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## Newsletter #10 June 1, 2022



We'd like to wish everyone a wonderful final month of the 2021-22 school year and an equally great summer ahead. A big thank you to our staff, students, and families for making Maple Ridge Elementary such a wonderful place to be.

While it is getting close to the end of the term, our students are still deeply involved in exciting and engaging activities.

In May we enjoyed an "acrobatic" drumming performance by Scrap Arts Music. Many students were invited to join the musicians on stage. It was loud, but fun! Last week, "Dufflebag Theatre" was responsible for a lot of laughs with their modern interactive version of Snow White. Three members of the Maple Ridge RCMP came to the school for a presentation and Q&A with the intermediate students.

Grade 7s had a chance to visit their high schools and our new Kindergarteners came for their first visit, signalling milestones for both groups. Several classes participated in a soccer academy at Westview and others raised butterflies in their classrooms. The garden beds have been planted with a variety of vegetables in hopes of having produce ready for a hearty soup in the fall.

There's lots more still to come. There is great excitement for the first Carnival in three years! It will be held during the school day on June 15th (with a June 22 "back-up" date). This is organized by the PAC and a dedicated planning team. Parents are welcome to attend this event. A large number of volunteers is needed to run stations and help with food etc. The convenient link to sign up for all PAC volunteer opportunities is: [Signup.com Link](https://www.signup.com/link).

There will be one more newsletter later in June with information about report cards, school supplies and the first day back in September.

Happy days,

Barbara MacKinnon  
Principal

Chelsea Lendvoy  
Vice Principal



### For your calendar

**June 23**  
**September 6**

Last day of school – dismissal is at **noon**  
First day back – students attend 12:30 – 2:20 p.m.

## Community Partners

Information from community partners can be found at the end of this newsletter

- Help for the Hard Times Workshops
- Pitt Meadows Summer Programs
- Anger Monsters Program
- Science Rocks Summer Camps
- Homestay Host Families

## Cross Country Races

Congratulations to the students who competed in the District Intermediate Cross Country Run at Alouette Lake. Students challenged themselves to run 2 km on a trail that started on a beach and continued through trees and up and down hills. Long-distance running like this takes fitness, courage, stamina, and determination. They can be very proud of their efforts! Every runner finished strong! Nelson K., Ben L. Charlie B., Saraya A. Jasmine H. Damien S. and Charlee B placed in the top 25.

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and staff who transported, supervised, and cheered on the runners!

### MRE Intermediate Run Participants:

#### **Grade 4**

Mason B.  
Alex P.  
Tristan S.  
Reagan B.  
Sahara A.

Charlee B.  
Araylia C.  
Raya A.  
Calleigh S.  
Emily A.

Elsa A.  
Meka W.  
Nicole M.  
Josie H.  
Claire L.

#### **Grade 5**

Ben L.  
Mahmoud A.  
Vrisheen P.

Jasmine H.  
Holly M.  
Kaydee M.

Amaya A.

#### **Grade 6**

Damien S.  
Tyson M.

#### **Grade 7**

Gabe P.  
Nick H.

## MRE Primary Run Participants:

### Kindergarten

Findlay C.  
Caleb S.  
Asher B.

Jaxson E.  
William G.  
Oliver H.



Gwyneth H.  
Sophia D.

### Grade 1

Grayson G.  
Jake H.  
Nelson C.  
Kieran K.

Manar A.  
Kennedy A.  
Aanani P.  
Mya P.

Kaylee M.  
Isabella I.  
Olivia H.  
Holland S.

### Grade 2

Jett B.  
Gavin D.  
Bennett G.  
Abhishek S.

Nikola C.  
Danin K.  
Domenic S.  
Madison J.

Marie H.  
Madynn B.  
Brianna D.

### Grade 3

Evan G.  
Ryder T.  
Alex L.  
Nathan P.  
Lucas O.

Koen C.  
Quinton E.  
Max W.  
Holleigh K.  
Marvielle L.

Keziah D.  
Jordyn M.  
Amelia G.

