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End of Year Newsletter June 22, 2022

Hello MRE Families,

As this school year comes to a close, we wish you and yours all of the very best for the summer. May it be a safe, healthy, and happy one, and whatever your holiday plans are, may they be most enjoyable!

A big thank you to our staff, students, and families for making Maple Ridge Elementary such a wonderful place. We look forward to seeing you in the fall. To those families whose children are transitioning to high school or moving away, you will be missed!

We have some staff members who will be leaving MRE. Their absence will be felt throughout the school community! We appreciate their dedication and hard work and wish them every happiness in their new endeavours. Leaving are:

Ms. Belsey – Collab teacher
Ms. Degenova – EA
Mr. Guenther – EA
Ms. MacKenzie – Prep teacher
Mr. Macnamara -- Library and Prep

Ms. Mayne – Grade 3/4
Ms. Tsia – Grade 2/3
Mrs. Waddell – Support teacher
Ms. Zivin – EA



Looking forward, we are happy to let you know that Mme Andrea Schlacht will be taking on a full-time role as primary French Immersion teacher. Mme Schlacht has been teaching fine arts at MRE on a part-time basis for several years. We also extend a warm welcome to Ms. Priya Singh who will be joining the staff as a primary English teacher. She comes to us from Blue Mountain Elementary.

Wishing you happiness and health,

Barbara MacKinnon
Principal

Chelsea Lendvoy
Vice Principal

Mark Your Calendar



June 23 – Last day for students. Dismissal is at noon.
Sept. 6 — First day back 12:30 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.

Final Report Cards – Where to find them...

At, or near, 2:20 p.m. on June 23rd, you will receive a portal notification to look for your child's report card online. Please take the time to read and discuss the report with your child. If you are not able to access the portal, contact the school immediately and we will be happy to give you a printed copy.



If you have a question about your child's report card, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a phone call or a time to meet on June 23rd or 24th.

Lost and Found - Last chance...



On the last day of school, June 23rd, leftover items are washed and donated to charity. Please come and have a look at the rack. You may find some long-lost items.

For next year consider purchasing labels so that your child's supplies are clearly marked. Our school fundraiser for "Mabel's Labels" allows you to create personalized labels with your child's name. The labels stick on firmly and survive many washes. They can be used on school supplies or other items such as lunch kits, clothing, etc. Whenever we find items with names on them, we return



them directly to the owner. See the flyer near the end of this newsletter for more information about the labels!

Student Medications

If you have submitted medication for your child (e.g., Epi-pen, Benadryl etc.), please remember to pick it up from the office on the last day of school (Thursday, June 23rd).



From the Library

Thank you to all students and families who have returned overdue and lost books. Please keep an eye out for any library books that may turn up over the summer and return them the fall. We're happy to have the book back, no matter how late 😊.



Grade Seven Students

To our grade 7 students, we wish you all the very best as you move to secondary school. We have appreciated your leadership, your commitment to learning and your enthusiasm for school activities. Know that MRE will always be a place where you are welcomed. We look forward to hearing about your future successes.

Volunteers

A warm thank-you goes out to all volunteers! Your gift of time makes a remarkable difference. Most recently, volunteers planned and carried out an amazing Carnival that will live on in the memories of our entire school community.

The School Volunteer *(author unknown)*

A school is more than books and desks
And learning two plus two
It's people who share their skills and care
And try their best in all they do
Please accept our heartfelt appreciation
Our school's a better place
Because of your dedication



Student Lunch Monitors

Lunch monitors are older students who volunteer to eat lunch with the younger students. Among other tasks, they help open containers and keep the children company. This is a wonderful way to build connections in the school and our monitors are greatly appreciated.

A big thanks to:

Mrs. Halfnight's class: Adi S., Jaiden G., Christian S., Akash J., Liam, Nicholas H., Kayden C.,

Leo B., Cooper M., Nate K., Gabe P., Riley P., James C., Cooper B., Chloe J., Zion M., Ethan C., Lucy S., Dalia S., Brooke G., Choyce H., and Keith B.

From Mrs. Pajak's class: Danica B., Ava H., Sintia K., Jevon M., Saje M., Nixon M., Sophia R., Vanessa S., Ashley S. Sophia R., Liam S., Julia Z., and Will M.

From Mrs. McClain's class: Nick P., Brendan S., Ryder H., Leland M., Mason M., Zack W., Demyan B., Daniel S. Lucas A., Ilia S., Hayley M., Nathaniel H., Nehman A., Ciaran O., Sophie S., Abby L. and Nick N.

