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Newsletter #3 November 1, 2022

This monthly newsletter complements the weekly Friday Blasts that are posted on the Parent Portal. Both the Friday Blasts and the Newsletters can be found on the MRE Website at: <https://elementary.sd42.ca/mapleridge/>. We also have a school-based Facebook page called Maple Ridge Elementary SD 42. Individual teachers use a variety of methods for their class level communications.



Hello MRE Families!

The costume parade yesterday was so much fun! The excitement of dressing up and admiring each other's costumes is a highlight of the year.

Recently, we held the Terry Fox Run. Students showed a high level of awareness and inspiration about Terry's life, legacy, and resiliency. Our fundraising goal was \$1000, but the actual amount raised was \$3520.05! Thank you for your generosity.

October brought a variety of seasonal activities, including the schoolwide Fall Fun Event, complete with outdoor games and a pumpkin patch that "magically" appeared, courtesy of the PAC. Volunteers brought truckloads of pumpkins to the back field. Students were delighted! Older students were able to practice leadership skills as they ran stations for the younger ones.

Once again, this is a good time to express appreciation to the PAC for their leadership, generosity, and community spirit in organizing activities for MRE. Did you know that all MRE parents are automatically members of the PAC? If you would like to learn about how to become more involved, please check the PAC section further on in this newsletter. Parental involvement is important to the success of any school, and we value both your ideas and the incredible effort made to keep MRE such a special place!

In November, we acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who serve our country and help make our peaceful lives possible. Our Remembrance Day assembly will be held November 9th in the gym at 10:45 a.m. Every student will receive a poppy (stickers for younger students). Poppy tins will be available for anyone wishing to donate to the Veterans. There is space, although limited, for family members who would like to attend.



During the school year, school district staff and/or volunteers often take pictures or videos of student activities and events. With your permission, collected photos and/or videos are sometimes shared, e.g., in newsletters like this one, the Friday Blast, on the school Facebook page, or on school and classroom websites. To grant (or withhold) permission for your child's image to appear, please go to the parent portal, click on "consents" and choose "Personal Release Consent – Elementary." The site will give you information about how images may be used, and a district email contact if you have questions (more information is given below).

Thank you for all your ongoing support during this busy first term. Wishing you a peaceful November.

Barb MacKinnon
Principal

Chelsea Lendvoy
Vice Principal

School not in Session

Thursday, Nov. 10: Non-Instructional Day – No students in attendance

Friday, Nov. 11: Remembrance Day - School closed

Thursday, Dec. 8: School ends at 11:30 a.m.
Early dismissal for Student Inclusive Conferencing

Friday, Dec. 9: Classes not in session - Student Inclusive Conferencing



Staffing

We have two wonderful staff members, Paula Cherfan (Mme Paula) and Jody Degenova (Mme D) who will be leaving our school. They have made memorable contributions to the school community and will be **dearly** missed.

Parent Portal Consent Forms – Important

Several years ago, parent consent forms were moved to Parent Portal. This enables the district to track parent/guardian consent, and to honour parent/guardian requests.

Please ensure that you have completed the 2022-23 SD42 Consent Forms on the portal. There are several important permission forms to complete.

- Appropriate Use (Internet)
- Personal Information Consent (* as mentioned above, this is the one that gives photo permissions for newsletters etc.)
- School Photography Consent
- Outside Media Release
- Student Emergency Release Form
- Yearbook Consent
- Walking Field Trip Consent

If you have not already done so, please read through **each** form to give permission (or not) for **each** child in your family at MRE. If you have any difficulty, please contact the school at 604 467 5551.



Westcoast Recess and Lunch – Dress for The Weather

A reminder to parents and guardians that MRE students play outside even when it is cold, rainy or even snowy. Only on rare occasions will we keep students inside. We would ask that you send your child/ren to school dressed for the weather (boots, coats, mitts, umbrella ...). If your child tends to get wet playing on the slides or in the field, **please send an extra set of clothing**. Please label the clothes – you wouldn't believe how many abandoned bits and pieces we find.

School Supplies

If you haven't submitted fees for student supplies and planners yet, we would appreciate it if you could attend to this as soon as possible. Fees can be paid on the portal. Please contact the office at 604-467-5551 if you have any questions.

Lost and Found

Below are recent photos of our Lost and Found. Parents/guardians and students are welcome to have a look anytime. We roll the Lost and Found rack outside at the front of the school from time to time as a visible reminder. Please consider labeling items with your child's name - anything we find with a name gets returned to the owner promptly. Thank you for your assistance with this. All items left in the Lost and Found when the school closes for the winter break (Dec. 16th) will be donated to charity.



