

Friday Blast

Maple Ridge Elementary

Friday, May 20th, 2022

Wishing you a wonderful long weekend!
Monday is Victoria Day – School is not in session.



CROSS COUNTRY CONGRATULATIONS

We are very proud of all students who participated in the cross-country events over the past two weeks. The intermediates who ran at Alouette Lake and the primaries who ran at the Albion Fair Grounds both did a fantastic job! Not only did they run well, but their sportsmanship and kindness were top notch. Bravo, MRE!

NATIONAL JERSEY DAY

We will be celebrating National Jersey Day on Wednesday May 25th! On this day, students can wear their favourite jersey. We will be collecting donations of \$2 which will go towards KidSport - a National organization that helps financially disadvantaged children participate in sports. Did you know that we even have a local KidSport chapter? Check it out here: <https://kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/maple-ridge-pitt-meadows/>



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

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.

Parent volunteers are still needed for this event. If you are interested in helping out, please go to: <https://signup.com/group/47703560186256400>

SCIENCE ROCKS SUMMER CAMPS

Once again, UFV will be hosting Science Rocks summer camps at both the Abbotsford and Chilliwack campuses. For more information and registration details please see the flyer attached below.

CLASS PLACEMENTS

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care, and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.



Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: social emotional skills and relationships, as well as learning styles, strengths, and needs. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, you may submit input to the principal (Barbara_mackinnon@sd42.ca) by May 31st, 2022. Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.

FAMILY SMART WORKSHOPS

Family Smart is offering a new workshop beginning in June entitled “Help for the Hard Times”. For more information and registration details see the flyers below.

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.

CHANGES TO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GUIDELINES

Stay up to date on current travel guidelines and restrictions. 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) a baby photo AND a Kindergarten photo which will be included in the year end slide show at the leaving ceremony.

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.

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.

YEARBOOK

The MRE School Yearbook is a great way to commemorate your child's school year. If you would like to purchase a 2021-2022 School Year Book for your child please visit:

<https://store.plicbooks.ca/projects/44752e3a-9ac7-4b71-aece-1c414c6e16c8>

SUN SENSE

So far, the two tips we have shared have been **Seek Shade, Slip on Clothing, Slap on a Wide Brim Hat** and **Slop on SPF 30 or higher**.

This week's new tip is:



MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the school year. Over the next few weeks, the MRE library will be collecting all outstanding overdue books and sending out charges for books which have been lost. All student books on loan are due back to the Library by June 6th. After this date they will be considered late, and an overdue notice/bill will be sent home. If you could take a few minutes to check under your child's bed, bookshelves, closets etc... for stray library books, it would be greatly appreciated.

It has been a pleasure working with your children and connecting them with great literature throughout the year. Have a wonderful summer and spend some time with a good book!

-Mr. Bisset

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

Monday May 23 ~ Victoria Day Classes Not In Session

Wednesday May 25 ~ Gr. 7 High School Visits
National Jersey Day – Accepting \$2 donations
Dufflebag Theatre presentation

Friday, May 27 – RCMP presentation to intermediate students

Monday May 30 ~ French Book Fair
Bike to School Week Begins

Tuesday May 31 ~ French Book Fair

Thursday June 2 ~ Hot Lunch

Wednesday June 15 ~ Carnival



Thursday June 23 ~ Last Day of School for Students

MESSAGES FROM OUR PAC

The 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.

**Our next PAC Meeting will be in September.
All parents and guardians are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!**

Current Fundraisers

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?

