

# Friday Blast

## Maple Ridge Elementary

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK**

BC's Bike to School Week is coming up and will be taking place from May 30-June 3. This was a huge success last year where the number of participants was tracked each day. Students can bike, walk, scoot, or use any other active means of transportation! Please consider participating.

- 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/scooters



### **READY, SET, KINDERGARTEN**

This event will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> for students who are registered to begin Kindergarten at MRE in the fall of 2022. It's a chance to meet the teachers, spend time in the school and get a bag full of fun learning supplies.

Current kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on this day.

### **FRENCH BOOK FAIR**

The PAC is sponsoring our first "in person" **French** Book Fair on May 30 & 31. Although the emphasis will be on French books, there will also be a small English section. Classes will visit the Book Fair during the daytime and parents are able to visit the Book Fair after school each day until 3:00 p.m.

### **FRONT DOORS**

For the safety of our students, all visitors and volunteers are required to sign-in and sign-out at the office and wear a "visitor" tag while in the school. To ensure an uninterrupted learning environment in classrooms, parents or visitors with lunches or messages are asked to leave them at the office and they will be forwarded at a convenient time.

### **MASKS**

The decision to wear a mask beyond when it is recommended by public health is now a personal one, based on individual preference. Some individuals may choose to continue to wear a non-medical mask or face covering throughout the day or for certain activities. A person's choice about wearing a mask or face covering will be supported and treated with respect.

## CROSS COUNTRY RACES

The *intermediate* race (grades 4-7) will be held on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Alouette Lake. The *primary* race (grades K-3) is on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Albion Sports Complex. K students will race with the grade ones.

Parents/guardians are responsible for arranging transportation for their child(ren) to Alouette Lake or to the Albion Sports Complex. Sign-up is now closed on the portal. Contact the school if you need information.

## CHANGES TO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GUIDELINES

There have been recent changes to international travel guidelines. As of April 25<sup>th</sup>, fully vaccinated adults and children are no longer required to wear masks when they return from travel. However, **unvaccinated children aged 5 through 11** will still be required to wear a mask for 14 days in public settings, including schools and day camps.



While masks are no longer required for some individuals, you may choose to continue wearing a mask as they are an effective public health measure that you can easily implement to help protect yourself and others. For the complete list of changes please visit:

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada>

## GRADE 7 LEAVING

All Grade 7 Families - Please send Mrs. Halfnights ([kelly\\_halfnights@sd42.ca](mailto:kelly_halfnights@sd42.ca)) a baby photo AND a Kindergarten photo which will be included in the year end slide show at the leaving ceremony.

## HEALTH AWARENESS

Having an awareness of one's health reduces the likelihood of a person with a communicable disease coming to school when they are infectious. This includes a person checking regularly that they (or their child) are not experiencing symptoms of illness (including but not limited to COVID-19 symptoms) to ensure they are not coming to school when they are sick. In a nutshell, please have students stay home when they are ill, and return when they can fully participate in school activities.



## STAYING HOME?

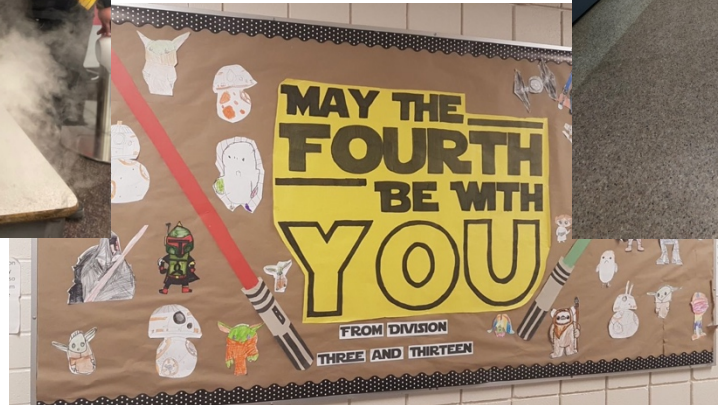
If you know that your child will be absent for one or more days, please contact the school. There are several options for letting us know:

- Email [mre\\_reception@sd42.ca](mailto:mre_reception@sd42.ca)
- Log into the portal and mark your child's absence(s)
- Call reception at 604-467-5551 (voicemail is available after hours)

This information helps us immensely as we must call every unexcused absence each day. If you are emailing your child's teacher directly, please also copy [mre\\_reception@sd42.ca](mailto:mre_reception@sd42.ca) to the email as teachers may not communicate to the office before we begin our morning phone calls.