Aboriginal Ancestry

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry. No documentation is required, and ancestry can go back several generations. Ministry of Education funding is provided to support the success of all Aboriginal students through culturally appropriate educational programs and services. We encourage all students of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit Ancestry to complete a self-identification form as this allows you to access various supports and programs during the school year if you wish. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact

Kirsten Urdahl-Serr Principal, Aboriginal Education Phone: 604-466-6271

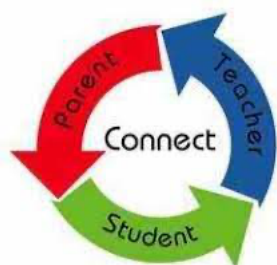
Email: Kirsten_Urdahl-Serr@sd42.ca



Food Bank Drive

A big thank you to Mrs. Pajak, the Leadership Club, and to all of you for opening your hearts (and pantries) to make a donation to the Food Bank. There's still time to contribute until Nov. 2nd.

Student Inclusive Reporting Conferences - Dec. 8 and 9.



You will be receiving a draft version of your child's term one report on or before December 8th. On the afternoon of Dec. 8th, and all day on Dec. 9th, students do not attend classes so that student inclusive conferences can take place. This is an opportunity for the classroom teacher, the parent(s), and the child to have an in-depth, meaningful discussion about the child's learning. The report card can be finalized at this time.

You have the option of attending the conference **in person or online**. Your child's teacher will provide you with information about signing up for a conference time.

If you have not had a chance to visit the district website to learn about our student inclusive reporting, please do so at <http://www.sd42.ca> and click the PARENTS tab and then Reporting and Assessment. Here you will find Q & A, videos, report/conference templates and other information.

Fall Cross Country Races

The race for **intermediate** students was held on Oct. 25th at Alouette Lake. It was cold. It was wet! And still our students persevered. We are so proud of them!

Grade 7 runner: Brendan S.

Grade 6 runners: Ben L., Vrisheen P.

Grade 5 runners: Calleigh S., Brockton G., Alex P., Carter S., Mason B.

Grade 4 runners: Amelia G., Aurelia H., Holleigh K., Even G., Nathan P., Max W., Quinn E.

The **primary** race was held two days late at the Albion Sports Field. It was cold. It was wet. And it was windy! That didn't stop our MRE runners! Well done everyone!

Grade 1 runners: Gwyneth H., Maeve B., Brady P., Lincoln J., Jack K., Oliver H., Arjun S., Finlay C., Caleb S., William W.

Grade 2 runners: Nelson C., Jake H., Kyle M., Kieran K., Holland S., Olivia H.

Grade 3 runners: Gavin D., Tallis M., Ella S., Maddison J., Madynn B.



This race is scheduled to be run again in the spring. All students are welcome to participate in the spring race, including kindergarteners.

News from the MRE PAC

Calling all parents! PAC meetings are a great way to stay informed and get involved!

Next meeting is Nov.14th at 7:00pm in the MRE library.

You can also stay current with the latest MRE news by joining our Maple Ridge Elementary PAC Facebook group. You will find our calendar of scheduled events and fundraisers as well as school communication and even community events.

Not on Facebook? We have you covered - head over to our new website <https://mre.parentcouncil.net> for up-to-date info on all things PAC. Last, but not least, we can always be reached or answer questions via email at pac.mre@gmail.com



November Events

Hot Lunch

Orders can be placed at <https://mre.parentcouncil.net>

Hot Dog day - November 18th (orders due by Nov 10th)

Book Fair

Book Fair is coming to MRE and will be available for all students on the stage from Nov 21st - 23rd. Each class will have a scheduled time for browsing/shopping during the day and parents are welcome to check it out after school as well!

Gift Basket Fundraiser

MRE is participating in the inaugural Rotary Gift Basket Fundraiser this year and will be selling tickets for a chance to win some amazing prizes and themed baskets. More details to follow.

Christmas Hampers

PAC is excited to be helping with Christmas hampers again this year. There will be donation bins for food items and general gifts early November. All donations are appreciated.

If you would like more information about specific items that are needed, please contact the PAC executives at pac.mre@gmail.com

Neufeld Orders & Delivery

Orders can be placed online at <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2022-maple-ridge-elementary-41133bbf75> up until November 13th and items can be picked up at the school on Nov. 22nd at 6p.m.



Art Cards – Created By Kids

You may be seeing some lovely Art Cards making their way home! This is a yearly fundraiser hosted by MRE PAC. Your child's artwork can be transferred to mugs, cards, phone cases, etc.

If you would like to purchase items, place your order online and return the original artwork to school on or before Nov. 9th.

Final products delivered during the week of Dec. 5-9th.

Santa Mall

MRE will once again be hosting Santa Mall and is looking for new or gently used donations as well as volunteers. For additional information or to help please reach out to Jeanie Harmon at jeanandjoshharmon@shaw.ca

News from the District

School Closures

On rare occasions schools may be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. Public announcements affecting closure of schools will be made by the Superintendent of Schools. For the purpose of announcing emergency closures prior to the opening of schools, the radio stations listed below will be contacted by the district office. The announcements will be made between 6:15am and 7:00am.

News 1130 AM CKNW - 980 AM CBC - 690 AM Global TV news

As well, you can check the school district website and district social media feeds for updates: www.sd42.ca SD42 Twitter feed (@sd42news) SD42 Facebook feed

When schools are closed, we cannot make calls home to let you know; nor, can we answer all the phone calls to ask if school is open.

