last day of school before winter break will be Friday, December 17, with dismissal at 2:25 pm. School will reopen on Monday, January 3 at 8:30 a.m.

The district calendar for the entire year can be found at: <a href="https://www.sd42.ca/district-school-calendars/">https://www.sd42.ca/district-school-calendars/</a>



# International Travel Information – also see the very end of this newsletter

Please see the guidelines for international travel and unvaccinated students at the end of this newsletter. This document provides clarification of what your unvaccinated child can and cannot do upon returning from an international trip. Thank you for taking a moment to review this information.

# **Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration for the 2022/2023 school year is open to children who are 5 years old



on or before December 31, 2022. Visit the district website for detailed information on the five phases (sibling registration, choice registration, general registration, late registration, open registration) and other important information: <u>http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-</u> <u>registration/</u>

You can download the kindergarten brochure here:

https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/202223-Kindergarten-Registration-Brochure-web.pdf

Registration Phase	Registration Starts on	Registration Ends on	Documentation due at
	Parent Portal 12:00 noon	Parent Portal for parents	school by parents
		11:59 pm	12:00 noon
Sibling	Jan 05, 2022	Jan 11, 2022	Jan 21, 2022
Choice	Jan 19, 2022	Jan 24, 2022	Feb 4, 2022
General	Feb 2, 2022	Feb 8, 2022	Feb 25, 2022
Late	Feb 23, 2022	July 31, 2022	Sept 2, 2022 (for summer
			registrations)
Open	August 17, 2022	June 15, 2023	Date to be communicated
- pon			in parent email.

# General Grade 8 Registration

Opens at 12:00 noon on the parent portal on February 3 and closes on February 18. Parents are notified of student placement prior to Spring Break. More information coming soon at www.sd42.ca

# **MRE PAC Information**



Check out the Maple Ridge Elementary PAC Facebook page – MRE Parents Association

The next meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom on Jan. 10, 2022 Meeting ID: 817 2367 8481 Passcode: 499270

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 also shared on the weekly Friday Blast which can be found on the Parent Portal or on the MRE school 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 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.

## Careers

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

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Please scroll down and check below for community information





## CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE NEWS RELEASE

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For further information, contact: <u>communications@mapleridge.ca</u>

### Public Art Call for 2022 Street Banner Designs on Theme of (Re)Connection

Maple Ridge, BC: Help beautify and brighten Maple Ridge by submitting a bold and colourful street banner design on the theme of "(re)connection"! Throughout the pandemic, people from across the world were impacted by the lack of social connection with friends, family, neighbours and colleagues. Social connections, in-person or virtual, help to uplift spirits, increase happiness, improve physical health and encourage a stronger sense of belonging and purpose. Therefore, the theme for the 2022 Street Banner Design Call is "(re)connection" with the goal of celebrating and building new and old social connections.

The banners will be installed on major streets throughout the City in the summer of 2022 and will remain in place for approximately one year. Four designs will be chosen; the selected artists will receive a cash prize in addition to their work being transformed into banners and displayed in beautiful Maple Ridge.

Cash prizes for selected designs include \$250 for artists under 19 years and \$500 for artists over 19 years. There will be two designs selected from Maple Ridge residents and two designs selected from Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation members.

The City's Public Art Steering Committee invites amateur and professional artists of all ages to submit their designs and the waiver & photo release form for the 2022 Street Banner Design Public Art Call by December 17 at 3:00 pm to <u>submissions@mapleridge.ca</u> or in-person during operational hours at City Hall (11995 Haney Place). Guidelines for selection, submission and artwork specifications are available online at <u>mapleridge.ca/1519</u> in addition to the street banner template and waiver & photo release form.

We would like to thank all participants in advance for their submissions and interest. Only those participants whose designs are chosen by the Selection Panel and local First Nation Elder(s) will be contacted. The successful participants will be advised in the New Year by phone and/or email.

We encourage digital submissions to minimize contact; however, artwork may be dropped of inperson at City Hall.



# We Are Families

and we serve families

We know how important you are, and that you might need some support now too. We are also parents of kids with mental health and/or substance use challenges. We are here for you and we want to help.

Here are some of the ways we can offer support to you and your family:

## PARENT PEER SUPPORT

We provide emotional support, information, resources, and help in navigating services for parents & caregivers of a child, youth or young adult with a mental &/or substance use challenge.

## **EVENTS**

Every month, we host events called 'in the know.' We watch a video and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments. We help focus on strengthening our understanding & connection with our kids. Events are facilitated by FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers. Offered online and in person in some communities. Are you looking for help or information about mental health support and services for your child or youth?

## **RESOURCES + VIDEOS**

Our website has free resources and videos on topics important to families who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use challenge.

## WORKSHOPS + TRAINING

We offer workshops for parents and caregivers whose child/youth has been a patient in a psychiatric unit. It's really tough when your child is struggling and ends up in crisis - and we want to help.

We also offer training that brings together young people, parents/caregivers and professionals to learn with and from each other to help experiences between them go better.

# OUR SERVICES ARE FREE. NO WAITLIST. WE GET IT.

Email: info@familysmart.ca Phone: 1 (855) 887 8004



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# 'intheknow' Information and Support

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health challenges.

Every month, we host events for families called 'in the know'. We come together and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments. We help focus on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.