From Mrs. Ritchie's class: Maddy S., Emmett C., Isabelle F., Xander G., Jordan M., Ann K., Vinnie Y., Chase C., Rylan J., Shameer K., Bella L., Sydney M., Owen M., Asher M., James N., Tyson P., Jennifer R., Madison B.

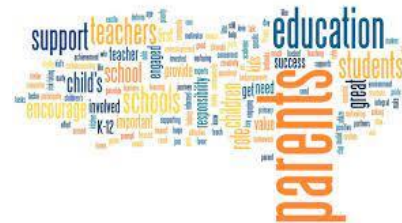
From Mr. Jones' class: Tyson M., Emily N., Damian S., Zya W., Kingston E., Ethan P., Ava M., Madden P., Ashe R., Ben L., Magnus D., Linden N., Gurveer J., Bashir S., Lawren M., Ellie L., Ella L., Daisy P.

PAC

All MRE parents and guardians are members of the PAC. A huge and heartfelt thank you to you! You have been incredibly flexible and resilient as you worked within changing health guidelines for more than two years. Your tireless work is valued and has made so many things possible for our students, e.g., the return of hot lunches, a pumpkin patch in our field, Santa Mall, Book Fairs, a virtual visit from a Storm Chaser, and Body Science presentations, to name only a few.

A special thank you goes to this year's executives:

Chair	Nicole K.
Vice Chair	Tanya H.
Secretary	Leanne M.
Treasurer	Jeannie H.
Members at Large	Amanda G. and Janna M.
DPAC	Christine



PAC Meetings

Meetings take place in the school library at 7:00 p.m.

The first meeting of the coming year is on September 12th. (There will be a budget meeting immediately beforehand at 6:00 p.m.)

PAC meeting dates for coming year are planned for:

Sept. 12, 2022

Mar. 6, 2023

Oct. 11, 2022

Apr. 11, 2023

Nov. 14, 2022

May 8, 2023

Jan. 9, 2023

Feb .13, 2023

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

Summer Activities and Programs

Check the end of this newsletter to find ideas for summer fun in the community.

Looking ahead to the 2022-23 school year...

School Supplies

For those who like to plan ahead, below is information about school supplies for the 2022-23 year. Students do not need to bring school supplies until they are placed in the new classes. This is likely to happen on Sept. 9th or 12th.



Kindergarten to Grade 3 (Primary students)

No shopping needed. School supplies are bulk ordered for MRE students in Kindergarten - Grade 3. There is a flat fee that it covers all art and school supplies for the year. Please submit payment on the portal after students have transitioned to their new classes in September.

Kindergarten fee: \$50.00

Grade 1-3 fee: \$55.00

Grades 4 - 7 (Intermediate Students)

You can do your own shopping (the list is included in this newsletter) or use the convenient online system through Creative Kids.

Kits from Creative Kids will be delivered directly to the school during the first week of September. If your grade 4-7 child needs a planner, you will receive a separate message once classes are finalized in September. The cost of the planner is \$10.00

To order supplies through Creative Kids online, go to <https://creativepacks.ca> and use the pull-down menu to find Maple Ridge Elementary and your child's grade. (English and French classes have the same supply lists.)

If your family is experiencing financial constraints that make purchasing school supplies challenging, you may be eligible to receive a Salvation Army school supply backpack. These backpacks come filled with the necessary school supplies free of charge and will be delivered to the school in September. To check if you are eligible, please visit:

<https://ridgemeanowssa.ca/back-to-school>

First Day Back — Tuesday, September 6th 12:30 to 2:20 p.m.

We recognize that there will be changes in enrolment over the summer, therefore returning students go back to their 2021-22 classrooms for the first few days until class placements are finalized. (This will likely be on Friday, September 9th or Monday, September 12th.)

Students who are new to the school enter at the main doors and go to the library.

*Please do not send any school supplies until students are placed in their new classes.

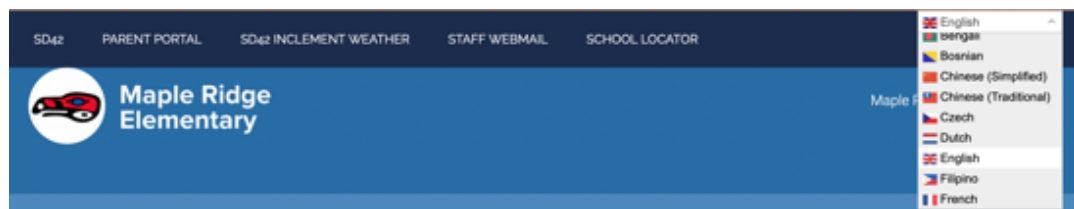
Should there be any changes that arise from orders from the Public Health Officer, we will communicate them via our portal and website.