## Track and Field

Our **school-level** track and field days were a great success - including dodging the worst of the weather. We heard many comments from students who were pleasantly surprised to discover new skills and talents. It's been three years since the last time track and field events were held. Dates for the **district** meet at MRSS are June 1 for the grade 4/5s and June 2 for grades 6/7s. There will be cash-only lunch concession stands for participants.

## Carnival

We are SO excited for the **Carnival** which will take place on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> during the school day. MRE families are invited to come out to the back field and enjoy games, snacks, and activities. Please note MRE *students must order* all food and concession items ahead of time. There will be some items for cash purchase by adults who join us.



There will be a Dunk Tank, the Royal Express Train, Mini Golf, Dual Slide Lane, and many more fun activities. The carnival runs from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for primary students and 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for intermediates. There will be a tug-o-war in the afternoon. A hot dog lunch is generously supplied by the PAC for students. (Pre-ordered by Friday, June 3rd.) To pre-order visit: [www.munchalunch.com](http://www.munchalunch.com)

Please consider volunteering for an hour or two. You can sign-up here:  
<https://signup.com/group/47703560186256400> - scroll down to "Carnival."

## Bike to School Week May 30 – June 3

BC's Bike to School Week is here! Students are encouraged to use active transportation (walking, bikes, scooters, inline skates, etc.) to travel to and from school. Last year, this was huge success with 944 active trips logged. For safety and security:

- 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



## Grade 7 Leaving

Congratulations to the Grade 7 students for their successful years in elementary school. They have persevered through unusual times and come out on top! Last month they had the opportunity to visit their new high schools and they seem to "walk a little taller" ever since.

The Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony will take place on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> during school hours. It is for students and teachers, but will be video recorded. A link will be sent to parents.

As a last fundraiser, the grade 7s will be selling Freezies outside, after school, on June 8. The cost is \$1.00 per Freezie

## Go Green Initiative

Mrs. Tsia's students sponsored the Go Green Initiative for MRE. Over the course of four weeks, they taught the school tips and tricks to reduce waste. They hung posters throughout the school and visited classrooms to play the recycling game show they created. One week, students tallied the number of reusable lunch containers in classrooms. During the final days, they made art from recycled materials and even worked with Mrs. Dillen's, Mrs. Lo's and Mrs. Ritchie's classes to host an Earth Day Dance Party. We just learned that the class won a \$250 gift card prize from the school district. Congratulations, Division 10!



## School Calendar for 2022-23

Please note that school will end at **2:20 p.m.** as in previous years.



### 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

## Medications

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

## Lost and Found



We will continue to roll the Lost and Found rack outside every few days and post photos of items on the MRE Facebook page and Friday Blast. Please consider writing your child's name inside jackets and hoodies — these often get left outside. If we see a name, we deliver the item right back to the owners.

On the last day of school, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, leftover items are washed and donated to charity.

## Ready for the Warm Weather?

A friendly reminder to dress appropriately for the weather, to wear sunscreen and bring a water bottle. Hats are a great idea (please write a name inside). As always, students need proper footwear for sports and active play.



## School Access

For the safety of our students and staff, 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. Parents/visitors should not go directly to classrooms.

Students enter and exit through specified outside doors. Please continue to arrange a meeting place for your child outside.

## Student Absences

If your child will be away from school, please let the office know at by entering the absence on the portal, emailing [mre\\_reception@sd42.ca](mailto:mre_reception@sd42.ca) or leaving a message at 604 467 5551.



## Wondering what to do when sick?

We are now transitioning from the daily health check to the more general approach of health awareness. Health awareness includes checking regularly for any symptoms of illness (including but not limited to COVID-19 symptoms) and staying home when sick (including if one is unable to participate fully in regular activities due to symptoms of illness).

## Student Information

Please remember to let the school office know if any of your child's information changes, e.g., home phone number, cell phone number, work phone number, address, emergency contact information, email address, etc. It is very important that the school has up-to-date information about your children in case of emergency. Thank you.



### Are you moving?

If you know that your child will not be attending MRE for the 2022-23 school year, please visit the school district website <https://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/> for registration and transfer information.