Kindergarten Registration Process 2023 – 2024 – getting ready

Please share this information with families who have children who are born in 2018.

Registration will be open in early January – dates to be announced soon.

Registering your child for kindergarten is a big step, but it doesn't have to be a difficult one.

With the easy new online registration process, you can register your child from the comfort of your own home. Go to <https://www.sd42.ca/>, use the "parent" pull-down tab and go to "kindergarten registration."

Review the registration steps below to ensure you are ready for the big day. Complete steps 1-4 before registration to save time.

STEP 1: OPEN A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT

You must open an SD42 Parent Portal account to access registration. If possible, complete this step well before registration day at <http://parents.sd42.ca>

STEP 2: FIND YOUR REGISTRATION DATE – (to be posted soon)

Review the registration categories (SIBLING, CHOICE, GENERAL) to find your registration period. Dates will be posted on the school district website. Registration for the 2023/24 school year will open in early January 2023.

STEP 3: REVIEW THE REGISTRATION FORM

Review a copy of the online registration form before registration day. (Available starting January 2023 at <http://parents.sd42.ca>)

STEP 4: REVIEW ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The order in which the district places new kindergarteners is determined by the Acceptance Criteria. Review these online.

STEP 5: REGISTER

Register your child at <http://parents.sd42.ca>

STEP 6: PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



Once you receive email notification of your child's tentative placement, you must bring supporting documents to that school.



November

2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pajama Day for many classes	2 Take your grade 9 to work day.	3	4	5
6	7 Triple Ball game at Kanaka	8	9 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 Art Card orders due	10 Pro D Day 	11 Remembrance Day 	12
13 Neufeld orders due	14 6:00 Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony Planning - Library 7:00 PAC meeting in	15 Triple Ball game at PME	16	17	18 Hot Dog Day Moustache Day	19
20	21 Book Fair	22 Book Fair Neufeld order pick-	23 Book Fair	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

FREE Family Event

Sd42 Aboriginal Education Slahal & Family Connections

*Come and play
Slahal, a
traditional
game, connect
with community
partners, and
share a light meal
with us.*

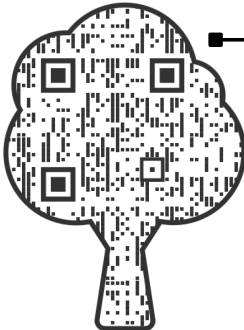
Thursday, November 3, 2022

Door Prizes!

5-8 pm at Westview Secondary School

20905 Wicklund Ave, Maple Ridge

Pre registration is required



Light meal served from 5:30-7:30pm

**PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK
THE LINK TO REGISTER**

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/KYZZQRKYK7BVHEVK6](https://forms.gle/KYZZQRKYK7BVHEVK6)

**This event is meant for the students and the families of the
Aboriginal Education Department and all students must be
accompanied by an adult**

[See posters below](#)

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Conflict Resolution

As parents and caregivers, do you want to learn about the following? If so, this conflict resolution workshop is for you!

- conflict management parenting styles,
- trigger scale,
- active listening,
- open questions for parents,
- how to use "I" statements.

Please note this program will take place online, via Zoom.

Nov 8 (Tues)
10am - 12pm
Price: \$15

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

The Family Education & Support Centre
22554 Lougheed Hwy
Maple Ridge, BC
(604) 467- 6055
reg@familyed.ca



See the full range of fall programs at: <https://www.familyed.bc.ca/>

Fall 2022

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

THE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE

Since 1971

FACILITATING GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Family Education & Support Centre is happy to share with you the Spring/Summer brochure where you will find program descriptions, dates, and times. As an agency, we strive to provide quality information, education, resources, and support through public and private collaborative partnerships.



COVID-19 UPDATE

Please note that all dates and locations shown throughout this brochure are subject to change, depending on the current circumstances regarding Covid-19. The Family Education & Support Centre is taking strict precautions and following up-to-date BC Health and WorkSafe BC guidelines.

Contact us at (604) 467 - 6055 or reg@familyed.ca

'intheknow'

Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who
are parenting a child or youth with
mental health and/or substance
use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

It's Never Too Late: Healing Parent-Child Relational Stress Using Emotion Focused Family Therapy (EFFT)

When we experience relationship challenges with our children, it can be stressful for all involved, leaving parents confused, frustrated, even walking on eggshells. Dr. Adele Lafrance provides techniques to support parents to heal relational ruptures with kids and teens using an emotion-focused approach.

Come together with other families to watch this one hour video presentation followed by a 30 minute facilitated discussion by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

Event Date(s):

Thursday, November 3 at 5:00pm (PST)
Monday, November 6 at 6:30pm (PST)
Tuesday, November 15 at 5:00pm (PST)
Wednesday, November 23 at 12:00pm (PST)
Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30pm (PST)

Registration required:

www.familysmart.ca/events

Cost: Free of Charge