Translations now available

Do you prefer to read school communications in another language? The district team has added a Google translate plugin to our district and school websites.

You will find the translation drop-down menu in the top right corner (see screenshot below).

Families who require a translation of (most) new content on our website are now able to select their preferred language from the drop-down menu and the content will be auto translated to up to 48 languages. At this time, images cannot be included, so you will see two options on the MRE Elementary site – one in English only, with pictures and the translatable version with text only. Our website is at: <https://elementary.sd42.ca/mapleridge/>



School Communication

As we continue to reduce the consumption of paper, most school-based publications, including the *Friday Blast* and this monthly newsletter will be sent home via the parent portal. Pertinent information will be updated on our school website: <http://mre.sd42.ca>. You can check the website at <https://www.sd42.ca> for district information.

We also have a school-based Facebook page called Maple Ridge Elementary SD 42. Teachers will be using a variety of methods for their class level communications.

Have you thought about a career with our school district?

To see the opportunities we have available, visit us at <http://www.sd42.ca/career>



2022-2023 School Calendar

School opening day for students (12:30-2:20pm)..... Tuesday, September 6, 2022
 Photo day (Individual photos..... Wednesday, September 21, 2022
 National day for Truth and Reconciliation Friday, September 30, 2022
 Non-instructional day (school growth planning day) Monday, October 3, 2022
 Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 10, 2022
 Non-instructional day (province-wide)..... Friday, October 21, 2022
 Non-instructional day (school-based)..... Thursday, November 10, 2022
 Remembrance Day..... Friday, November 11, 2022
 Early Dismissal for Conferencing (11:30)..... Thursday, December 8, 2022
 Conferencing Day Friday, December 9, 2022
 Last day before winter break..... Friday, December 16, 2022
 Winter break..... Monday, December 19 to Friday, December 30, 2022
 New Year’s Day Holiday Monday, January 2, 2023
 Schools reopen after break..... Tuesday, January 3, 2023
 Non-instructional day (district-based) Monday, January 23, 2023
 Family Day Monday, February 20, 2023
 Non-instructional day (school based) Tuesday, February 21, 2023
 Early Dismissal for conferencing (11:30)..... Thursday, March 9, 2023
 Conferencing day Friday, March 10, 2023
 Last day before spring break Friday, March 10, 2023
 Schools not in Session..... Monday, March 13 to Friday March 17, 2023
 Spring break..... Monday, March 20 to Friday, March 24, 2023
 Schools reopen after break Monday, March 27, 2023
 Good Friday..... Friday, April 7, 2023
 Easter Monday..... Monday, April 10, 2023
 Non-instructional day (district based)..... Wednesday, May 10, 2023
 Victoria Day..... Monday, May 22, 2023
 Last day for students (12:00 pm dismissal)..... Thursday, June 29, 2023
 Year-end Administrative Day Friday, June 30, 2023
 Schools close for Summer vacation Friday, June 30, 2023

SCHOOL HOURS & BELL SCHEDULE

Warning Bell:	8:25 am
Classes Begin:	8:30 am
Recess:	10:20 – 10:35 am
Lunch:	11:50 - 12:30 pm
Classes Dismissed:	2:20 pm



Maple Ridge Elementary Grade 4-7 (Intermediate) School Supply List 2022-2023

This form indicates, by grade level, the supplies your child will need for next year. The number of individual items on the supply list is a recommended minimum. Specific brand name products are suggested as the quality seems to be higher. Please:

- ensure your child has a change of clothes at school to reduce phone calls home
- mark your child's name on all supplies
- Write your child's name on the insides or the labels of coats, sweatshirts, hats etc. Every year, at least 100 items are donated to charity because we can't find their owners.