### **SPOTTED AROUND MRE**

MRE truly is the place to be! Every week we learn, play and grow together. This week was especially exciting with both Harry Potter Day and Star Wars Day – May the 4<sup>th</sup>. Check out some photos of the fun and learning which took place:



### **LET'S TALK ABOUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

On May 10<sup>th</sup> join local experts for a discussion on how to talk about substance abuse with youth. There will be a light meal served, a presentation and discussion with local experts. For more information or to register please see the attached flyer below or visit: <https://letstalkaboutsubstanceuse.eventbrite.ca>

### **SUN SENSE**

So far the two tips we have shared have been **Seek Shade** and **Slip on Clothing**.

This week's new tip is:

# SLAP



A wide brim hat protects  
your ears, neck and face.

## LOST AND FOUND

Please remind your child to check regularly for their lost items. These are some items currently missing their owners. Please consider putting names on things that are easily left behind.



## UPCOMING DATES

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**Sunday May 8 ~ Mother's Day**

**Monday May 9** ~ Intermediate Cross Country at  
Alouette Lake

**Monday May 9** ~ 6:00 pm Carnival Meeting  
7:00 pm PAC Meeting

**Tuesday May 10** ~ Ready, Set Kindergarten Event  
Current Kindergarten's dismissed at 11:30

**Wednesday May 11** ~ Pro-D Day Classes Not In Session

**Tuesday May 17** ~ Primary Cross Country at Albion  
Fair Grounds

**Monday May 23** ~ Victoria Day Classes Not In Session

**Monday May 30** ~ Bike to School Week Begins until June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
French Book Fair

**Tuesday May 31** ~ French Book Fair

**Thursday June 2** ~ Hot Lunch

**Wednesday June 15** ~ Carnival

**Friday June 24** ~ Last Day of School for Students



**MESSAGES FROM OUR PAC**

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Our PAC has been working hard to organize our information so that it is easily accessible for all families. Please have a look at our [quick reference guide](#) for links to all PAC related information, including our FB Group (Maple Ridge Elementary PAC), our Google Drive and volunteer signup links. We love to hear from all families. If you have any questions, comments or feedback please email our executives at [pac.mre@gmail.com](mailto:pac.mre@gmail.com).

**Our next PAC Meeting is Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.  
All parents and guardians are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!**

### **Hot Lunch**

Yum! Our last hot lunch of the year will be taking place on June 2. To place your order please visit [www.munchalunch.com](http://www.munchalunch.com).

### **Current Fundraisers**

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Fundraisers are a great way to support our school.

We have several ongoing fundraisers taking place at Maple Ridge Elementary.

See the list below:

#### **Save On Foods Receipts**

We are once again collecting Save-On-Foods receipts. Students can use the drop-off box near the office. After we have collected a certain number of receipts Save On Foods provides our school with gift cards.

#### **Maple Ridge Liquor Store**

Did you know that when you make a purchase at the Maple Ridge Liquor Store and mention MRE when you are checking out, they will make a 5% donation to our school?

# Let's talk about it: Substance Use

On May 10th at 6:00 pm



**Guy Felicella**

Guy is passionate about advocating for people who use substances and educating communities on harm reduction to eliminate the stigma around it.



**Hudson Campbell**

Event Facilitator &  
Youth Leader

One of the greatest challenges as a Parent, Caring Adult, Coach, or Grandparent, is talking about substance use with the youth and young adults in our lives.

Join us for a conversation May 10, 2022, which will include a lite meal, presentation from Guy Felicella, and a Panel discussion with local experts around creating safe spaces for conversations with the young people in your life.

Tickets available on Eventbrite :  
<https://letstalkaboutsubstanceuse.eventbrite.ca>

Location:

Thomas Haney Secondary  
23000 116 Ave, Maple Ridge  
Doors Open at 6:00PM



Event Partners