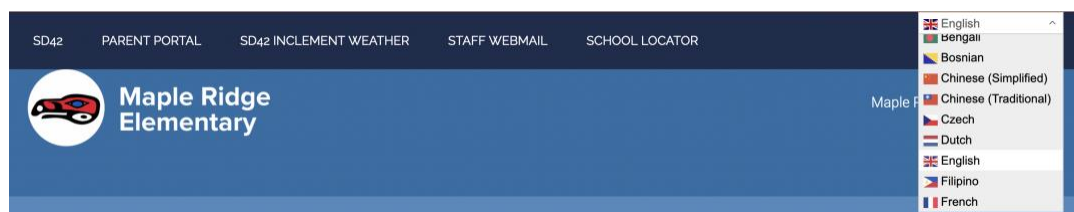
## Transfers

Due to space limitations, most schools are only able to consider students within their catchment. Proof of address is required. Visit the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/> for information and transfer deadlines.

## Translations now available

Do you prefer to read school communications in another language? The district team has added a Google translate plug-in 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 in 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/careers/>



## MRE PAC News



Check us out on Facebook! Search:

**Maple Ridge Elementary PAC**



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).

### MESSAGES FROM OUR PAC

Happy June MRE Families,

As we approach the end of this school year, we want to appreciate the families, students and staff who have made this year amazing. We have entered into a more “normal” approach this year for events, hot lunches, presentations, meetings, and fun days for our kids.

A very warm thank you to the PAC volunteers, we have had so many new and returning families who have helped this year. What an amazing turn out!

To our executives who work around the clock alongside our volunteers to enhance our children’s educational experiences, this is what PAC is here for and we thank you. Well done MRE community!

We always look forward to each and everyone’s involvement, when possible, “many hands make light work.”

As we enter next year, we want to welcome our upcoming executive team:

PAC chair: Leanne M.

Vice chair: Tanya H.

Treasurer: Nikki G.

Secretary: VACANT

DPAC Rep: Nicole K.

Members at large: Janna M. & Randi N.

To our last year’s executives:

Nicole K.

Tanya H.

Jeanie H.

Leanne M.

Amanda G.

Janna M.

Christine W.

Thank you, for all your ongoing support!



## **CARNIVAL**

We rely on our volunteers each year to make our year end Carnival a huge success. Please consider signing up for a time slot or, if possible, dedicate the whole day to be at MRE on June 15. We will be wrapping up the festivities with a tug-a-war, all parents and guardians are welcome!!

To find out more about PAC or how you can get involved please visit our [quick reference guide](#) for links to all PAC related information, including our FB Group (Maple Ridge Elementary PAC), our Google Drive, volunteer signup links, and much more!

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).

## **CURRENT FUNDRAISERS**

Rotary Duck Race-Visit <https://rotaryduckrace.ca/> and choose MRE when checking out.

Maple Ridge Liquor Store-Mention MRE PAC when shopping and we will collect 5%.

Save On Foods Receipts-Collection bin on the bulletin board wall outside the office.

Mabel's Label's-Visit [mabelslabels.ca](http://mabelslabels.ca) and choose Maple Ridge Elementary School PAC (BC) when checking out.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

June 1: Deadline for Carnival orders

June 2: Hot Lunch

June 9: Staff appreciation lunch

June 15: Carnival!

June 20: Gr. 7 leaving event & activities

Aug 7, 12pm: Rotary Duck Race ticket purchase deadline

## **CURIOUS MINDS LEARNING CENTER**

Curious Minds Learning Centre on the MRE premises has spaces in their preschool program for September 2022. Their phone number is: 604-315-3240 and their website is: <https://curiousmindslearningcentre.com/>