SUPPLIES	GRADE LEVEL	4	5	6	7	I pad 7
Binder - 1 1/2" (d-ring style)						1
Calculator					1	1
Coloured pencils - 24 (pre-sharpened)		1	1	1	1	1
Dictionary, Collins pocket English Canadian)						
Dividers – pkg of 8						1
Duo tangs		10	16	16	15	4
Eraser - white vinyl		6	3	3	4	3
Felt markers - black – fine tip (sharpie)			1	1	1	2
Felt markers – black – ultrafine thin tip (sharpie)		1	3	3	2	2
Felt markers 20's - regular		1	1	1	1	1
Fiskar scissors 7" - good point		1		1	1	1
Geometry set-with protractor only				1	1	
Glue - Lepage's Bondfast (120 ml bottle)			1	1	1	1
Glue stick - large Uhu 40 gm		4	3	3	4	1
Gym strip** with labelled gym bag			1	1	1	1
Inside shoes (must be gym runners)		1	1	1	1	1
HB pencils-12 pkg pre sharpened (good quality)		2	2	2	1	1
Highlighter pen - yellow chisel tip		1	2	2	1	1
Hilroy exercise book wide ruled 72 pgs.		2				
Intermediate ruler – 30 cm metric (cm/mm)		1		1	1	1
Correction tape					1	1
Oil pastels – pkg of 12		1	1	1	1	
Papermate stick pen - medium blue					3	3
Papermate stick pen - medium blue erasable		2	2	2		
Papermate stick pen - medium red		1	2	2	1	
Pencil box		1	1	1	1	1
Pencil sharpener - self-contained		1			1	1
Scotch tape - transparent					1	
Wax crayons - 24's (Crayola)		1				
Ear buds		1	1	1	1	1
Change of clothes		1	1	1		



All Together Now

SUMMER READING CLUB 2022



Sign-up starts **June 21**

Get a reading record, enter prize draws, participate in online activities, see amazing virtual performers and earn a medal!

To register, visit www.fvrl.ca.



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AMPLIFY YOUTH & CHILDREN'S VOICES

The new Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRC) Master Plan will serve our community 10 years or more into the future - that's why School District 42 and the City of Maple Ridge are consulting with local children and youth (focusing on grades 5/6 and up) to learn more about their favourite activities, future facility/programming needs and potential barriers to participation.

**YOUTH & CHILDREN'S
SURVEY AVAILABLE
UNTIL JUNE 23**



**SCAN THE
QR CODE TO
TAKE THE
SURVEY**

Alternatively, you can find the survey at mapleridge.ca/prcmasterplan. We recommend you use a tablet or desktop computer instead of a mobile device.

If you require assistance or have questions, please email our team at prc@mapleridge.ca.





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** United Way School's Out *
Summer Program*

8 Weeks: Monday - Friday
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TO
AUGUST 26
2022**

Free

**Register
for any week**
Same activities each
week

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Contact us for registration
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Summer Programs at Pitt Meadows

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.

SCIENCE ROCKS!

SUMMER CAMPS

July & August 2022

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
Register by May 15
and save!

Send your kid to university this summer! Designed especially for Grades 4, 5, and 6 (campers going into Grade 4 or 7 are eligible), UFV's Science Rocks! camps are fun and an awesome learning opportunity for your kids.

Each camp week is different! Kids get to learn something new, see real science labs, play outside, and experiment with fun activities that explore physics, biology, chemistry, mathematics, and computer science. Many of the weeks will also include geography and kinesiology activities.

ABBOTSFORD CAMPS

CAMP 1: July 4-8

Cryptography, Codes, and Crime Scenes!

Each day one or two of the activities will focus on math, mystery, problem solving and uncovering hidden secrets! *Partially supported by a grant from the Canadian Mathematical Society.*

CAMP 2: July 11-15

Lasers, Light Sabers, and Lightening!

Each day one or two of the activities will focus on things that glow, and interesting behaviours of fire and light!

CAMP 3: July 18-22

Energy, Engines, and Explosions!

Each day will include one or two activities focusing on the themes of speed, power, forces, and even safe explosions!

CHILLIWACK CAMPS

CAMP 4: August 2-5*

Cryptography, Codes, and Crime Scenes!

Each day one or two of the activities will focus on math, mystery, problem solving and uncovering hidden secrets! *Partially supported by a grant from the Canadian Mathematical Society.*

CAMP 5: August 8-12

Energy, Engines, and Explosions!

Each day will include one or two activities focusing on the themes of speed, power, forces, and even safe explosions!

CAMP 6: August 15-19

Lasers, Light Sabers, and Lightening!

Each day one or two of the activities will focus on things that glow, and interesting behaviours of fire and light!

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 8:1. One or more UFV science faculty members will be on site at all times.

** We will be following appropriate safety measures in place at the time of the camps

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

Cost: \$300 per camp. Lunch and camp t-shirt included. Ask us about our discounts for a single camper attending multiple camps or multiple siblings attending the camps, as well as our student, alumni and employee discounts! Visit us online at ufv.ca/science-rocks to find out how you can save!

* Short week, price discounted by 20%.

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