

Friday Blast

Maple Ridge Elementary

Friday, May 27th, 2022

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

BC's Bike to School Week will be taking place next week, 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, scooter, 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>

CARNIVAL DAY

MRE is excited to be hosting this year's Carnival! The Carnival will be taking place on June 15th and all students will receive a complimentary hotdog lunch provided by the PAC. To select your child's preferences for their lunch, please visit munchalunch.com

There will also be a concession open to students, however there will be NO cash sales. All concession orders must be placed in advance on [munch-a-lunch](http://munch-a-lunch.com), or with the paper order forms which were sent home earlier this week.

Parents are welcome to attend, and parent volunteers are still needed! To volunteer, please sign up using the PAC's sign-up website: <https://signup.com/group/47703560186256400>

We look forward to having a fun-filled day together!



PMSS BASKETBALL CAMP

Want to learn basketball skills? Have fun? Make new friends? Pitt Meadows Secondary School is offering a **FREE** boys and girls camp. There will be 2 groups: 1 group run by PMSS boys' basketball players for boys, and 1 group run by PMSS girls' basketball players for girls. It is open to students in Grades 5, 6, and 7.

When: 3 sessions - **Monday June 6 from 4-5:30 pm, Monday June 13 from 4-5:30 pm, and Monday June 20 from 4-5:30 pm**

Where: **Pitt Meadows Secondary School**. Gym entrance.

To register, please email:

- your son or daughter's name & parent name
- parent email
- parent cell phone contact

For boys, please email head boys basketball coach Mr. Bruno Chu at **bchu@sd42.ca**

For girls, please email head girls basketball coach Mr. Jason Boyes at **jason_boyes@hotmail.com**



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.

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 Yearbook for your child please visit: <https://store.plicbooks.ca/projects/44752e3a-9ac7-4b71-aece-1c414c6e16c8>

The deadline to place your order is **Tuesday May 31st**.

Grade 7 students do NOT need to purchase a yearbook as the PAC will be providing one for them free of charge.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Are you interested in welcoming an International Student into your home and sharing the experience of being part of a Canadian family?

We are always looking for great host families!



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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

www.inted.sd42.ca [@intedsd42](https://twitter.com/intedsd42) www.facebook.com/IntEd.SD42

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT:**

International Education
Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District
20575 Thorne Ave., Maple Ridge,
BC, V2X 9A6, Canada
604-466-6555
<https://www.inted.sd42.ca/homestay>



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.

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.

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

PITT MEADOWS SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Pitt Meadows summer program guide is now available. Browse the City of Pitt Meadows Parks, Recreation & Culture Guide for a variety of activities and programs for all age groups! Registration for summer programs opens on May 31 at 8 am. Visit www.pittmeadows.ca/programguide.

Youth Lounge at Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre!

This safe place is for youth ages 11-18 years old. For an annual membership of \$10, youth members can access the Youth lounge and enjoy activities such as billiards, foosball, table tennis, PlayStation pods, and special events. For details visit www.pittmeadows.ca/youth.

Pitt Meadows Park Playboxes

[Live 5-2-1-0 Playboxes](#) provide unlimited access for families to get outdoors and engage in active play. Everyone is able to access the box and it is **FREE**. The Playboxes are stocked with sports equipment, interactive play equipment and a manual of active game ideas to help guide family play and connection.

Pitt Meadows has two Live 5-2-1-0 Playboxes available located at Pitt Meadows Athletic Park by the playground and at Waterfront Commons Park in Osprey Village beside the path to the river. Playboxes have been filled and are ready to go, all you have to do is open the box and have fun with your family and friends. Remember to put the equipment back in the box once you are finished!

Parent & Child Playtime at the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre



Looking for an indoor activity? The PMFRC offers low cost [Parent & Child Playtime](#) on Monday and Wednesdays (10-11:30 am) and Saturdays (9-11 am) for \$1 per child.

Harris Spray Park - FREE

Season runs from June to September 9 am to 8 pm, weather permitting.

Visit www.pittmeadows.ca/spraypark for more details.

Harris Road Outdoor Pool

Season is open from July 1 to September 2. Visit www.pittmeadows.ca/pool for details.

Upcoming Pitt Meadows FREE Family Events

The City of Pitt Meadows proudly hosts several signature and community events throughout the year. Upcoming events include [Pitt Meadows Day](#) on June 4, the [Pride Concert](#) on June 16, [Canada Day](#) on July 1, as well as the [Summer Serenade Concert Series](#) starting in July.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found has been at the front of the school all week. As a result, many missing items were retrieved by their owners. Be sure to write your child's name inside their jackets, shoes and other important items. This makes it easier to return to them if found!



UPCOMING DATES

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

Tuesday May 31 ~ French Book Fair
Yearbook Order Deadline

Thursday June 2 ~ Hot Lunch

Wednesday June 15 ~ Carnival / Hot Dog Day

Monday June 20 ~ Gr. 7 Leaving Event / Activities

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?