**Morning preschool**  
**8:45am-11:00am located at Maple Ridge**  
**Elementary**

2 days/week	\$100.00/month
3 days/week	\$125.00/month
5 days/week	\$200.00/month



# June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 Carnival Planning Committee Meeting 6:00 - library	31	1 Gr. 4/5 District Tract and Field at MRSS	2 Gr. 6/7 District Tract and Field at MRSS	3 Wear your House Colours or Spirit Wear  Hot Lunch	4
5	6 Grade 7 Leaving Planning Meeting 6:00 <a href="#">Zoom</a>	7 Fruit and Veggie Delivery – Mini Peppers	8 Freezie Sale after school	9	10 Wear your House Colours or Spirit Wear	11
12	13	14	15 Carnival! 	16 Reading Blast	17 Rainbow Day Wear your Rainbow Colours	18
19	20 Grade 7 Leaving Event	21	22 Carnival back-up date	23 Last day of school Dismissal at 12:00	24 Administrative day – students not in session	25
26	27	28	29	30		



It's really tough to be going through hard stuff with a child or youth who's struggling with their mental health and they end up in crisis. And we want to help you. We know what it's like because we've been there.

#### TOPICS:

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#### Session 1 & 2:

How to Support a Safety Plan at Home

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#### Session 3:

How to Take Care of Yourself and Family After a Crisis

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#### Session 4:

How to Find the Resources You Need

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There is no cost to families. Registration is required: [www.familysmart.ca/workshops](http://www.familysmart.ca/workshops)

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#### REGION: FRASER

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June 6, 2022  
June 8, 2022  
June 13, 2022  
June 15, 2022  
12:00pm - 1:00pm  
June 7, 2022  
June 9, 2022  
June 14, 2022  
June 16, 2022  
7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Help for the Hard Times workshops are facilitated by parents with lived experience. The workshops are hosted online and include a one-on-one videoconference or phone call with a facilitator.



### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

# ANGER MONSTER



## CHILD'S PROGRAM

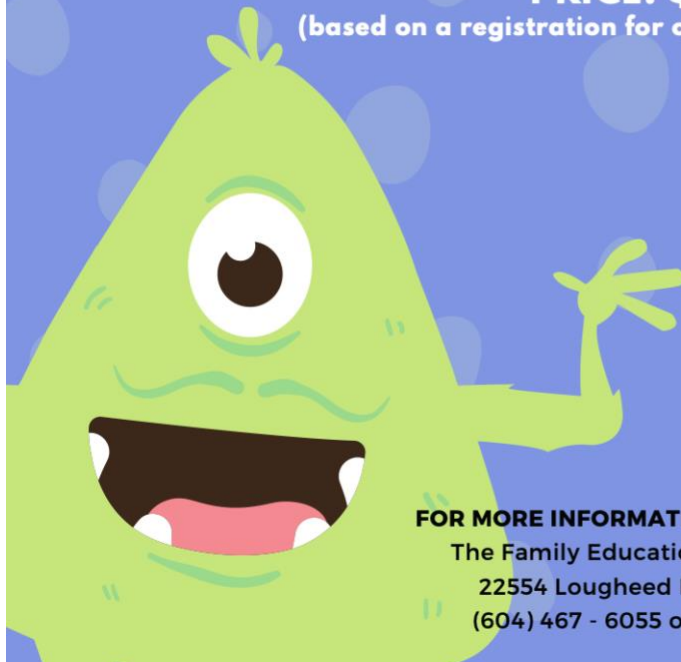
This children's program is designed to teach children 8-12 yrs old what anger is. This program is designed to allow participants to be able to identify their triggers and learn tools to help control their anger.

## ADULT'S PROGRAM

The parents program features skills from Neufeld Institute, including various anger cycles and goals of behavior. Participants will also learn how to help support their child's efforts to tame their anger, along with different calming techniques.

**MAY 28- JUNE 18 (SATURDAYS)**  
**330-530PM**  
**PRICE: \$90**

(based on a registration for one adult and one child)



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**

The Family Education & Support Centre  
22554 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge  
(604) 467 - 6055 or [reg@familyed.ca](mailto:reg@familyed.ca)





# 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](mailto:sciencerocks@ufv.ca)

**Register online! [ufv.ca/science-rocks](http://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](http://ufv.ca/science-rocks) to find out how you can save!

\* Short week, price discounted by 20%.

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**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**

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