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# Holidays Can Be Hard

We get it, there can be a lot of expectations around the holidays. Come join us and let's talk about how we can get through the hard spots, celebrate the small things, and find a bit of space to breathe when we need it. Communities: Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Cost: Free of Charge Date: December 6, 2021 at 6:00pm

Registration Required: <u>familysmart.ca/events</u>

Events are facilitated by Parent Peer Support Workers.

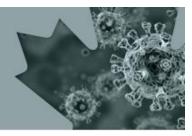




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# Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Mandatory Requirements FOR UNVACCINATED CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS arriving in Canada without COVID-19 symptoms and TRAVELLING WITH FULLY VACCINATED PARENTS OR GUARDIANS



The Government of Canada has put in place emergency measures under the Quarantine Act to slow the introduction and spread of COVID-19 and variants in Canada. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop and the virus can be transmitted to others. To help keep others safe, you must meet the requirements under the Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Quarantine, Isolation and Other Obligations).

Unvaccinated CHILDREN LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF AGE who enter Canada with their fully vaccinated parents, step-parents, guardians or tutors, are not required to quarantine upon entering Canada if both the child and the parents, step-parents, guardians or tutors, meet certain requirements in the Order and comply with the conditions imposed on them by the Minister of Health.

## Public Health Measures

You must follow the public health measures listed below which set out the requirements under the Order and conditions imposed by the Minister of Health for your child and monitor their symptoms carefully for their own health and the safety of others.

These measures apply only if the child does not develop symptoms, is not exposed to anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, or test positive for COVID-19. Provincial and territorial measures are guided by local epidemiology and local circumstances may require stricter measures. If your local jurisdiction requires additional measures, these must be followed.

For the next 14 days You MUST:



- Stay in an acceptable place that allows the child to avoid all contact with persons who meet the following conditions:
  - has an underlying medical condition that makes the person susceptible to complications related to COVID-19;
  - has a compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment; or
  - is 65 years of age or older.
- Make sure the child remains with their fully vaccinated parent and/or guardian, as much as possible.
- Make sure the child enters public settings only in accordance with the instructions below, and wears a well-constructed, well-fitting mask to minimize the risk of introducing or spreading COVID-19.



- Have the child take COVID-19 molecular tests as instructed (see separate handout for instructions), unless you have evidence that the child had a positive COVID-19 test taken 14 – 180 days prior to arrival in Canada OR the child is under 5 years of age.
  - Should the child develop signs or symptoms or test positive, isolate them immediately, call the local public health authority, and follow their instructions.
- Keep a copy of travel-related COVID-19 molecular test results for the next 14 days.
- Upon request, provide the child's test results to the Government of Canada or government of the province or territory where you are staying or residing, or to the local public health authority.

- > Monitor the child's health.
- Maintain a list of names and contacts with whom the child came into close contact during the 14-day period.
- For the next 14 days after entry to Canada if the child develops sign or symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, you must:
  - Report it immediately to PHAC by calling 1-833-641-0343, and
  - Follow all local public health requirements, including quarantine or isolation.

WARNING: Your compliance with this Order is subject to monitoring, verification and enforcement. If you or your child do not comply, your child may not be exempted from quarantine. You and your child may also be transferred to a quarantine facility, face fines, tickets, and/or imprisonment.



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## Symptoms

Should any of the following symptoms appear, or the child receive a positive result for a COVID-19 molecular test before the expiry of the 14-day period that begins upon entry into Canada, immediately isolate the child away from others and call your local public health unit for further instructions.

- new or worsening cough
- shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- muscle or body aches, fatigue, weakness
- feeling very unwell
- new loss of smell or taste

- feeling feverish, chills, or temperature equal to or over 38°C
- skin changes or rashes
- headaches
- gastrointestinal symptoms like abdominal pain, diarrhea, or vomiting

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## What your child CANNOT DO for the next 14 days

- Attend a setting where they may have contact with vulnerable people (e.g. long term care facility), including
  with people who are immune compromised, regardless of that person's vaccination status or public health
  measures in place.
- Attend school, camp or day care.
- Travel on crowded public transportation that does not ensure physical distancing and masking (e.g. crowded subway).
- Attend large crowded settings, indoors or outdoors, such as an amusement park or sporting event.

### What your child CAN DO for the next 14 days

- Visit uncrowded public settings such as parks, beaches or going for a walk while wearing a mask unlessphysical distancing can be maintained.
- Gather on your own property with people from multiple households provided the child wears a mask and maintains physical distance.
- > Take uncrowded public transportation such as a taxi, or rideshare provided masks are worn at all times.
- Gather with a small group of people from outside the household who are all known to be fully vaccinated while your child wears a mask and maintains physical distancing.
- Accompany you to essential settings such as a grocery store or pharmacy, provided the child wears a mask and maintains physical distancing.

## **Public health authorities**

Provinces and territories	Telephone number	Website
British Columbia	811	www.bccdc.ca/covid19
Alberta	811	www.myhealth.alberta.ca
Saskatchewan	811	www.saskhealthauthority.ca
Manitoba	1-866-626-4862	https://manitoba.ca/covid19/restartmb/
Ontario	1-866-797-0000	www.ontario.ca/coronavirus
Quebec	1-877-644-4545	www.quebec.ca/en/coronavirus
New Brunswick	811	www.gnb.ca/publichealth
Nova Scotia	811	www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus
Prince Edward Island	811	www.princeedwardisland.ca/covid19
Newfoundland and Labrador	811 or 1-888-709-2929	www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19
Nunavut	1-867-975-5772	www.gov.nu.ca/health
Northwest Territories	811	www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19
Yukon	811	www.yukon.ca/covid-19